

Defiance Elementary School News

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November 2020

Important Upcoming Events

November 5	Parent Teacher Conferences 3:45 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
November 10	Parent Teacher Conferences 3:45-5:45 p.m.
November 11	Veterans' Day
November 25-27	NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break

Looking Ahead

December 22	Early Dismissal @ 2:45 p.m.
December 23	NO SCHOOL – Christmas Break Begins
January 4	Return to School - Happy 2021
January 18	NO SCHOOL - MLK Day

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DES Information

Winter Weather. Please keep in mind that our winter weather will be fast approaching. It is very important that you dress your child appropriately for school. **A coat is necessary every day.** Most of our children go outside for recess at least twice a day and need to be properly clothed. Thank you for your cooperation.

Parent Teacher Conferences. Parent Teacher conferences for KS-2 and 4-5 will be held on Thursday, November 5 and Tuesday, November 10. If you have not returned your form to your child's classroom teacher, please do so as soon as possible.

Lost & Found. Our lost and found is overflowing. Please take a few minutes to check this area when you come to conferences.

Report Cards. Report cards will be given to you during conferences; or if you cannot attend, we will send them home with your child. Our first grading period ended on Friday, October 23.

CAR RIDER PROCEDURE. Parents, if you are picking your child up after school, here are a few reminders of the proper procedure.

1. Pick Up Lane - If using the pick up lane, remain in your car and stay in the lane until you reach your child's grade pick up area. Older children are to all go stand with the youngest child in the family.
2. Parked Car - If you are parking your car, **you must get out and come get your child. PLEASE use the crossing guard section. Safety first!**
3. Speed - Please use posted correct speed and be alert at all times, not on your cell phone.
4. Rain- in the event of rain, the students will go under the overhang in front of the school. 1st grade will come out main doors by library. 2nd grade normal doors.

5. Changes - If you have a change in the normal pick up procedure (someone else picking up, i.e. Aunt, Grandma, etc.), please send a written note to school to notify us. We may question who the person is, and verify if they are on your personal information sheet.
6. Dismissal time - Children are dismissed at 3:20. Please wait until the students have gotten outside and in their designated spots before greeting them. Please do not have the children run to you.
7. Missing child - If you cannot locate your child, please see Ms. Wank. She will use the radio to locate the child.

Guidance

K-2 Character Word. The K-2 Guidance Department is introducing a new character word for November. The word of the month is **respectful**. A child that is respectful shows politeness or deference. Children recite our DES promise every morning. During this time, they promise to be *accountable*, be **respectful**, and to be *kind*. During guidance lessons, we will also focus on The Leader in Me Habit #3: Put First Things First.

PTO

Our PTO officers are meeting off campus. Once our COVID restrictions are lifted, we hope to offer open meetings again. Feel free to follow the PTO Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Defiance.Elementary.PTO>