

Defiance Elementary School News

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November 2021



Important Upcoming Events

November 1	1st B.A.R.K. Day for Grades 3-5 (Theme: 'Believe')
November 5	Kindergarten Sock Hop - 50th Day of School
November 7	Daylight Savings Time Ends (Fall Back)
November 9	PTO @ 6:00 p.m.
November 11	Veterans' Day
November 16	5th Grade Choir 'Festival of Trees' field trip 4th Grade Music Program @ 6:00 & 7:00
November 23	PTO Mega Event
November 24-26	NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break



Looking Ahead

December 6	5th Grade Band Concert @ 6:00
December 22	Early Dismissal @ 2:45 p.m., Car Riders @ 2:30
December 23-31	NO SCHOOL – Christmas Break
January 3	Return to School
January 17	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.

Lost & Found. Our lost and found is overflowing. Please take a few minutes to check this area the next time you are in the building. The lost and found is located inside the cafeteria doors directly to your right.

Car Riders: We've had several parents dropping students in the "parked car" area in the morning. This is a serious safety concern. **ONLY** "curb lane" drivers may drop their children without parking. Everyone else should be parking and walking their child across one of our designated crossing areas. Thank you for your cooperation! Mr. Zipfel and Officer Janowiecki appreciate your compliance.

Free and Reduced Lunches: While our school lunches continue to be funded with COVID grants, we still need eligible families to complete their free and reduced lunch forms. These forms are tied to other school related funding and will give you uninterrupted lunch service in the event the grant expires. **Additionally, the only way your school fees can be waived is if your free and reduced lunch form is completed.** Those that have qualified in the past but did not complete a form this year, please watch for another form in your child's backpack. Send those in asap, please!

Guidance

K-2 Character Word. The K-2 Guidance Department is introducing a new character word for November. The word of the month is **kind**. When people are kind, they behave in a way that shows they care about others and want to help them.

Backpack Buddy Program. If you are interested in receiving the food supplement, please call the school office and request a form. We will send it home with your child. As a reminder, to qualify for the program, your child needs to qualify for free or reduced lunches. Backpacks are sent home every Friday.

PTO

Next Meeting. Our next PTO meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 9, at 6:00 p.m. in the library.

We will be discussing several upcoming activities including the Mega Event, Mother/Son and Father/Daughter events. Join us! We would love your input!



3 – 5 Information

B.A.R.K. DAYS: We will be having four quarterly B.A.R.K. Days throughout the year. B.A.R.K. stands for **Be** Accountable, **R**espectful, and **K**ind. As a district, our motto is 'Believe, Belong, Become.' The elementary school will focus on the 'believe' part. Therefore, the theme for our first B.A.R.K. Day will be "BELIEVE: I BELIEVE That

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I Can Be Whatever I Choose to Be.” It will be a full-day of guest speakers and career-related activities to promote social-emotional learning. This will be held on Monday, November 1st.

November Music Program: The 4th grade students will be presenting the music program "Rock & Roll is Here to Stay" on Tuesday, November 16th in the elementary cafeteria. The 6:00 PM performance will be for the following classes: Mrs. Keller, Mrs. Weaver, Mrs. Rath, and Mrs. Long. The 7:00 PM performance will be for the following classes: Mr. Gerken/Mrs. Arps, Mrs. Baksa/Mrs. Karnes, Mrs. Walker, and Mrs. Engel.

Fifth Grade Choir Field Trip and Concert: Our fifth grade choir students, under the direction of Jennifer Long, will be performing at the “Festival of Trees” on November 16. They will also be joining the Middle School choir students, under the direction of Jody Donsbach, to perform a choir concert on Tuesday, December 7 at the Community Auditorium. The program will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Fifth Grade Band Concert: The fifth grade band, under the direction of Erin Redick, will present their first ever concert on Monday, December 6. The program will begin at 6:00 in the DES Auditoria.

