

# Defiance Elementary School News

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## November 2023



### Important Upcoming Events

October 30	1st B.A.R.K. Day for Grades 3-5 (Theme: 'Believe')
November 3	Kindergarten Sock Hop - 50th Day of School
November 5	Daylight Savings Time Ends (Fall Back)
November 8 & 9	3rd Grade "Make Your Smile Count" Dental Screenings
November 10	Veterans' Day Breakfast 8:15 - 8:45 a.m. (DES auditoria) Veterans' Day Assembly @ 2:00 p.m. (DES gym)
November 14	PTO @ 5:30 p.m. (DES Library) 5th Grade Choir Perform @ Festival of Trees (Defiance Eagles)
November 17	3rd Grade Author Visit Field Trip to Defiance College
November 22-24	<b>NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break</b>



### Looking Ahead

December 4	5th Grade Band Concert @ 6:00 p.m. (DES auditoria)
December 14	4th & 5th Grade Choirs Concert @ 6:30 p.m. (DES auditoria)
December 21	<b>Early Dismissal @ 2:45 p.m., Car Riders @ 2:30</b>
Dec 2 - Jan 2	<b>NO SCHOOL – Christmas Break</b>
January 3	Return to School
January 15	<b>NO SCHOOL - MLK Day</b>
February 16	<b>NO SCHOOL - Teacher Inservice Day</b>
February 19	<b>NO SCHOOL - Presidents Day</b>



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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.

### **Guidance**

**DES Character Word of the Month:** The 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 14, at 5:30 p.m. in the library. We will be discussing several upcoming activities including the Christmas Shop, 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, Respectful, and Kind**. As a district, our motto is ‘Believe, Belong, Become.’ The elementary school will focus on the

‘believe’ part. Our motto for the year is “If It Doesn’t CHALLENGE You, It Won’t CHANGE You!” Mr. Morton will be our guest speaker. The rest of the day will be filled with activities that will encourage students and staff to accept challenges and to “believe” that we all can do hard things! This will be held on Monday, October 1st.

**Fifth Grade Band Concert:** Our fifth grade band students, under the direction of Erin Blackwood, will present their first ever concert on Monday, December 4. The program will begin at 6:00 in the DES Auditoria.

**Fourth and Fifth Grade Choirs Concert:** Our fourth and fifth grade choirs students, under the direction of Jennifer Long, will perform a choir concert on Thursday, December 14 in the DES cafeteria. The program will begin at 6:30 p.m.

