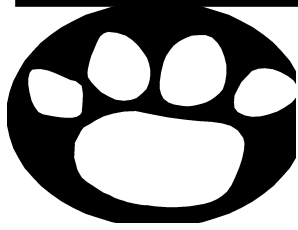


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Important Upcoming Events

October 5	Girls Scout Parent Meeting 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Cafeteria
October 12	PTO Meeting – 6:00 p.m., Library Firefighters Read to 1st Graders
October 13	Firefighters Read to 2nd Graders
October 14	Firefighters Read to 3rd Graders Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
October 15	NO SCHOOL - Parent-Teacher Conferences 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
October 18	NO SCHOOL – Teacher In-Service
October 20	Firefighters Read to 4th Graders
October 21	Picture Retakes Firefighters Read to 5th Graders
October 22	End of 1st Grading Period
October 25-29	Red Ribbon Week
October 25	Dental Clinic Pint Size Heroes Blood Drive, 1:00-7:00 p.m., K-2 Gym
October 26 & 27	3rd Grade Fall ELA State Testing
October 29	Blazing the Trails to Literacy Fire Truck Parade

Looking Ahead

November 1	B.A.R.K. Day: “Believe”
November 11	Veteran’s Day Assembly
November 23	PTO Mega Event
November 24-26	NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break



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CORRECTION - Parent Teacher Conferences:

Our annual parent teacher conferences will be held on **Thursday, October 14 and Friday, October 15**. Teachers have already sent out papers to schedule times to meet with families. Please disregard the dates from our September Newsletter, our district school calendar, or any other publication. Those are incorrect. If you have any questions, feel free to contact your child's teacher(s).

Red Ribbon Week: Defiance Elementary School will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week October 25-29. Students are encouraged to dress up following the themes for each day:

Monday, October 25 – “TAKE A STAND for a Drug Free Land!!” Students and staff wear red, white, and blue.

Tuesday, October 26 – “HUNT For Ways to be Drug Free!!” Students and staff wear camouflage.

Wednesday, October 27 – “I Choose to BEE Drug Free!!” Students and staff wear black and yellow.

Thursday, October 28 – “BAND Against Drugs!!” Students and staff wear headbands and/or bandanas.

Friday, October 29 – “TEAM UP Against Drugs!!” Students and staff wear gear from your favorite team(s).

Fundraiser: Just a reminder that all fundraiser money should have been turned in for grades KS-5. Delivery for all students is expected the week of October 18. If you have a large order, please mark your calendars now to pick up your child's orders that week. More specific information will be forthcoming.

Fall Weather: As the weather changes and the air turns cooler, please make sure you are sending your child to school in a jacket or sweatshirt. All students go outside for recess daily.



PTO Information: The first Parent Teacher Organization meeting of the year was held outside of the DES cafeteria on September 7. Officers for the new school year were introduced.

President	Jamie Huber
Vice President	Beth Brown
Treasurer	Patricia Payne
Secretary	Courtney Hahn

The next PTO meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the elementary library. All are welcome! We hope to see you there.



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K – 2 Information

Monthly Character Word: The Character word for October for K-2 students is **Respectful**. When you are respectful, you are showing respect and politeness. Take a minute to discuss what being respectful looks and sounds like with your student. The character attribute is important in both the home and school setting. Adults and children alike can be models of respectfulness every day.

Parent Luncheons: We are disappointed to announce that all parent luncheons for the fall have been canceled. We hope to resume these during the 2022-23 school year.

3 – 5 Information

Camp Storer: We will not be having Camp Storer this year due to COVID.

3rd Grade Fall Ohio State ELA Assessment:

All 3rd grade students will be showing what they know on Tuesday, October 26 and Wednesday, October 27 by completing the Fall Ohio State ELA Assessment. This state-mandated test is an important measure of each third grade student's reading ability. Third graders will also take an additional Ohio State ELA Assessment in the spring (as well as one in Math). A score of 700 is considered proficient. For more information, check out the Ohio Department of Education website,

<http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Learning-in-Ohio/Literacy/Third-Grade-Reading-Guarantee>. Please see that your child eats breakfast and receives a good night's rest before this important test. Also, please encourage your child to do his/her best!



Third Grade Reading Guarantee: Ohio's Third Grade Reading Guarantee is a program to identify students from kindergarten through grade 3 who are behind in reading. Schools will provide help and support to make sure students are on track for reading success by the end of third grade. The Department provides policy guidance, instructional tools and resources on the Third Grade Reading Guarantee. Districts and schools must adopt policies and procedures for annually assessing the reading skills of each student in grades K-3. Each year, districts and schools must administer the reading diagnostic by September 30 for grades 1-3 and November 1 for kindergarten. The results of the reading diagnostic determine whether a child is on-track or not on-track in reading. More information and resources can be found at www.education.ohio.gov.

