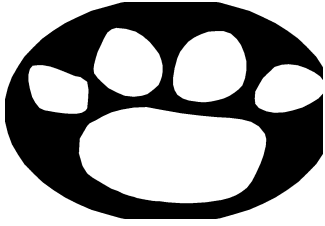


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January 2021

Important Upcoming Events

January 4	Remote School Resumes
January 8	End of Nine Weeks
January 11	MAP Testing Begins, In Person Instruction Resumes
January 18	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – NO SCHOOL

Looking Ahead

February 1	CoGat Testing Begins for 2nd Grade
February 12	Teacher Inservice - NO SCHOOL
February 15	President's Day – NO SCHOOL
March 1-31	Kindergarten Registration
March 22-26	Spring Break – NO SCHOOL



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Winter Weather

Just a reminder to parents, if the temperature is 20 degrees (regular or wind chill), our students go outside for recess. Please have your child dress appropriately for the winter weather. Coats, hats, gloves are a necessity! Boots are also encouraged when snow arrives. If your child wears boots to school, please send an extra pair of shoes for the classroom, especially if it's gym day.

Kindergarten Registration & Screening

The month of March will be Kindergarten Registration time at DES. If you have a child that will be five years of age on or before September 30, 2021, please call the school during the month of March to register for kindergarten. We will set up a screening time for you during the week of April 12th. We will screen during the school day on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday with evening hours on Tuesday, April 13. Please note: Children currently enrolled in our KinderStart program will automatically be placed in a kindergarten classroom next year. They will not need to go through the screening process again.

Preschool Screening

Is your child on track with their growth & development? Screenings can tell you. Early Childhood Screenings are designed for children ages 1 month through 5 years (screenings are not for children who will be entering kindergarten). Defiance screenings will be held on Monday, March 8 at the Family Christian Center, 1834 East Second Street. See the attached flyer for more information; or beginning January 15, please call the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center at 567-444-4818. Please take advantage of this FREE SERVICE!

Guidance News

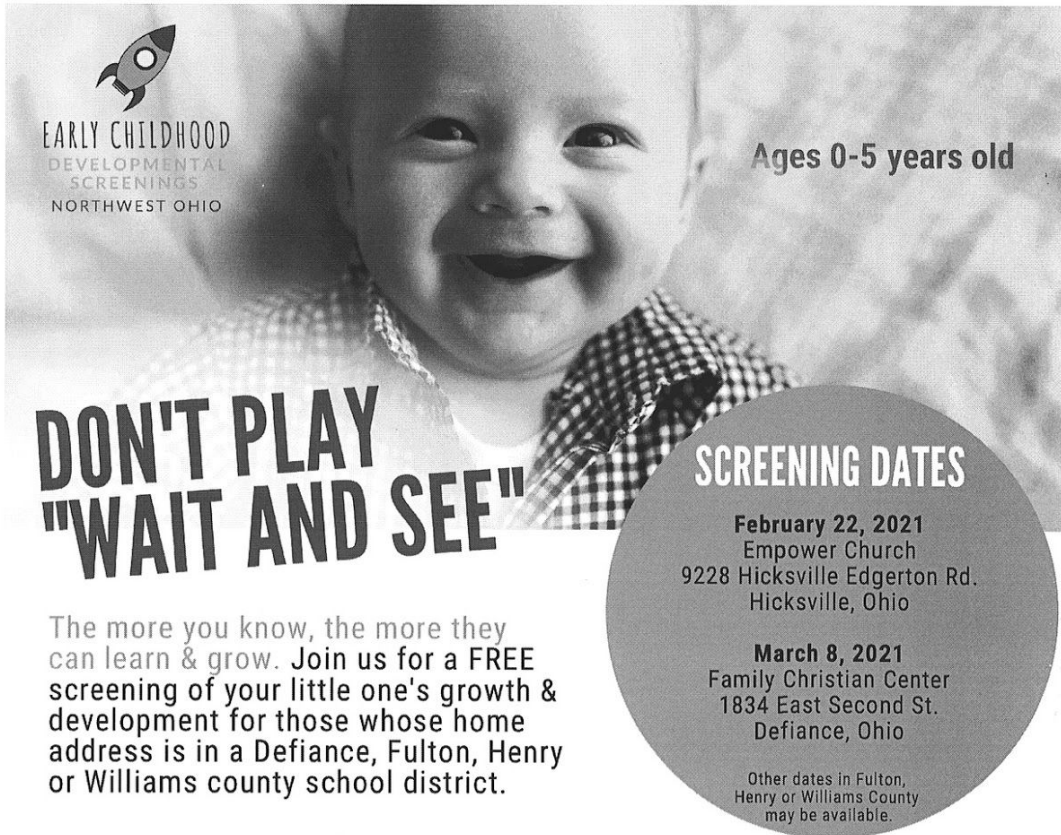
January's Character Word for KS-2 is **Confident**. If a child is confident, they believe in themselves; and are self assured, positive and assertive. Our guidance lessons will also focus on the Leader in Me Habit #5: Seek first to understand, then to be understood.



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**EARLY CHILDHOOD
DEVELOPMENTAL
SCREENINGS
NORTHWEST OHIO**

Ages 0-5 years old

**DON'T PLAY
"WAIT AND SEE"**

The more you know, the more they can learn & grow. Join us for a **FREE** screening of your little one's growth & development for those whose home address is in a Defiance, Fulton, Henry or Williams county school district.

SCREENING DATES

February 22, 2021
Empower Church
9228 Hicksville Edgerton Rd.
Hicksville, Ohio

March 8, 2021
Family Christian Center
1834 East Second St.
Defiance, Ohio

Other dates in Fulton, Henry or Williams County may be available.

HOW TO GET A SCREENING APPOINTMENT:

- Step 1: Complete Ages Stages questionnaire online (ASQ:SE-2):
<https://www.asqonline.com/family/f34be3>
- Step 2: Wait for appointment reservation phone call from area code 567, Archbold, OH, starting January 15

No online access? Call 567-444-4818

Children do not need to attend this event if they will be entering kindergarten or are currently enrolled in early intervention or preschool through your local school district or NwOESC. Screenings last about one hour, focusing on vision, hearing, speech and language, fine and gross motor, physical growth and social emotional.

If a level 2 snow emergency is issued the day of your screening, the screening will be cancelled. COVID-19 precautions will be taken. Refer to the Northwest Ohio ESC website (nwoesc.k12.oh.us) for details.

Sponsored by Defiance County Early Intervention, school districts serving Defiance County, NwOESC, Head Start, Defiance County Public Health and collaborating agencies.



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3-5 Information

Spelling Bee

Our fourth and fifth graders have been given the opportunity to qualify for the Defiance County Spelling Bee to be held in January. In December, a representative from each grade was chosen through a tough elimination. One student from each homeroom competed in front of their peers. Fourth graders participating were Paisley Bartley, Addison Beauprez, Emma Constien, Guinevere Gerencser, Kellan Harsha, Jesse Tracy, Madelyn Vrabel, and William Wittenmyer. Fifth grade students included Alexandria Fowler, Sebastian White, Amya Crawford, Kathryn Brashear, Erin Walz, Jase Brownlee, Trig Tingle, and Finn Tingle. Advancing to the county bee, which will be held later this month, were fifth grader Erin Walz and fourth grader Emma Constien. Congratulations to all participating. Good luck Erin and Emma!

PBIS

We have begun to roll out our Positive Behavior Intervention Support system with our students. This program combined with the Bulldog Way teaches students expected behavior and rewards students for exhibiting the appropriate behaviors in all situations. Look for more information to be sent home with your 3-5 student soon.

DES Promise

The DES promise, part of PBIS, is recited together each morning. Ask your student what it means to be accountable, respectful and kind at school.

I promise to:

- o BE Accountable,
- o BE Respectful,
- o BE Kind.

