

DEFER DRAGON'S BURNING NEWS

Defer Behavior Pledge

Today I will DO my best to BE my best

I will be respectful

I will practice responsibility

I will always be safe

I will show my Dragon pride.

Seven Habits

Be Proactive

Begin with the End in mind

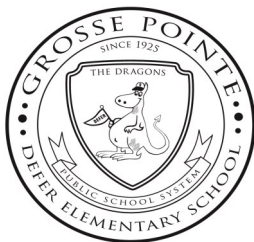
Put first things first

Think Win-Win

Seek first to understand, then to be understood

Synergize— together is better

Sharpen the Saw



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October 6, 2016

Karen Sullivan

Defer Principal

Fun Run

Our *Fun Run* is tomorrow! The *kick-off assembly* was September 7th and tomorrow, October 7th, will be the run. During this first month of school the Defer community's has come together around this fund raiser in a way that speaks volumes about who we are as a group. Did you know:

76% of our Defer families have registered with the *Get Moving Crew* to participate in this event. That's an amazing number! The standard level of participation for schools involved in this event is 50% and yet Defer School is at 76% participation!

Did you know that we have had 16 students be the lucky winners over the four weeks for one of the following: breakfast at Cornwall on a school morning, a gift certificate to Park Grill for dinner, a three month pass to Robot Garage, and being the PE teacher for the day.

Did you know that we celebrated with great *spirit* each week our growing success as we reached our 25%, 50%, and 75% goal? We decked ourselves out for *Crazy Hair Day*, *PJ Day*, and *Inside-Out Day*. We Defer Dragons know how to show our spirit!

Did you know that the Fun Run is another way for our students to show leadership? All of the Kindergarten and 1st grade students will be wearing their names in the race so that all the older students can cheer them on *by name* as they run their event. And did you know that our 5th grade leaders will be *warming-up* the entire school for the event by leading us in a dance routine on the blacktop.

What does all of this tell us? That we are about community. That we care about our students, that when we work together we can accomplish so much, and that we are truly a *village* that wraps their inclusive arms around each and every child.

So, tomorrow will it be the *Kinders* taking off in a pack from the start line, or the spirited *shout-outs* from parents encouraging students to run fast – that will speak volumes to me. Yes, all of those parts and so much more because Defer is truly a joy-filled place of community and learning! Thanks PTO, thanks families, thanks Defer Dragons!

For Tomorrow's Fun Run:

Wear your Defer t-shirt

Wear comfortable shoes that you can run/walk in

Bring a water bottle

Wear sun screen



Library News



This September Defer students in grades 3-5 started their library rotation. Grade 3 started a Big 6 animal research project; grade 4 is beginning a Fiction book project, designing their own cover/title/book hook, and shelving their book in our library; and grade 5 is using different Reference Sources to locate information about a famous explorer.

Young 5's and Grades K, 1, 2 have been learning about and reviewing library manners and procedures, and practicing good book care. Kindergarteners and Young 5's received their very own library cards which they can use at the public library. We are off to a fun start in our Defer Library!

Mrs. Quinlan

Library Media Specialist, Defer

Mrs. Hermon will be teaching the magnet classes in the library this year. Both classes started this year with important lessons about book care. We also familiarized ourselves with the different areas of the library and how to be safe and respectful during our library visits. Both classes spent time identifying the factors which influence our book selection each week. We will be expanding our reading interests and try new books all year! Mrs. Bergeron's class practiced locating "just right" books. Mrs. Maninno's class completed a scavenger hunt to locate favorite titles, authors and areas of interest in the library. The 4th and 5th graders also will library materials throughout the GPPL system using the online card catalog (OPAC).

Mrs. Hermon

Library Media Specialist, Defer



Safety/Service

This year we have 40 Safety/Service members. They are the highly visible helpers in their fluorescent yellow belts in and around the school.

The position of Safety/Service is a respected one, whose roots trace back to approximately 1920. Helping children to cross the street safely, become safe pedestrians and to become leaders and good citizens are some of the aims of the Safety/Service at Defer.

To reward their hard work and dedication, Defer School and its PTO sponsor several fun events throughout the year.

In September our members will be sworn in by the Honorable Judge Carl Jarboe at the Grosse Pointe Park Municipal Court.

If you see a Safety/service member doing a good job, tell them.

Thank you,

Helen Srebernak

Safety/Service Coordinator

SAFETY TIMES

MORNING POST	8:10 - 8:25 am
Mondays	8:50 - 9:05 am
AFTERSCHOOL POST	3:34 - 3:45pm

SERVICE TIMES

MORNING POST	8:15 - 8:25 am
Mondays	8:55 - 9:05 am
	12:25 - 12:35 pm
LUNCH POST	pm
Mondays	12:43 -12:53
AFTERSCHOOL POST	3:34 - 3:45 pm



Art Room News



artsonia
just beyond imagination

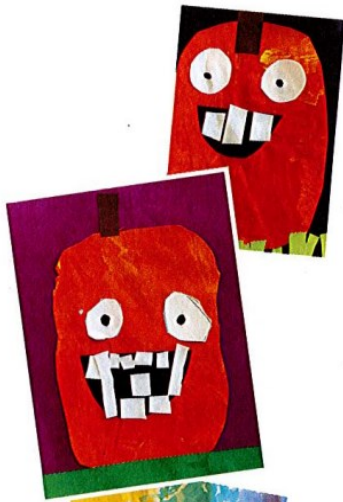
Artsonia

Defer students have digital art portfolios on Artsonia. If you haven't registered for Artsonia, information was sent home with your student during the first week of school and will be resent in October.

Most student work will be kept until the art show in the spring. Some seasonal and clay projects will be passed back throughout the year. Be sure to register for Artsonia to keep up-to-date on what your child is creating in class.

This month in art class:

- Y5 & K - Cut & paste pumpkins
- 1 - Matisse inspired wild beasts
- 2 - van Gogh sunflowers
- 3 - Designer owls
- 4 - Picasso faces
- 5 - Piggy banks



Digital Picks

*From your School Library
Media Specialists*



Please enjoy this month's educational, informational, and entertaining websites and apps—“digital picks” suggested by your Elementary School Media Specialists. We hope you find our reviews helpful, and we welcome your comments and suggestions.



Operation Math

\$2.99

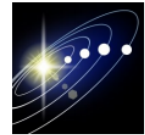
iPhone, iPad, iTouch

Defeat Dr. Odd and earn the latest spy gear in the award-winning game that transforms math drills into a global learning adventure. From the streets of Paris to the pyramids of Egypt, Operation Math includes more than 100 timed missions that help players learn addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Solar Walk - Planets System, Orbits, Moons & Size

\$2.99 iPhone, iPad, iTouch

This 3D solar system model lets you navigate between planets, see their positions on a specific date, explore how they move and why. You will see the entire Milky Way galaxy from a far and zoom in to study all the planets and satellites in close-up, learn their trajectories, inner structures, history of their exploration, and geography.



Weather by Tinybob

\$2.99

iPhone, iPad, iTouch

Dive into a cloud and see what it's made of. Make it rain, make it snow, or make a thunderstorm. Whirl a tornado or a hurricane. Play with sun, air, water, temperature, wind, and precipitation. Discover the signs that tell you what it's going to be like outside today.

Star Walk™ Kids - Explore Space

\$2.99

iPhone, iPad, iTouch

Star Walk Kids is perfect for introducing kids to astronomy. With colorful images and friendly narrators, kids as young as four can begin to recognize constellations, planets of the solar system and grasp the fundamental principles of astrophysics.



Stack the Countries

\$2.99

iPhone, iPad, iTouch

Stack the Countries® makes learning about the world fun! Watch the countries actually come to life in this colorful and dynamic game! As you learn country capitals, landmarks, geographic locations and more, you can actually touch, move and drop the animated countries anywhere on the screen. Carefully build a stack of countries that reaches the checkered line to win each level.



The ToyMaker

FREE

<http://www.thetoymaker.com/>

Cheerful paper toys to print and assemble. A site created to help parents and kids spend time together!

Media Specialists

Danielle Gostomski	Kerby, Mason, Poupard
Amy Hermon	Defer, Maire, Monteith, Richard
Sherry Martin	Ferry, Kerby, Mason, Poupard
Cheryl Quinlan	Defer, Maire, Monteith, Richard
Rachel Walpole	Ferry, Richard, Trombly

October 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5 Walk to school day! Student count day	6	7 Fun Run K-2 1:45-2:25 3-5 2:35-3:15	8 PTO Progressive Dinner
9	10	11 PTO meeting in Library 7:00 pm	12	13 PTO Pumpkin Patch 3:45-5:00	14 PTO Outdoor Family Movie Night 6:30	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 PTO Haunted Garage 6:00- 9:00 pm	29
30	31 AM School Only Parade 8:45 Assembly 10:15					

November 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Picture retake day. 9:00 am	4	5
6	7	8 No School	9	10	11	12
13 District Open House	14	15 PTO meeting 7:00 pm Maire Ele- mentary	16 Parent teacher conf. 5:00-8:00 pm	17 No school Parent/teacher Conf.	18	19
20	21	22 Am school only	23 Thanksgiving Break	24 Thanksgiving Break	25 Thanksgiving Break	26
27	28 School resumes	29	30			



DEFER PTO

Providing Support to Students, Teachers and Parents at Defer Elementary since 1924

October 2016

Happy Fall!

President

Becca Ozar

Vice President

Heather Wiegand

Treasurer

Emily Summerfield

Secretaries

Kelly Woolums

Jessica Kodanko

Communications

Sara Martin

Fundraising

Kelly Warnick

Hospitality

Kim Rhodes

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School Board

Observer

Kelley McLean

Volunteers

Brooke Macuga

Faculty

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Janette High

Defer Wear

Megan Bejin

Past President

Renee Palazzolo

We are one month into the school year and ready to have some fun! October is a busy month at Defer. The PTO has been diligently planning quite a few activities for you and your family to participate in. We are hoping all of these events will continue to strengthen our community and be fun at the same time.

 **Walk To School Day – 10/5**

 **Fun Run – 10/7**

 **PTO Progressive – 10/8**

 **Pumpkin Patch – 10/13**

 **Outdoor Family Movie Night – 10/14**

 **Haunted Garage – 10/28**

We hope to see you at some if not all of these events. As you know winter is coming and it's tough to connect with each other when it's cold. Let's take advantage of a (hopefully) beautiful Michigan fall and enjoy it together.

Becca Ozar
Defer PTO President



The Top 5 Reasons to Join Defer PTO...

5. To have a say in the direction of the school.
4. To give back to the school community.
3. To support the teachers and staff at Defer.
2. To get to know other families at Defer.
1. We need you!

Membership is \$10 for the school year. Questions?
Contact Lindy Holloway(313) 719-1179 or lindyh51178@gmail.com

Mark Your Calendars! Upcoming Events



Defer Elementary **Pumpkin Patch!**

PUMPKINS CORNSTALKS & HAYBALES For Sale

Complimentary Donut and Cider
for Defer students!

Thursday, October 13th

Immediately following school
3:38 p.m. til 5:00 p.m.

Defer's Front Lawn

Questions: Please contact Theresa Zuerblis at tzuerblis@yahoo.com.

HOSTED BY DEFER PTO

Outdoor MOVIE NIGHT

FREE ADMISSION

THE NUT JOB

LET'S CELEBRATE OUR DEFER DRAGONS AND ALL THE HARDWORK THEY ARE DOING FOR THE FUN RUN!

JOIN US FOR THIS FREE FAMILY EVENT. POPCORN WILL BE PROVIDED. BRING YOUR CHAIRS, BLANKETS, AND SOME REFRESHMENTS.

DATE: Friday October 14, 2016
TIME: 6:30PM Movie begins at sundown.
LOCATION: Defer Elementary Field



Green Squad News

Thanks to the hard-working members of The Green Squad, Defer was once again designated a Green School by Wayne County.

What they do:

They volunteer each day, during lunch to make sure recyclable materials end up in the right place.

They encourage recycling in our classrooms by helping make sure papers and other materials end up in recycling bins.

They sponsor green activities during the school year like Defer cleanup, Walk to School Day, school wide recycling events and more.

If your child is interested, please encourage them to join. Signups are coming soon.

BIG HALLOWEEN EVENT

HAUNTED GARAGE PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS
THE HAUNTED GARAGE
Friday October 28, 2016
6-9 PM

19520 Mack, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236

Rain Date:
Sunday October 30th 6-9PM

Donation
\$10.00 per person



A Defer PTO Fundraiser

No Scare Blinky
Light Available

MC/VISA Available
At the Door

Students must be accompanied by a paying adult
www.hauntedgarageproductions.org

Student Name: _____

of Tickets: _____

Teacher: _____

Make check payable to: Defer PTO
Please return this completed form with check to your child's teacher or to the Defer Office before THURSDAY 10/27/2016. Thank you!
www.hauntedgarageproductions.org

Order Your Defer Dragon Spirit Wear!



Defer Spirit Wear Fall 2016



Circle your color, design and size

Hoodies:	Hunter Gray	Logo: D Dragons Vintage	
	Y\$25		
Adult	S M L XL 2XL		A\$30
Youth	S M L XL		2XL
	\$35		
Long Sleeve Tshirt:		Logo: D Dragons Vintage	
	Y\$20		
	Hunter Gray		A\$23
Men's	S M L XL 2XL		2XL \$25
Ladies	S M L XL		
Youth	S M L XL		
Short Sleeve Tshirt:		Logo: D Dragons Vintage	
	Y\$15		
	Hunter Gray		A\$18
Men's	S M L XL 2XL		
Ladies	S M L XL		
Youth	S M L XL		
¼ Zip:	Gray	Logo: D Dragons GPPS Seal	\$35
Men's	S M L XL 2XL		2XL \$38
Ladies	S M L XL	Logo will be embroidered	
Baseball Hat:		Logo: D Dragons GPPS Seal	\$15
	Hunter Gray		
Adult			
Youth		Logo will be embroidered	
Winter Pom Hat:		Logo: D Dragons	\$18
Winter Skull Cap:		Logo: D Dragons	\$15
Name:	Order Total:		
Teacher Name:	Paid: Cash Check _____		

Order using this form or online via the Defer School website
 Orders will be delivered to Defer in approximately 2-4 weeks
 Questions? defer.spirit.store@gmail.com

To receive up-to-date information about Defer happenings:

Join the PTO Yahoo email blast group
 (send an email to: deferpto-subscribe@yahoo.com).
 You will receive a confirmation email, to which you must respond by simply hitting the reply button.

Follow Defer Elementary PTO on Facebook:
 (<https://www.facebook.com/Defer-Elementary-PTO-153168848088901/>)



**The Defer Fun Run is
TOMORROW!**

Students: Wear your Defer t-shirts!

Parents, grandparents & friends are invited to watch students run the course in the Defer field.
(Please be sure to check-in at the office when you arrive)

Run Times:

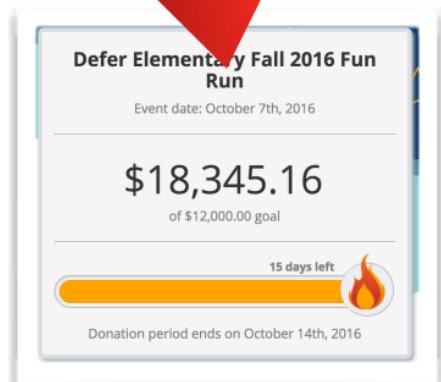
1:45pm-2:15pm →

Y5, Kdg, 1st, 2nd (Lapensee)

2:25pm-2:55pm: →

2/3 (Bergeron & Denison), 3rd, 4th, 5th

Enter our raffle at the DJ table to win
4 passes to the Haunted Garage!
2 winners (one from each running session)



Fundraising continues through Friday, Oct. 14!
Students who meet individual goal (\$50) will receive a gift card to Sweeties Ice Cream & Candy!

Students who meet the Superstar pledge goal (\$250) will have a catered lunch with Mrs. Sullivan & receive a special gift.

Defer's Top 25 fundraising families will be receive a Pizza Party at The Robot Garage!

There is still time to sign-up your students.
Visit www.thegetmoving.com and click the big yellow star "Get Registered Parent Login"



Help Wanted!

The morning office support team could use some additional help.

If you are available or have questions, please contact Brooke Macuga via email: brookemacuga@yahoo.com

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