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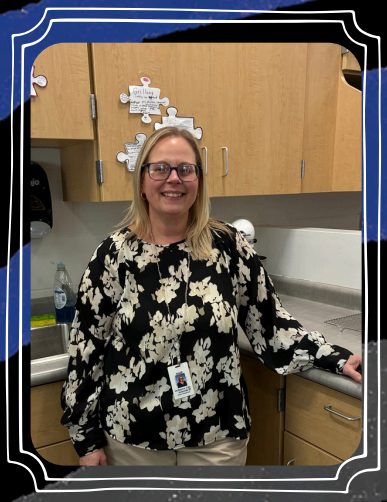
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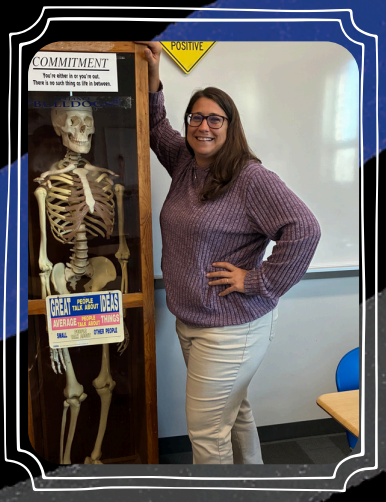
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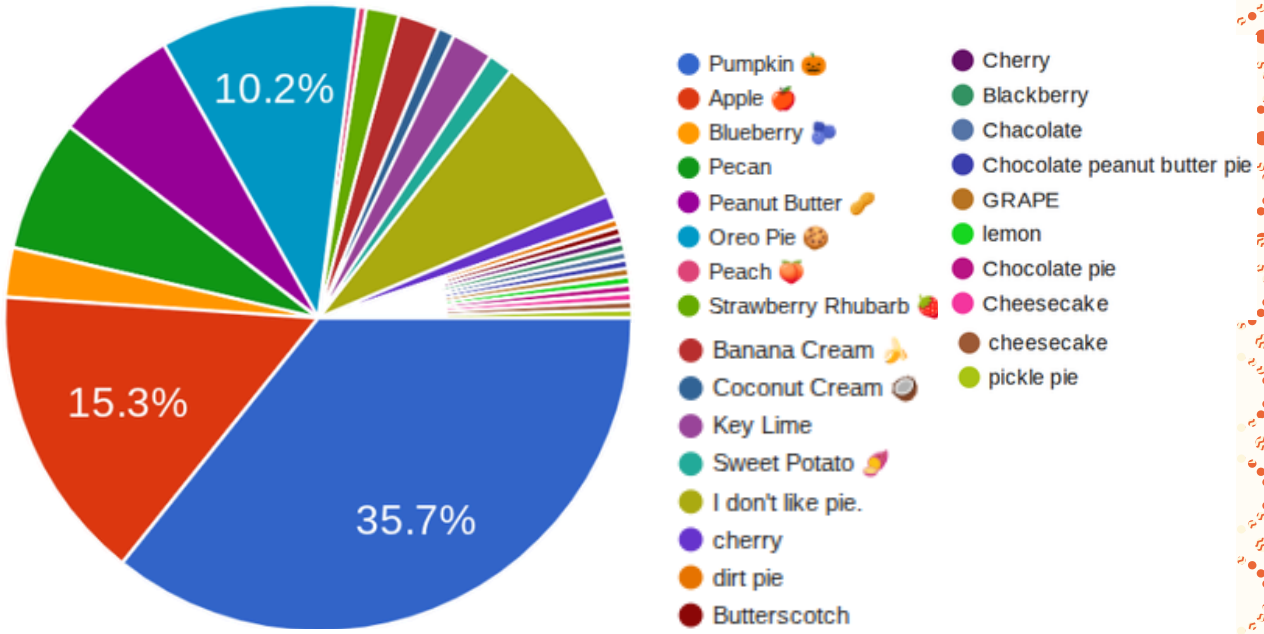




- Which teacher says they "live in the hood"?
- Which teacher was attacked by an ostrich?
- Which teacher has seen over 70 famous artists?
- Which teacher has a relative working at the JDC?
- Which teacher recently had a grandbaby?
- Which teacher coached softball for Bryan?
- Which teacher loves Eminem?

POLL OF THE WEEK

What is the Best Thanksgiving Pie Flavor?



This week's poll was "What is the Best Thanksgiving Pie?". Unsurprisingly, out of the 235 students who responded, the classic pumpkin pie came out on top, chosen by 84 people (35.7%). It was followed by apple pie, selected by 36 students (15.3%), and Oreo pie, which was chosen by 24 students (10.2%). Several students wrote in their own pie flavors that they enjoy, with four people writing in cherry pie. An interesting pie flavor that I found was pickle pie. Yes, pickle pie is a real thing, though I myself have never delved into the world of unusual pie flavors. For all the non-pie lovers out there, two people wrote in cheesecake instead of pie, and 19 students admitted to their distaste for pie.

Written and Designed by Lauren Walz

HOBBIES WITH HERNANDEZ



This week, we're spotlighting Isaiah Hernandez and his delightful hobby of cookie baking! He enjoys baking frequently, especially for his friends and family. His favorite treats to create are cookies, and he loves experimenting with various recipes, including red velvet and monster cookies. Isaiah often bakes with his girlfriend several times a week, and he generously shares his delicious creations with friends at school, giving out cookies for free.Next time you see Isaiah in the hallway, ask for his favorite recipe! If you catch him at the right time, he may even have a treat to share!



TOLEDO LIGHTS Before Christmas

EXPERIENCE THE MAGIC OF A TIMELESS TRADITION THAT SHINES BRIGHTER WITH EACH SEASON! BASK IN THE GLOW OF OVER ONE MILLION LIGHTS, 200+ ILLUMINATED ANIMAL IMAGES, THE LEGENDARY BIG TREE, AND ENDLESS HOLIDAY CHEER AROUND EVERY CORNER.

DATES:
NOV. 20 - DEC. 31
DRONE LIGHT SHOWS ON
FRI, NOV. 20, & SAT, NOV. 21

ENTRY COSTS:
ADULTS - $32 CHILDREN (2-11) & SENIORS (60+) $29
CHILDREN UNDER 2 FREE



HOURS:
MON - THURS
OPEN 3 - 8 P.M., ZOO CLOSES AT 9 P.M. FRI - SUN OPEN 3 - 9 P.M., ZOO CLOSES AT 10 P.M.
THANKSGIVING DAY OPEN 3 - 8 P.M., ZOO CLOSES AT 9 P.M. CHRISTMAS EVE OPEN 3 - 8 P.M., ZOO CLOSES AT 9 P.M.
CHRISTMAS DAY OPEN 3 - 9 P.M., ZOO CLOSES AT 10 P.M. NEW YEAR'S EVE OPEN 3 - 8 P.M., ZOO CLOSES AT 9 P.M.

OPENING NIGHT WILL BE CELEBRATED WITH THE SPECTACULAR DRONE SHOW AT APPROXIMATELY 6 P.M., FOLLOWED BY THE LIGHTING OF THE ICONIC BIG TREE TO OFFICIALLY KICK OFF THE SEASON!

ENTRY COSTS: ADULTS - $32 CHILDREN (2-11) & SENIORS (60+) $29
CHILDREN UNDER 2 FREE

WRITTEN AND DESIGNED BY:
Isaiah Hernandez

MUSICAL INSTRUMENT OF THE WEEK

WRITTEN AND DESIGNED BY: ISAIAH MONTEZ

For the instrument of the week, we are going to be asking Mauricio Ceballos. Mauricio is a band member here at Defiance, and for his instrument, he chose the trumpet. This is his favorite instrument, and he has been playing it for five years now. The Defiance Band Spectacular is a big event where five different schools come to show off their talent, and it is hosted here at Fred Stadium. It is the most memorable experience he has had.



DHS

BAD PARKING

CAPTURED BY:
SHAINA





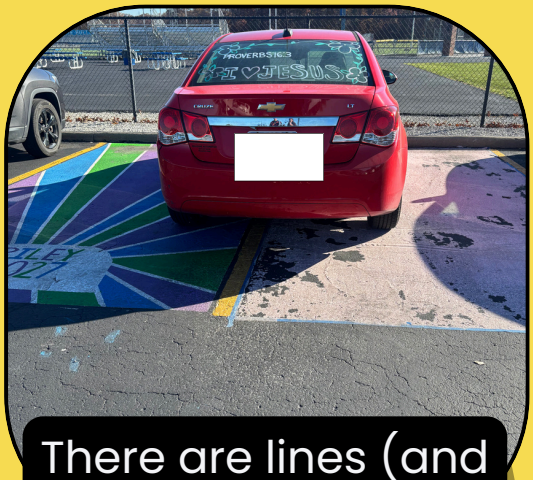
About to hit the car... Lets stay on our side of the lines ...



Why are we parking sideways... might need to get back into drivers ed



Did the car next to you hit you from parking like that?



There are lines (and paint)for a reason...

Spirit (of) Christmas!



Spirit Halloween Store



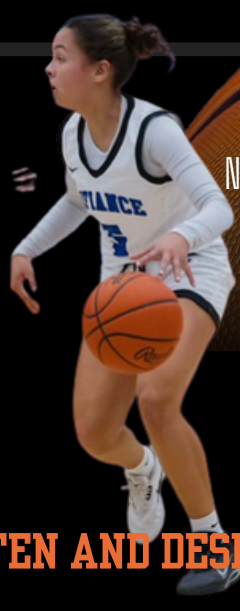
Spirit Christmas Store

Spirit Halloween is now transitioning to Spirit Christmas! There are 44 locations across 15 states, including places like New York, New Jersey, Ohio, and more! Unfortunately, Defiance will not have a Spirit Christmas. The company Spencer Gifts is testing out 44 Spirits for the 2026 holidays. It started with 8 in 2024, then 30 in 2025, and now 44 in 2026! The stores will still have spooky items but will also be Christmas-themed. There will obviously be normal Christmas items as well. For example, there will be Frosty the Snowman, Heat Miser, Snow Miser, Snoopy, and more! The Halloween/Christmas items are called Creepmas. They are items like the Terrifier as the Nutcracker, horror-themed ornaments like skeleton skulls with eyeballs and spiderwebs, and tons more! Go check them out!

Written and Desinged by:
Elliana Gomez

GIRLS BASKETBALL

The girls' basketball season has come to a start! The varsity team has already had two scrimmages, which gave a good view of what we can look forward to this upcoming season. Their next scrimmage is Saturday, November 14, at home starting at 12 PM against Edgerton. The returning players for the varsity team consist of senior Naudiya Leatherman, junior Addison Roth, and sophomores Alliana Stanz and Aislynn Troyer. I interviewed sophomore Aliana Stanz and asked her what her personal goal was. Aliana replied, “I want to get 300 points for the season.” This sounds like a great goal and will take lots of hard work. I also asked her what some team goals for this season are. She said, “To win over half of our games.” To accomplish this, it will take effort and lots of practice. Finally, I asked her to share her pre-game routine, and this is what she said: “Eat tropical, eat McDonald's, and listen to yearning music.” Good luck to the girls' team this season, and make sure to come support!



Naudiya looking around the court
Photo Credit: Jerry Latta



Alianna dribbling the ball
Photo Credit: Jerry Latta

WRITTEN AND DESIGNED BY: AISLYNN TROYER

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Author: Jackson Hornish

The 2026-27 college basketball season has started off with some exciting games. Florida is currently ranked number one in the country. Duke is ranked second and looks like a strong team despite the recent loss to michigan state who is ranked #5 to start the year. Illinois has also had a great start to the season. UCLA shocked everyone by beating Arizona. Arizona dropped to number 12 after losing to UCLA. UConn has looked really good in its first few games. Virginia has surprised people by moving up in the rankings. There have already been some big upsets this season. It looks like this could be a very competitive season with lots of great games.

AP Top 25

	Team	Overall	Home	Away	Strk
1	Florida	3-0	1-0	1-0	W3
2	Duke	2-1	2-0	0-0	L1
3	Illinois	2-1	2-0	0-1	L1
4	UConn	3-0	2-0	0-0	W3
5	MI State	3-0	2-0	0-0	W3

Tonight, #4 UCONN takes on Ohio State while #12 Arizona takes on Auburn! Tune in for some competitive games this weekend.

10 Things ONLY STUDENTS UNDERSTAND

WHEN HOMEWORK IS DUE AT 11:59 AND YOU TURN IT IN AT 11:58

WHEN YOU HIT YOUR SNOOZE BUTTON THREE TIMES SO YOU CAN GET THAT EXTRA 3 MINUTES OF SLEEP

WHEN YOU'RE WORKING WITH A GROUP FOR A GROUP PROJECT AND ONLY TWO PEOPLE DO THE WORK WHILE THE OTHER TWO DO NOTHING

PULLING AN ALL NIGHTER BEFORE WE GET OUR CHRISTMAS BREAK

STARING AT THE CLOCK WHEN IT IS ABOUT TIME TO LEAVE CLASS

WHEN YOU HAVE A FREE PERIOD SO YOU GET EXCITED TO DO NOTHING FOR THE PERIOD

EXAM PANIC. WHEN EXAMS ARE NEXT WEEK BUT YOU FORGOT UNTIL THE DAY BEFORE THE EXAMS

WHEN YOU KEEP WAKING UP ON A FOGGY DAY TO SEE IF YOU GET A FOG DAY

WHEN IT'S THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL, SO YOU START STRESSING ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO WEAR

HAVING 67 TABS OPEN ON YOUR CHROMEBOOK

Written by: Mike Guardiola

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

THIS ARTICLE IS ON THIS WEEK'S RECENT COLLEGE FOOTBALL NEWS. STARTING OFF IS OREGON CUTTING OHIO STATE'S PLAYOFF CHANCES EARLY, AND MIAMI BOUNCES BACK AFTER TONEY'S INJURY. A CRAZY SHAKEUP HIT THE COLLEGE FOOTBALL LANDSCAPE THIS WEEKEND AS MARQUEE MATCHUPS COMPLETELY RESHAPED THE POSTSEASON OUTLOOK. IN COLUMBUS, THE OHIO STATE BUCKEYES SUFFERED A BRUTAL 41–28 HOME DEFEAT AGAINST OREGON. MEANWHILE, MIAMI ALMOST BEAT NOTRE DAME IN A TIGHT 31–24 CONTEST DESPITE THE LONG-TERM LOSS OF THEIR TOP PLAYMAKER TONEY. GEORGIA RECLAIMED THE NUMBER 1 SPOT IN THE TOP 25 AFTER BEATING OLE MISS 42–7. UNDEFEATED UTAH MOVED UP TO THE NUMBER 2 SPOT WHILE NOTRE DAME STOLE A TOP 3 POSITION WITH AN UPSET WIN OVER PREVIOUSLY TOP-RANKED MIAMI. UNBEATEN UCLA SITS AT NUMBER 4, AND MIAMI DROPPED FOUR SPOTS TO ROUND OUT THE TOP 5. FURTHER DOWN THE POLL, OHIO STATE ALSO FELL 10 SPOTS DOWN TO NUMBER 21 AFTER FAILING TO BEAT OREGON.

AP Top 25 College Football Rankings (Week 11)

Rank	Team	Record	Points	First-Place Votes
1	Georgia Bulldogs	8–1	1,796	54
2	Utah Utes	9–0	1,724	14
3	Notre Dame Fighting Irish	8–1	1,613	2
4	UCLA Bruins	9–0	1,584	1
5	Indiana Hoosiers	8–1	1,557	2

#2 UTAH WILL BE PUT TO THE TEST THIS WEEKEND TAKING ON #23 ARIZONA. SOME OTHER KEY MATCHUPS ARE: #6 TEXAS VS #21 LSU AND #18 USC AT #9 INDIANA. TOP RANKED GEORGIA WILL TAKE ON #22 MISSOURI.

Written and Designed by: Will Ware

BALLIN' on a Budget

Looking for a cheap weekend with friends? We have the plan for you. Check out this 5 step plan to have fun and stay under $20.

1. Get a festive holiday drink -7$
2. Ice Skating - FREE (Bronson Park Splash Pad)
3. Drive through Christmas lights throughout Defiance - Gas Money $5
4. If there's snow, go sledding! If not, head to the volleyball or basketball courts at Bronson (free).
5. Pizza and Movies at home! Choose a friend that has Netflix, Paramount+, or Hulu! Use your remaining $8 grab a Hot n' Ready pizza from Little Caesars.

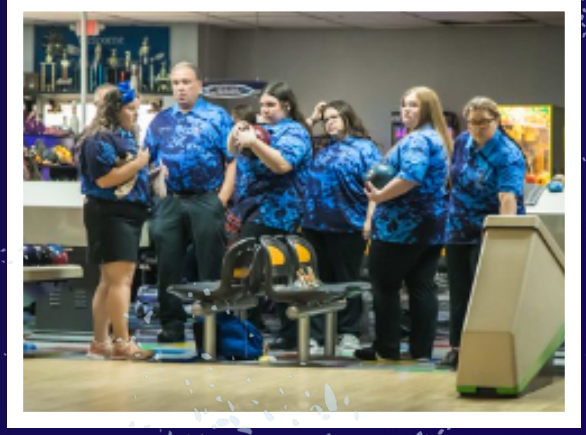


Written And Designed by: Dallas Mendez

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Rolling Into A New Season

Written and Designed by: Ellie Gerschutz



Girls talking before a match.
Photo taken by: Jerry Latta

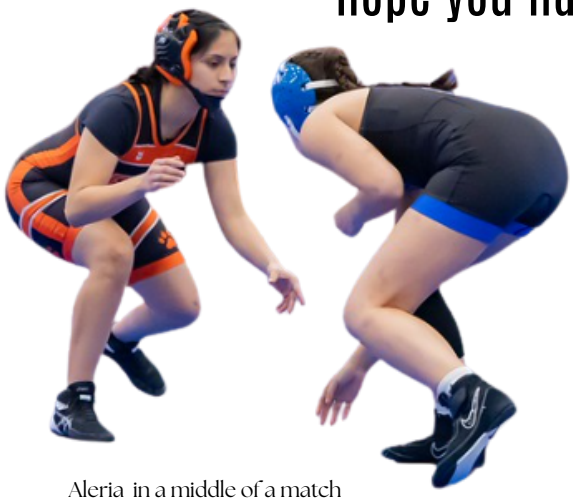


Ava getting ready to roll to ball.
Photo taken by: Jerry Latta

It's getting back to that time of the year again, where all the winter sports are starting up again. I interviewed sophomore Avalynn Thanasiu from the girls' bowling team. I asked her what some personal goals are that she has for herself this season. Ava said, "Some personal goals I have for myself are to score above 100 every game and just to keep improving." Those are some pretty good goals to have for yourself, and you need to keep a positive mindset. Some of the returning players from last year are Avalynn Thanasiu and Abi Hoffman. Things that the fans should expect from them this season are winning most of their matches and for all of them to keep improving. The thing Ava is most looking forward to this season is having a good season with the new girls on the team. The girls' bowling team's first match is on Friday, November 13, 2026. Let's wish the girls good luck on their season and their opening match!

GIRLS WRESTLING

The girls' wrestling team has officially begun! They have had open mats for a while now. Their season finally kicks off on Friday, November 13th. Their first official match is December 3rd away against Celina, starting at 6 P.M. The coaches include Head Coach Murphy, Coach Zolman, and Coach Sam. The returning seniors are Mackenzie Reed and Aleria Salaz. I interviewed sophomore Tessa Siler about how she thinks the team will do as a whole. Tessa responded with, “I think the team will be great and have a positive attitude.” Tessa has set some personal goals as well. She said, “To keep trying and not give up.” Good luck to the girls' wrestling team, and I hope you have a great season!



Aleria in a middle of a match
Photo credits: Jerry Latta



Mackenzie getting the win
Photo credits: Jerry Latta

Written and Designed by: Addilea Osborn

Boys Wrestling

By: Maricio Ceballos

The boys' wrestling team has officially begun as they have had open mats for a while now. Their mandatory practices start Friday, November 13th. The team is getting ready for a big year as they have their first official match in Celina on Thursday, December 3rd at 6 PM. The coaches include head Coach Murphy and Assistant Coaches Danny Assaf, John Steffel, Ray Romero, and Coach Bennet. The returning seniors are Marcello Rhoda, Evan Davis, and Sam Mast. The team even got a new senior, Chase Commisso. The wrestling team is looking forward to this season as a whole. Built on discipline, toughness, and Bulldog pride, our team leaves everything on the mat from the opening whistle to the final buzzer. Sure, the team is going to miss some seniors from last year, but they have some new upcoming wrestlers who have been working hard. Step onto the mat with confidence and leave everything you've got out there, Defiance Wrestling.



Photo took by Jerry Latta: Sam Mast winning

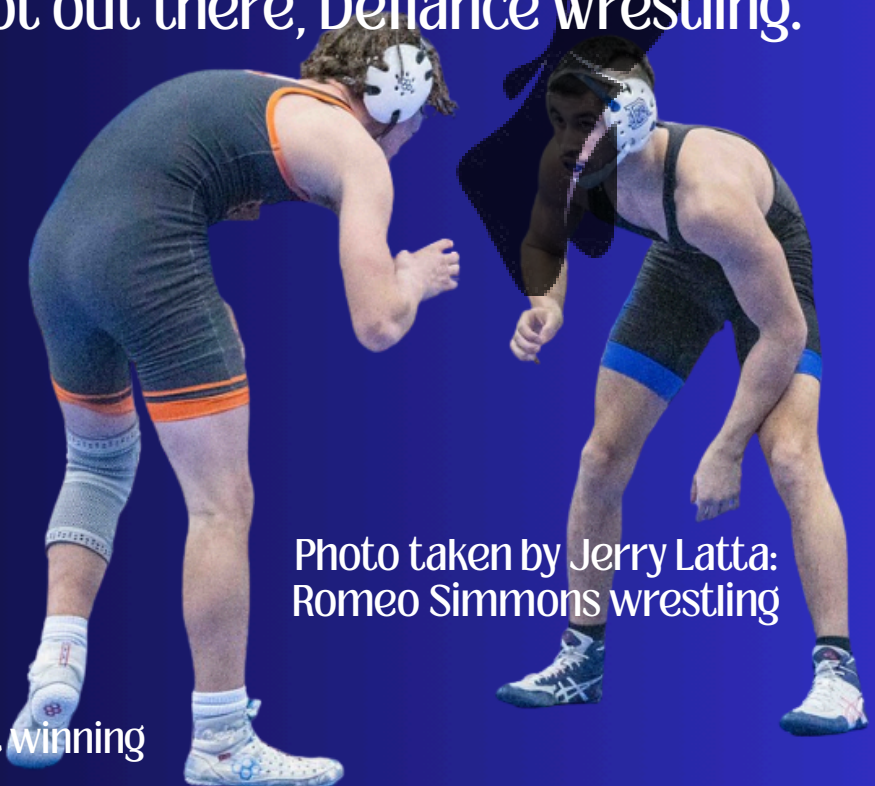
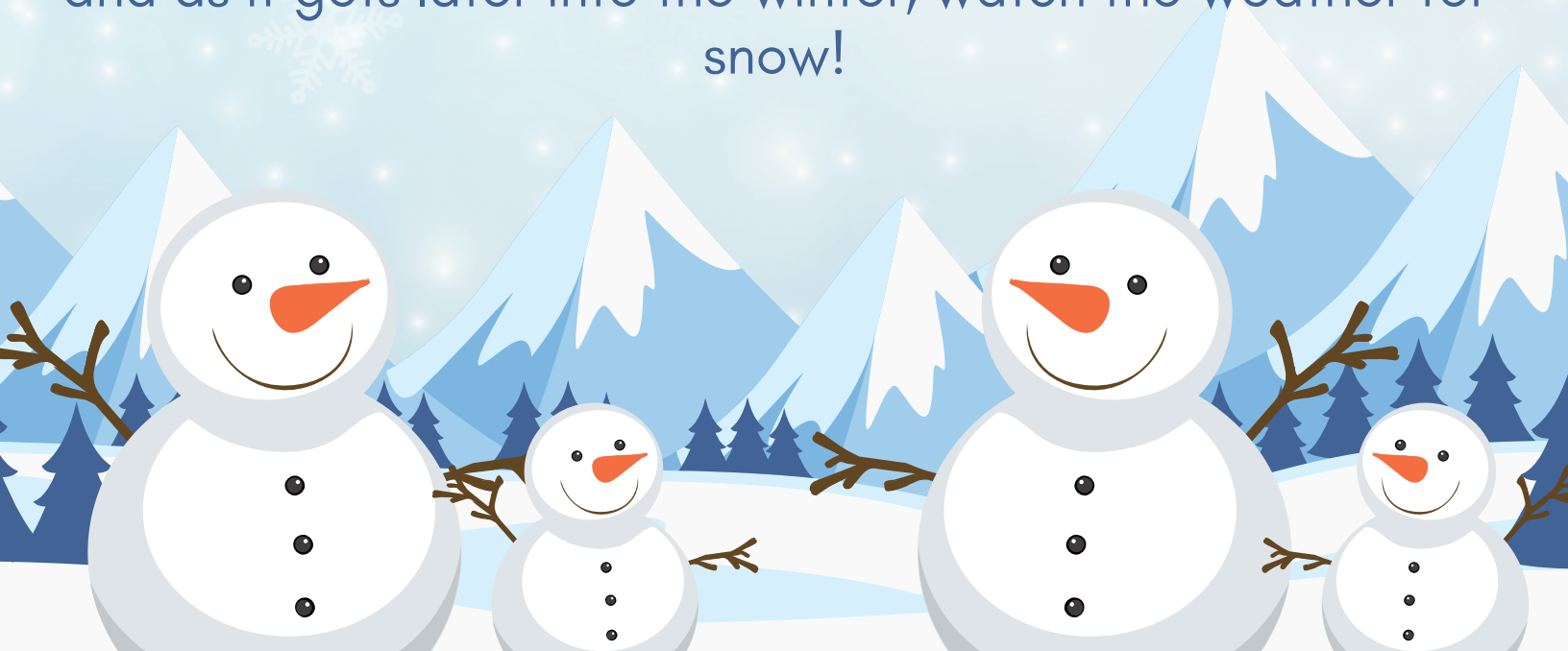


Photo taken by Jerry Latta: Romeo Simmons wrestling

Winter Weather

Written and Designed By Kendal McClure

This winter is supposed to be warmer than previous years due to a strong El Niño pattern. With that being said, there is supposed to be less snow. It's said that we will get most of our snowfall during January. Although it is supposed to be warmer this year, there is a good chance that we will experience sudden snowfalls, some strong and cold wind, and some crazy temperature jumps. Even though it is going to be warmer, it is still going to be cold, so make sure you get your winter coat and maybe even a hat and gloves for this winter! Keep an eye on that weather and stay informed for upcoming weather drops, and as it gets later into the winter, watch the weather for snow!



Light Up the Night

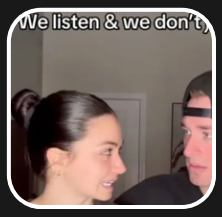
Light Up the Night is an event open to the public held at the Defiance Eagles Aerie #372. I will be there on Tuesday, November 17th, from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM. At this event, you should expect to see Christmas tree lighting, live baby reindeer and mini cow performances, an appearance from the Grinch, local food trucks, a cookie table, and so much more! The Defiance Elks BPOE kindly sponsored this event, along with the presenting sponsor, which is WesBanco, and the reindeer sponsor being The State Bank. This event also features local choirs, a photo area, and balloon animals! The Light Up The Night event is a great opportunity to spend quality time with family and friends, especially for the little ones.

By: Rylee Wilson

TRENDING NOW: 6 TIKTOK TRENDS

WE LISTEN & WE DON'T JUDGE





TAKE TURNS SHARING FUNNY, EMBARRASSING, OR UNEXPECTED THINGS WHILE EVERYONE ELSE PROMISES TO LISTEN WITHOUT JUDGING.

"AHH ALMOST ALMOST"





THE "AHH ALMOST ALMOST" TREND IS A VIRAL CATCHPHRASE ORIGINATING FROM A CLIP OF THE STREAMER JYNXZI OPENING THE PIRATE CHEST IN FORTNITE TO GET THE PIRATE SHOP TOKEN. MOST STUDENTS ARE USING THE TREND AS A CONTRADICTORY STATEMENT AS USED IN THE PHOTOS ABOVE.

BA BA BA DANCE





THE BA BA BA DANCE IS A TWO-PERSON DANCE ROUTINE WHERE BOTH PEOPLE TAKE TURNS PERFORMING HALF OF THE DANCE BEFORE DANCING SIDE-BY-SIDE TO A REMIX OF "DON'T YOU WORRY 'BOUT A THING." STUDENTS HAVE RECORDED THEMSELVES DOING THIS DANCE IN SCHOOL AS WELL AS AT PEP RALLIES.

BUY ME PRADA





THE "BUY ME PRADA" TREND IS USUALLY A SLIDESHOW WHERE THE USER SHOWCASES THEIR "GLOW UP" USING BEFORE AND AFTER PHOTOS. THE REASONING BEHIND THE NAME OTHE TREND IS BASED ON THE SOUND STARTING OFF WITH, "WHAT DO YOU MEAN MY CARDS BEEN DECLINED? TRY IT AGAIN! BUY ME PRADA, BALENCIAGA, LETS GO BAHAMAS."

PIRATE SHOP TOKEN



THE PIRATE SHOP TOKEN IS A REWARD YOU CAN GET FROM OPENING PIRATE CHESTS IN FORTNITE. THE CHANCE OF GETTING THE TOKEN IS 1 IN 137500. MANY STUDENTS HAVE STARTED PLAYING FORTNITE AGAIN IN ORDER TO GET THE TOKEN.

BRINGING RANDOM ITEMS TO SCHOOL



POPULARIZED IN EARLY 2026, THE TREND STARTED WITH A GROUP OF FRIENDS RECORDING THEMSELVES PULLING RANDOM OUT-OF-PLACE HOUSEHOLD OBJECTS OUT OF THEIR BACKPACKS.

DESIGNED AND WRITTEN BY: BRYSAN ELFORD

Finish The Sentences

IF I got arrested it would probably be for "looking ugly" - Chase Haidler

The dumbest thing I ever did was" set a mouse on my finger" - Karson Gonzalez

IF I were famous, it would be because "I'm good at eating my boogers" - Nic Crase

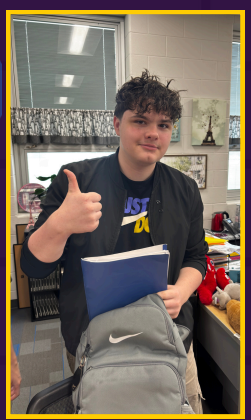
My biggest red flag is "I have too much confidence with my looks" - Logan Templeton

IF I were to get canceled it would be for "Breathing hard in class" - Preston Randle

The biggest lie I told is"I'm good at basketball" -Santiago Urivez



Chase H.
Senior



Nick C.
Senior



Preston R.
Senior



Logan T.
Senior



Karson G.
Senior



Santiago U.
Junior

Teacher Trivia Answers

Designed and Written by: Roberto Ramirez



Ms. Radar coached softball for Bryan!



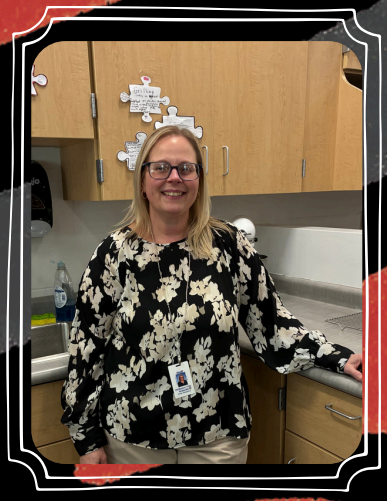
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Mrs. Carr has seen over 70 Famous artists!



Mrs. Kamphaus has recently had a grandbaby!



Mrs. Dempsey has a relative working at JDC!



Mrs. B loves Eminem!