

# West DeFuniak Elementary School

## March 2023 Newsletter

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### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR MARCH HAPPENINGS:

March 9, 2023	Spring Pictures (Free dress day following WCSD dress code)
March 10, 2023	KONA Ice Visits WDE
March 14, 2023	Field Day for K, 1 <sup>st</sup> , and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grades
March 15, 2023	Field Day for 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , and 5 <sup>th</sup> Grades
March 16, 2023	Early Release at 11:30am for Students
March 16, 2023	End of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nine Weeks
March 17, 2023	Students Out for Teacher Workday
March 20, 2023	Last Day to order Yearbooks
March 20-24, 2023	Spring Break (School Closed)
March 29, 2023	K-Kids Meeting (2:45pm-3:30pm)
March 30, 2023	Report Cards Go Home



### UPCOMING DATES TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR:

April 7, 2023	Early Release at 11:30am for Students
April 25, 2023	Mid Term Reports Go Home
April 26, 2023	K-Kid Meeting (2:45pm-3:30pm)
April 28, 2023	Special Olympics at Emerald Coast Middle School

### Spring Pictures

Spring pictures will be taken on March 9, 2023. Since this is not a yearbook picture, it will be a **FREE DRESS DAY** for all students. As always, WCSD dress code must be followed.

### Field Day

Ready for some fun and friendly competition? Field Day is on the way!!



March 14 <sup>th</sup> – <b>Kindergarten</b>	8:30am-9:30am with Concessions from 9:30am-10am
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Grade</b>	9:45am-10:45am with Concessions from 10:45am-11:15am
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Grade</b>	11am-12noon with Concessions from 12noon-12:30pm
March 15 <sup>th</sup> – <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade</b>	8:30am-9:30am with Concessions from 9:30am-10am
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	9:45am-10:45am with Concessions from 10:45am-11:15am
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	11am-12noon with Concessions from 12noon-12:30pm

Students will be able to purchase tickets before Field Day and use those tickets to purchase concessions on Field Day. Parents are invited to attend with proper ID. If your ID has not been scanned in the front office this school year, please do so before your student’s scheduled time so that entry may be obtained through the outside kiosk.

### Yearbooks

The last day to purchase Yearbooks for this school year is March 20<sup>th</sup>. All purchases must be made online at [ybpay.com](http://ybpay.com). The Yearbook ID Code for WDE is 14567023 and they start at \$25.

### School Report Cards

The Florida Department of Education provides School, District, and State Report Cards in the EduData Portal (<http://edudata.fldoe.org>). These report cards serve as a valuable resource for parents, educators, and stakeholders by offering greater transparency into how Florida’s districts and schools are doing regarding student achievement and success. For assistance accessing the FLDOE report card, you may contact the school’s Title 1 contact at 850-892-1250 Extension 2513. A copy of the most recent school report card is also posted on our school website and on file in the school office, available upon request.

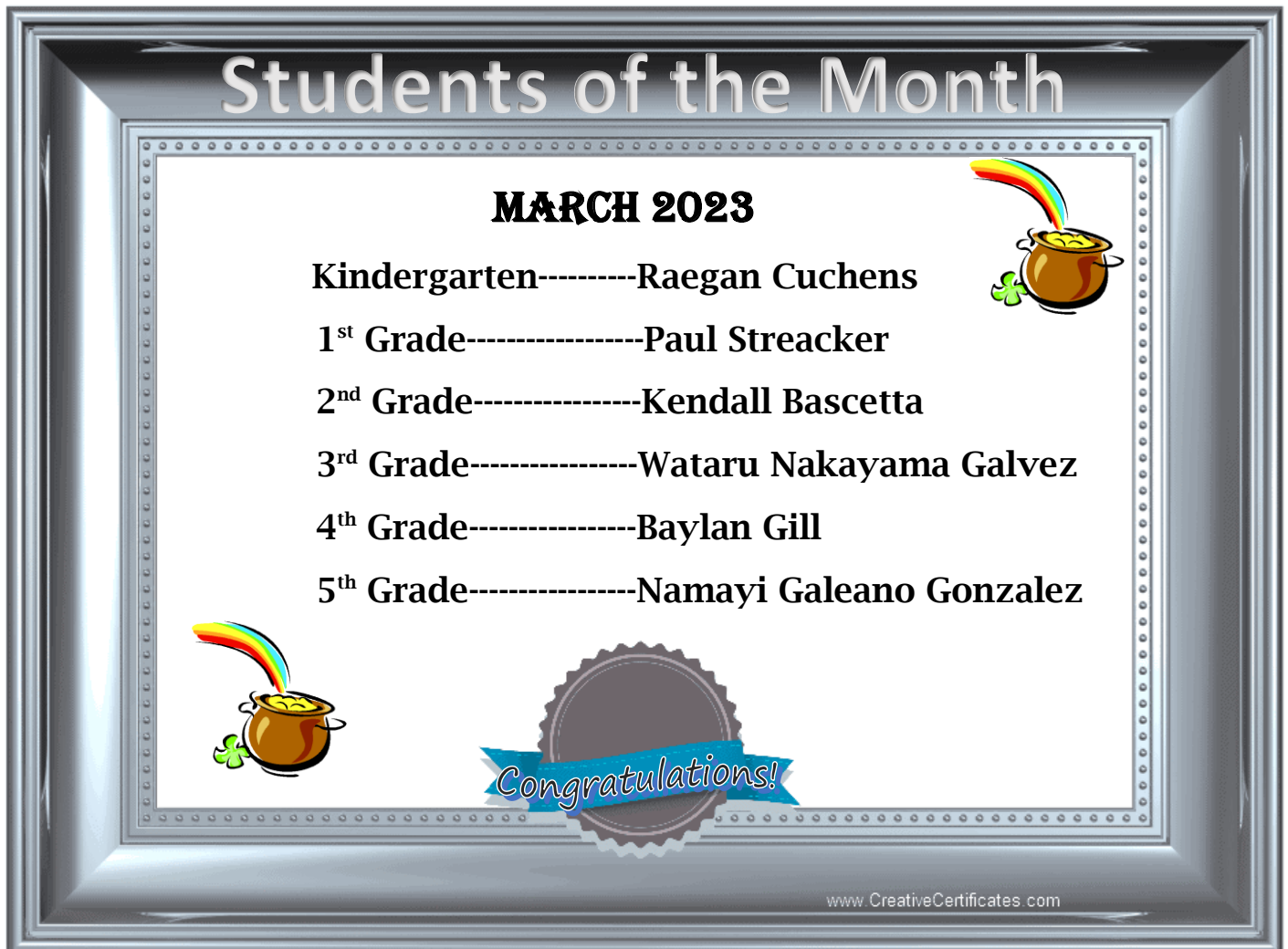
## LUNCH APPLICATIONS

Skip the paper application and save some time. Free and Reduced Lunch Applications are available on-line. The on-line form of the application is the same as the paper forms. Only one application needs to be filled out per household. The application can be accessed from any computer with internet access capabilities and can be found at

<https://secure.ezmealapp.com/>. Paper applications may also be picked up in the front office.

\*\*The previous year's applications have expired. Please fill out an updated application if you have not done so this school year. If you are uncertain of your child's lunch status, you may contact Jenny Abercrombie at (850) 892-1250 ext. 2515.

*"Winds of March, we welcome you, for there is work for you to do. Work and play and blow all day, blow the winter wind away." ---Unknown*



AVID  
Strategy of  
the Month



## Think Pair Share



A routine for ACTIVE reasoning and explanation

PURPOSE: TO ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO THINK ABOUT SOMETHING, AND THEN ARTICULATE THEIR THOUGHTS. IT PROMOTES UNDERSTANDING THROUGH ACTIVE REASONING AND EXPLANATION. BECAUSE STUDENTS ARE LISTENING TO AND SHARING IDEAS, TPS ENCOURAGES STUDENTS TO UNDERSTAND MULTIPLE PERSPECTIVES.