



**West DeFuniak Elementary School**  
**September, 2022 Newsletter**  
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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SEPTEMBER HAPPENINGS:**

September 5, 2022	Labor Day (School Closed)
September 8, 2022	Open House: Grades K-5 (5pm-7pm)
September 9, 2022	Mid-Term Reports Go Home
September 16, 2022	Early Release for WHS Homecoming
September 20-21, 2022	Health Screenings (Kindergarten, 1 <sup>st</sup> , and 3 <sup>rd</sup> )
September 23, 2022	Early Release for Students
September 28, 2022	Fall Pictures (WDE shirts required)
September 28, 2022	K-Kid Meeting (2:45pm-3:30pm)

**UPCOMING DATES TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR**

October 6, 2022	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks
October 7, 2022	Students Out (Teacher Work Day)
October 13, 2022	Report Cards Go Home
October 18-20, 2022	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Biophilia
October 26, 2022	K-Kid Meeting (2:45pm-3:30pm)
October 27, 2022	Class Pictures/Fall Picture Make-Ups

**OPEN HOUSE**

We hope to see you all at our annual Open House, where you will get to talk with your child's teacher and see what all they have been learning in the first few weeks of school. Please be sure to drop in on September 8<sup>th</sup> anytime between 5pm and 7pm.

**EARLY RELEASE DAYS**

During the month of September, we will have two early release days. On the 16<sup>th</sup> and the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September, student dismissal will begin at 11:30am. Please make arrangements for your students to be picked up at school or to be dropped off by the bus earlier than usual.

**FALL PICTURE DAY**

Fall Picture day will be Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. WDE uniform shirts are required as these pictures will be in the yearbook for the 2022-2023 school year.

**Parent and Family Connection:**

Does your family have weekly connection opportunities, such as family meetings, Friday pizza nights, or lunch with family on Sunday? Making time to incorporate these family rituals will help foster connections. AND everyone will look forward to them!

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 will expire on September 20, 2022. Please fill out an updated application if you have not done so this school year.**

## Students of the Month

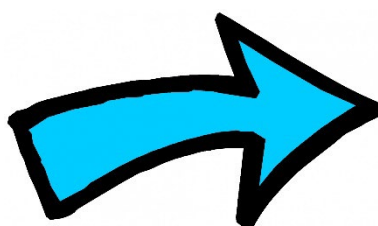
<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>
<b>Kindergarten</b> – Nathalie Andrade	<b>Kindergarten</b> – Georgia Grace Mishler
<b>1<sup>ST</sup> Grade</b> – King Matthews	<b>1<sup>ST</sup> Grade</b> – Scarleth Martinez Pacheco
<b>2<sup>ND</sup> Grade</b> – Graycelin Martin	<b>2<sup>ND</sup> Grade</b> – Aynara Avila-Calderon
<b>3<sup>RD</sup> Grade</b> – Saul Valerio Hernandez	<b>3<sup>RD</sup> Grade</b> – Parker Howell
<b>4<sup>TH</sup> Grade</b> – Hunter Dunaway	<b>4<sup>TH</sup> Grade</b> – Paisley Streaker
<b>5<sup>TH</sup> Grade</b> – Marcos Estrada-Pena	<b>5<sup>TH</sup> Grade</b> – Jocelyn Reese



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“Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection, we can catch excellence.”

---Vince Lombardi



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Strategy of  
the Month

W	<p style="margin: 0;"><i>writing</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Note taking</li> <li>Quick Writes</li> <li>Reflections</li> <li>Peer Evaluations</li> <li>Authentic Writing</li> <li>Process Writing</li> </ul>
I	<p style="margin: 0;"><i>inquiry</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Questioning</li> <li>Tutorials</li> <li>Investigations</li> <li>Costas Levels of Thinking</li> <li>Socratic Seminar</li> <li>Guided Research</li> </ul>
C	<p style="margin: 0;"><i>collaboration</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 Corners</li> <li>Jigsaws</li> <li>Group Learning</li> <li>Socratic Seminars</li> <li>Philosophical Chairs</li> <li>Brainstorm Carousel</li> </ul>
O	<p style="margin: 0;"><i>organization</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Binders</li> <li>Project Planning</li> <li>Study Groups</li> <li>Interactive Notebooks</li> <li>Planners/Agendas</li> <li>Graphic Organizers</li> </ul>
R	<p style="margin: 0;"><i>reading</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vocabulary Work</li> <li>Note-Taking</li> <li>KWLE</li> <li>Summarizing</li> <li>Graphic Organizers</li> <li>Annotating</li> </ul>