



# West DeFuniak Elementary School

## February 2023 Newsletter

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### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR FEBRUARY HAPPENINGS:

February 1, 2023	K-Kids Meeting (2:45pm-3:30pm)
February 2, 2023	Math and Science Night at 5pm for Grades 2, 4, & 5
February 3-10, 2023	Candy Grams on Sale in the Atrium (7:30am-7:50am)
February 9, 2023	Mid Term Reports Go Home
February 13, 2023	Change for Children Campaign Begins
February 14, 2023	Donuts with Grown-Ups (Details coming soon)
February 16, 2023	Family BINGO Night for Grades K and 1 <sup>st</sup> @ 5pm
February 16, 2023	Middle School "Jump" for 5 <sup>th</sup> Graders at Walton Middle School from 5:30pm to 7:30pm
February 20, 2023	President's Day (School Closed)
February 24, 2023	Change for Children Campaign Ends

### UPCOMING DATES TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR:

March 9, 2023	Spring Pictures
March 10, 2023	KONA Ice Visits WDE
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 20-24, 2023	Spring Break (School Closed)
March 29, 2023	K-Kids Meeting (2:45pm-3:30pm)
March 30, 2023	Report Cards Go Home



### Math and Science Night

Calling all 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders!! Please join us at WDE for a fun filled Math and Science Night on Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5pm until 6:30pm. There will be lots of math games, fun hands-on science activities, and even some "make and take" math activities for you to enjoy. We look forward to seeing you there!

### Change for Children Campaign

Change for Children: You can make a difference with pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters to change the life of a child. Our annual "Change for Children" campaign begins on February 13<sup>th</sup> and extends through February 24<sup>th</sup> this year. By donating your change, you will help feed, clothe, and care for the children utilizing the services of Children in Crisis, Inc.

Students may bring their change to the WDE Atrium each morning and watch as the containers fill up!



### Candy Grams

Candy Grams will be on sale in the WDE Atrium from February 3<sup>rd</sup> through February 10<sup>th</sup>. They are \$1 each and will be delivered to classrooms on Valentine's Day. Proceeds to benefit the K-Kids club.

### 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.

*"When we love, we always strive to become better than we are. When we become better than we are, everything around us becomes better, too." --Paulo Coelho*

# Students of the Month

## FEBRUARY 2023

Kindergarten-----	Ruby Eubanks
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade-----	Michelle Avelar
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade-----	Jair Hernandez-Espinoza
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade-----	Arlette Gonzalez Garcia
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade-----	Claire Spires
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade-----	Parker York

*Congratulations!*

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## AVID Strategy of the Month



Inside/Outside Circles (Kagan, 1994) is a fast-paced, lively strategy that provides students with the opportunity to consider a prompt with a variety of partners. This type of collaboration can be used when students are starting to explore a topic, deepening their understanding of an issue, or summarizing their learning in a culminating activity.

### Instructional Objective

- Students will explore issues and share ideas with many different partners.



### Uses

Use Inside-Outside Circles/Parallel Lineups to review key concepts and to build capacity with academic language and academic vocabulary.

This strategy may also be called "Parallel Line-ups"

Inside-Outside Circle can be used as a classbuilding or a mastery structure. As a classbuilding structure students can exchange information about each other. As a mastery structure, students share conceptual understandings with each other.