



West DeFuniak Elementary School
October 2022 Newsletter
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OCTOBER HAPPENINGS:

October 6, 2022	End of 1st Nine Weeks
October 7, 2022	Students Out (Teacher Work Day)
October 13, 2022	Report Cards Go Home
October 18-21, 2022	4th Grade Field Trip to Biophilia
October 26, 2022	K-Kid Meeting (2:45pm-3:30pm)
October 26, 2022	K-Kid Food Drive Begins
October 27, 2022	Class Pictures/Fall Picture Make-Ups

UPCOMING DATES TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR

November 4, 2022	Fall Festival 4pm-6pm
November 8, 2022	Mid Term Reports Go Home
November 11, 2022	Veteran’s Day (School Closed)
November 17, 2022	K-Kid Food Drive Ends
November 17, 2022	Thanksgiving Lunch (Grades K, 4th, & 3rd)
November 18, 2022	Thanksgiving Lunch (Grades 2nd, 1st, & 5th)
November 21-25, 2022	Thanksgiving Break (School Closed)
November 30, 2022	K-Kid Meeting (2:45pm-3pm)



WDE K-Kids are sponsoring our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. Canned goods and non-perishable items will be accepted through Thursday, November 17, 2022. These items will be distributed to those less fortunate in our community. Students may begin bringing items in on Wednesday, October 26, 2022.

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.

Parent and Family Connection:

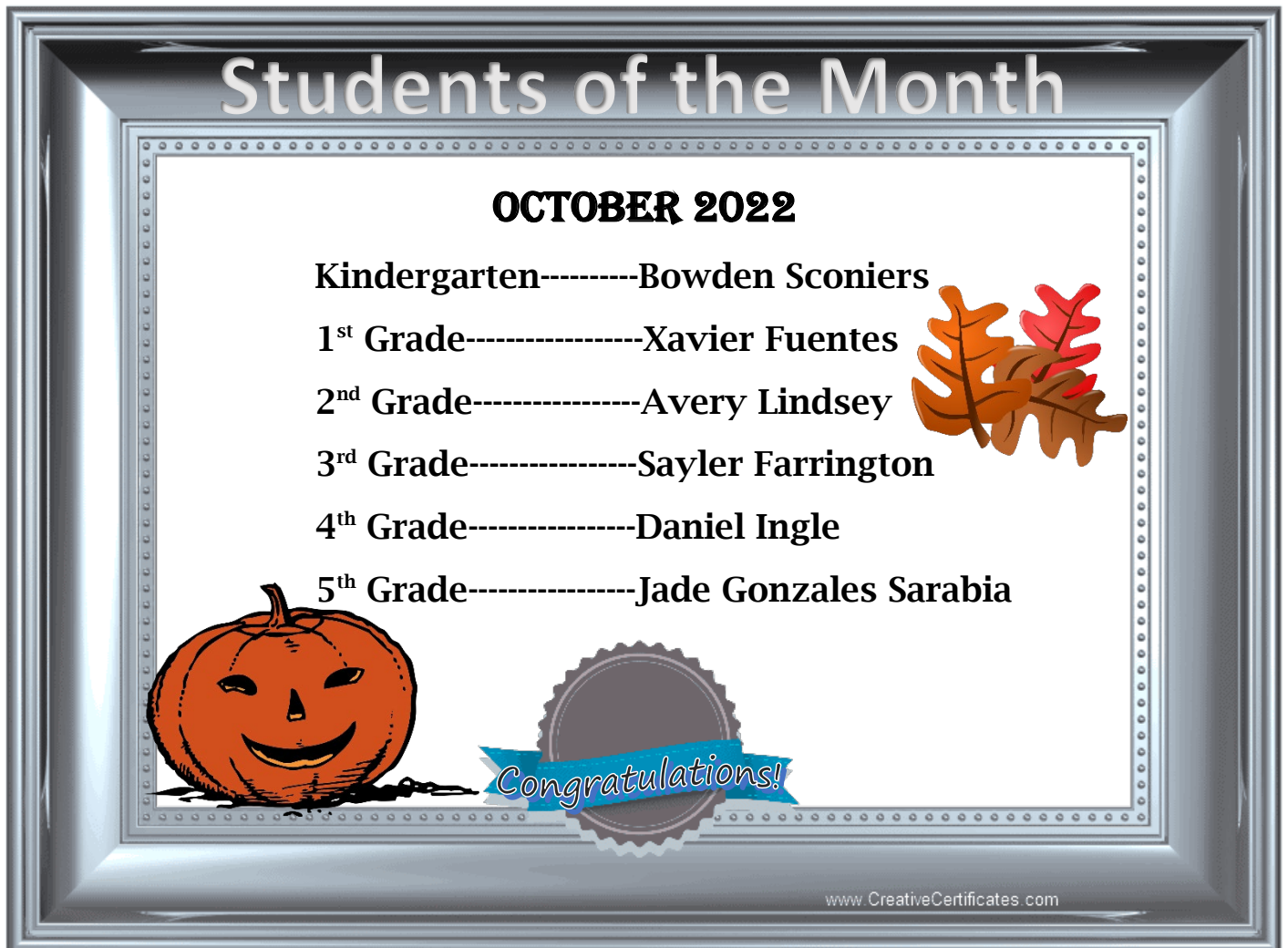
Did you know that elementary aged children need up to 12 hours of sleep a night, with a minimum of 10 hours? Sleep is important! Having a nightly routine that is the same every night will help. Make sure to turn off devices before bedtime because screens make it much harder to go into a deep sleep. Good sleeping habits will lead to better grades, better attention spans, and better eating habits.

LUNCH APPLICATIONS

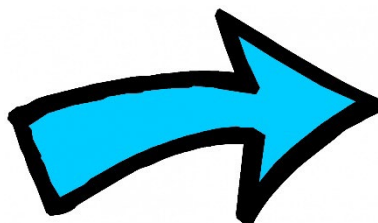
Skip the paper application and save some time. Free and Reduced Lunch Applications are available on-line. The on-line form of the application is the same as the paper forms. Only one application needs to be filled out per household. The application can be accessed from any computer with internet access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



"Never let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game." -Babe Ruth



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**Strategy of
the Month**

