

West DeFuniak Elementary School
December 2022 Newsletter
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR JANUARY HAPPENINGS:

January 4, 2023	Students Return to School
January 5, 2023	Report Cards Go Home
January 11, 2023	FAST Reading Test (3 rd Grade)
January 12, 2023	FAST Reading Test (4 th Grade)
January 13, 2023	FAST Reading Test (5 th Grade)
January 16, 2023	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (School Closed)
January 19, 2023	FAST Math Test (5 th Grade)
January 20, 2023	FAST Math Test (4 th Grade)
January 23, 2023	FAST Math Test (3 rd Grade)
January 23-27, 2023	Literacy Week (detailed flyer to come)

UPCOMING DATES TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR:

February 1, 2023	K-Kids Meeting
February 2, 2023	Math and Science Night @ 5pm for Grades 2, 4, & 5
February 9, 2023	Mid Term Reports Go Home
February 20, 2023	President's Day (School Closed)

School Shoe Drive

West DeFuniak Elementary is gladly accepting gently used shoes that your child or children have outgrown. These shoes may be dropped off in the WDE front office. We greatly appreciate any of these donations.

Testing Tips

- #1.) Get plenty of rest the night before the test. #2.) Eat a healthy breakfast each morning.
- #3.) Listen carefully to all instructions. #4.) Read each question carefully.
- #5.) Check your work. #6.) Focus and Relax #7.) Do your best!

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.



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Students of the Month



JANUARY 2023

Kindergarten-----	Ailen Ponce
1 st Grade-----	Axel Cuica Torres
2 nd Grade-----	Parker Dockery
3 rd Grade-----	Calli-Anne Sconiers
4 th Grade-----	Kalen Burch
5 th Grade-----	Nestor Chacon



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Strategy of
the Month



Carousel Brainstorming

- Groups visit a station (about two minutes), discuss the topic written at the top of the sheet of chart paper, and add their own contributions (identified by the color of their marker), then move to next station when teacher calls time
- Works best for introducing a new topic or actively involving students in review