

# The Monthly Mustang

October 2015



## West Gate K-8

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## Reminder!

West Gate K-8

Picture Day

October 27th



Order online @ [mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com)

Picture Day ID: ST215290Q1

Please **DO NOT** drop  
any students off before  
9:00 AM.

## October is Disability Awareness Month

Disability awareness is an important part of students' social development. One of the main reasons to promote disability awareness is to help students develop positive attitudes toward people with disabilities. As you walk the hallways of West Gate, you will notice bulletin boards and displays in recognition of various disabilities.

## Coupons for Classrooms

The Education Foundation of St. Lucie County kicked off their major fundraiser on September 2, 2015. The top sellers will have a pizza party and those who sold 10 or more were entered into the county-wide drawing. 4<sup>th</sup> grader Colin Berggren in Mrs. Ruck's class and 5<sup>th</sup> grader Dar'Neil Davis in Mrs. Chambery's class tied for the most sales of the coupon book.

### Stay Connected!

Like us on Facebook!



Check out our website!



### Trivia Question:

#### What do you call a full moon in the fall?

Answer the trivia question by going commenting on the picture of the full moon on our Facebook page. The first 10 correct answers will be placed in for a chance to win a prize

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## Upcoming Events & Important Dates

10/9-10/15

Book Fair

10/15

End of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

10/12

PTO Meeting @ 9:30 in Rm 3-225

10/13

SAC Meeting @ 9:45 in Rm 3-225

10/16

Teacher Workday-No School for students

10/16-10/23

Red Ribbon Week (see back for events)

10/23

Fall Festival

10/27

Picture Day

10/28

Early Release Day

10/29

Hispanic Heritage Night  
5:30-7:30 in the Cafeteria

11/10

Veteran's Day Celebration 2:30-3:30

11/11

Holiday-No School

11/26-11/27

Thanksgiving Break

## Fundraisers & Activities

10/5-10/26-Yankee Candle Sale

10/12-10/23 K-5

PBIS Fall Cookie Decorating \$2.00

(Thank you to Darwin Publix for being a business partner)

10/15 Dress as a Superhero \$1

10/28 & 10/29 Boo Pops \$1

Sold outside building 1 & 2 in the morning

## Upcoming Fieldtrips

10/15

Kindergarten Trip to  
Green Meadows Farm 8:45-5:00

11/4

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade to Brevard Zoo

11/10

4<sup>th</sup> Grade to St Augustine

**PTO FALL FESTIVAL**  
Friday, October 23rd

<b>Fun, Food &amp; Activities</b>		<b>Help us build a Food Pyramid</b> to support the Grace Pack Program
Wind Jammer Slide Bounce House Carnival Games Rock Wall Bungee Run	Popcorn Snow Cones Goodie Bags Tattoos Dunk Tank	

Fall Photo Opportunity

How tall of a food pyramid can we build? Bring a food item on the day of the Festival to add to our pyramid and receive a **ring-pop**.

The Fall Festival is a completely **FREE** event for all WestGate Students in appreciation of their support for the Yankee Candle Fundraiser! Turn in \$75.00 worth of Yankee Candle merchandise by Oct 15th to earn a "Festival Fast Pass".

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[Facebook.com/WestGatePTO](https://www.facebook.com/WestGatePTO)

**West Gate K-8**  
**Red Ribbon Week**  
October 23-30<sup>th</sup>

**Monday October 26<sup>th</sup>: PUT A CAP ON DRUGS**  
Wear your favorite hat

**Tuesday October 27<sup>th</sup>: SOCK IT TO DRUGS**  
Wear mismatched/crazy socks

**Wednesday October 28<sup>th</sup>: STAY IN THE GAME**  
Wear a sports jersey/team shirt

**Thursday October 29<sup>th</sup>: MY FUTURE IS BRIGHT**  
Wear neon/bright colors

**Friday October 30<sup>th</sup>: I'M RED'Y TO BE DRUG FREE**  
Wear **RED!**

## Student Achievement Parent Tips and Resources

Research shows that family support systems are the number one predictor to a student's success in school. When families interact with at-home literacy activities, increase the time spent reading outside of school, students are more successful in school and life.

### **What is Just Take 20?**

The Florida Department of Education created the Just Take 20 campaign to provide K-12 Florida families with practical, easy-to-implement reading activities that establish literacy as a lifelong value. Just Take 20 encourages families to seize everyday teachable moments by using 20 minutes a day to integrate reading into their busy lives.

### **Studies Show the Benefits of Reading Every Day.**

Why do reading experts recommend students read 20 minutes outside of school hours every day?

- Every-day reading increases fluency and confidence.
- Increased time spent reading increases vocabulary, comprehension, and writing skills.
- Reading outside the classroom helps students experience the world around them and understand how literacy leads to college, career, and beyond.
- Reading every day helps students form a positive habit, increasing the likelihood they will establish the value of lifelong literacy.

Sign Up today at: <http://justtake20.org/>

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