

The Monthly Mustang

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Reminder!

West Gate K-8

Picture Day

October 27th



Order online @ 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. 4th grader Colin Berggren in Mrs. Ruck's class and 5th 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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~ Nelson Mandela ~

Upcoming Events & Important Dates

10/9-10/15

Book Fair

10/15

End of the 1st 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

2nd Grade to Brevard Zoo

11/10

4th Grade to St Augustine

PTO FALL FESTIVAL
Friday, October 23rd

Fun, Food & Activities		Help us build a Food Pyramid 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 23-30th

Monday October 26th: PUT A CAP ON DRUGS
Wear your favorite hat

Tuesday October 27th: SOCK IT TO DRUGS
Wear mismatched/crazy socks

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

Thursday October 29th: MY FUTURE IS BRIGHT
Wear neon/bright colors

Friday October 30th: 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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