

2020 National CAP ACE School of the Year

Silver Sands School

A Special Day School

**Principal, Stephanie Wheat ACE Coordinator, Marian Gilmore
Ft Walton Beach, FL**

Silver Sands School “ACE’d” the ACE program in their first year of participation! This special needs school went above and beyond to make aerospace an important part of their school’s STEAM instruction. Under the leadership of a dynamic principal, Mrs. Wheat led by example! Not only did she encourage her teachers to get totally involved, she did, too! Even after COVID-19 closed the school, STEM and ACE learning packets were sent home to the students and learning videos were made and shared to keep STEM HOT! See Mrs. Wheat in a “Cool Air Home Learning Video” [HERE!](#)



Mrs. Wheat empowered paraprofessional, Marian Gilmore, to be the school’s ACE coordinator assisting the awesome science teacher, Dan Cheon, and energized 1st year K-4 teacher, Susan Moore, in adding to what all the other K-6, P.E. & music teachers did. All joined in to ensure the students were provided at least 15 exciting hands-on ACE lessons while at school!

The school conducted a 2-day Moon Madness event using some ACE lessons and had astronaut, Dottie Metcalf-Lindenburger, answer student questions after the “A is for Astronaut” lesson!

Said Ms Gilmore, “I think what was so neat, cool, and awesome about the lessons was seeing the students sitting, listening, participating, and smiling, which is huge for our special population of students. The teachers felt the lessons were easy and step-by-step which allowed them to enjoy and get excited as they watched their students learn and engage!”



**We sincerely applaud this soaring school and appreciate their work with
CAP’s STEM programs!**

**Silver Sands School will host the 2020-2019 National ACE Lift-off in October!
Stay Tuned!**

CONGRATULATIONS, SILVER SANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!

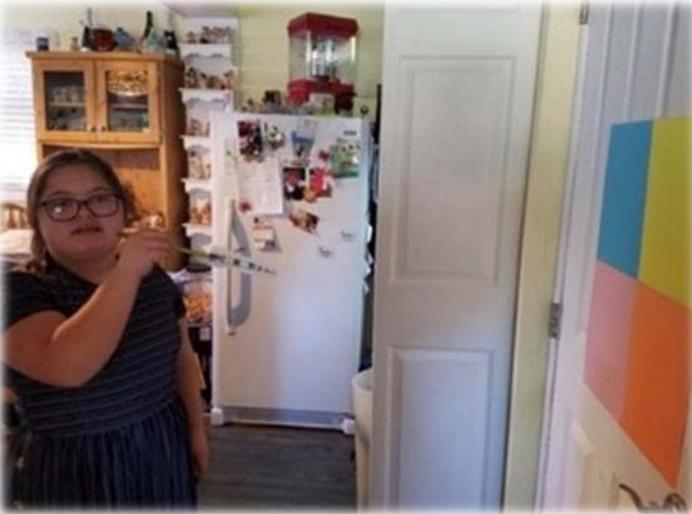
Great program. It helps to engage students and makes learning fun.

The lesson plans are AMAZING and so easy to use!!!

Our students love ACE Days! They are excited and behave much better when we will be do an ACE lesson!

The ACE program has brought our school opportunities our students' parents never thought possible!







Silver Sands continues to share paper lesson packets and video lessons with the students at home during the COVID-19 closure--- all about Air and other Science topics.

[*Cool Air- Part 1 \(Bernoulli's Principle\)*](#)

[*Cool Air- Part 2 \(The Potato and the Straw\)*](#)

[*Cool Air- Part 3 \(The Magic of Science with the Principal, Mrs. Wheat!\)*](#)

[*Straw Rockets \(A Kindergarten ACE Lesson\)*](#)

[*Rise Up \(A Science Video\)*](#)

[*Leakproof Bag \(A Science Video\)*](#)

