

HEMILOCK CREEK

NEWSLETTER

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PBIS FEBRUARY FOCUS: KINDNESS

Mr. Kowalczyk, Associate Principal

The PBIS focus for the month of February was kindness. The learning target for the focus was: I can show kindness by... listening, checking in and asking "are you okay?", spending time with someone, using positive words, and/or putting others before yourself. Some of the starter questions were: "What is something kind you can do at home?" "You see your friend looking sad. What can you do?"

A few of the highlights of the month of February:

- Random acts of Kindness day. Many banners, posters, cards, and acts were performed causing many smiles and warm feelings.
- The "Kindness Wall." There was a spot in one of our hallways where a student could have their picture taken with the phrase "BE THE "I" IN KIND."
- There was a spot in the office where staff could leave positive/supportive hearts for their fellow coworker.

Thank you to all that participated and hopefully these activities will continue randomly throughout the year.

Classrooms earning the Phantastic Phantom Trophy for the month were:

K: Mrs. Loch's Class, Mrs. Herlache's Class, Mrs. Neuens' Class, and Mrs. Raschke's Class

1st: Mrs. Pierce's Class, Mrs. Erdmann's Class, Mrs. Pierce's Class, and Mrs. Roth's Class

2nd: Mrs. Luce's Class, Mrs. Adler's Class, Mrs. Bixby's Class, and Mrs. Schoenwalder's Class

3rd: Ms. Seidl's Class, Ms. Ribarchek's Class, Mrs. Hebl's Class, and Mrs. Krahn's Class

4th: Mrs. Brossard's Class, Ms. Glaeser's Class, Ms. Ford's Class, and Mrs. Sampe's Class

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PTO NEWS

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 5th** at 6:30 pm. We will meet in the HC library and as always, childcare will be provided.

- Sarah Lisowe, PTO President

PTO contact: For questions, information, or inquiries about ways to get involved, please contact Sarah Lisowe at slisowe@gmail.com.

DASH FOR CASH 2024

Hemlock Creek PE Teacher Raises Over \$1,000 in Fun "Dash for Cash" Event!

On Saturday, January 27th, 2024 Hemlock Creek's very own Mrs. Brehm, one of our physical education (PE) teachers, took the ice at the Green Bay Gamblers hockey game in an exciting "Dash for Cash" competition! This event, held after the first period, saw Mrs. Brehm battle it out in a playful crayon dash, all to raise money for our school's PE program.

Her dedication and competitive spirit paid off! Between the \$3 ticket kick-back and her impressive on-ice winnings, Mrs. Brehm brought in a remarkable \$1,107 to support the purchase of PE equipment. This fantastic amount will directly benefit our students and their physical education experience.

But the fun didn't stop there! The evening also saw Ms. Moeller, our dedicated Adapted PE Specialist for the West DePere Schools, receive well-deserved recognition as a Hometown Hero during the game. Her tireless work in making physical education accessible and enjoyable for all students was truly inspiring.

A big thank you goes out to all the families who cheered on Mrs. Brehm at the game, your support was invaluable! We also extend our gratitude to the Green Bay Gamblers and Fox Communities Credit Union for hosting this fun and impactful event.



CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please keep address and telephone numbers up to date in the school office at all times. You may notify us of a change in information by sending a note with your child or calling the front office.

In case of emergency, it is vital that we are able to contact you.

REPORT CARDS

Report cards will be sent home electronically on Tuesday, March 12th. Please take time to look it over carefully and discuss it with your child. We sincerely appreciate your support and efforts to help make this second trimester a success! Please know that our staff is always available to meet with you to discuss your child's work and progress.

Important Dates

- **March 1: Early Dismissal @ 11:50 AM**
- **March 1: Family Book Club Movie @ 6:30 PM, HS Auditorium**
- **March 5: PTO Meeting @ 6:30 PM, HC Library**
- **March 7: 4K & K Registration, 4:30-7:30 PM**
- **March 12: Tri 2 Report Cards Emailed Home**
- **March 22: Mix and Match Day - PBIS Recognition**
- **March 22: Early Dismissal @ 11:50 AM**
- **March 25-April 1: No School - Spring Break**



COUNSELOR CORNER

As school counselors, we want your child to be as successful as possible at school. Success in school is not just about reading and math. It is also about knowing how to learn and how to get along with others. One of the goals of the school counseling program is to help our school be a safe and respectful place where everyone can learn.

To further help our school be a safe and respectful place, we will teach a **Bullying Prevention Unit** during Phantom Skills. In this unit, your child will learn specific skills to help stop bullying.

Students will learn how to:

- **Recognize** when bullying is happening.
- **Report** bullying to a caring adult.
- **Refuse** to let bullying happen to themselves or others.
- **Support** someone who is being bullied by standing up for that person and being kind and inviting.

At Hemlock Creek Elementary School, we take bullying situations seriously. And we need your help! Get involved in making our school a safe and respectful place by letting us know if you hear about bullying at our school. Make sure your child knows to tell you or someone at school if he or she is being bullied, or if he or she knows about someone else being bullied. Give your child clear messages that it is never okay to bully others.

If you have any questions about the Bullying Prevention Unit, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for helping us make our school a safe, respectful place where everyone can learn!

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LIBRARY NEWS

March is Reading Month!

In March we celebrate reading month with fun activities throughout the month. Our theme this year is the Reading Olympics! This year we have the book characters Elephant and Piggy visiting K-2 classes. We will also have dress up days, mystery masked readers, and lots of reading! Look for more information in Tuesday Notes!

Green Bay Packers Timeout for Reading Event

On Saturday, March 2nd, the Packers will be hosting a free, Timeout for Reading event in the Lambeau Field Atrium from 9am to 1pm. Kids in pre-K through 5th grade will receive a free book and bookmark while supplies last. There will be a storytime, a book reading by a Packers celebrity, and special reading areas for participants.

Technology

There has been a lot of fantastic uses of technology lately! Several classes have experienced virtual reality tours, coding, recording in Seesaw, and green screening. Through the use of virtual reality, students have visited the moon, landforms around the world, and experienced the northern lights. Learning how to code teaches students problem solving skills, persistence, and exposes them to potential future careers. Reading in front of green screen or in Seesaw is great for creativity and communication.





HEMLOCK CREEK CLASS PLANNING 2023-2024

Parent requests for classroom placements for the 2024-2025 school year will be considered based on your child's educational needs. Parent requests need to be submitted in writing to Mrs. Held by Friday, April 12th. Please do not put your child's current teacher in the position of being asked to recommend a specific teacher. Requests will be taken into consideration, but are not guaranteed. We work to make sure our classrooms are balanced as much as possible. A letter will be coming home in Tuesday notes. Please refer to that letter for the process and guidelines.



4K & KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2024-2025

The School District of West De Pere will be holding 4K and Kindergarten registration for children who are planning to attend in the Fall of 2024 on March 7th. To be eligible for 4K enrollment, your child must turn 4 years of age on or before September 1st, 2024 and live in the West De Pere School District. To be eligible for Kindergarten, your child must turn 5 years of age on or before September 1st, 2024, and live in the West De Pere School District. Registration forms and additional information can be found here: <https://sites.google.com/wdpsd.com/hemlockcreekregistration/home> Please bring proof of residency, birth certificate, and immunization record/waiver to enroll. Your confirmed registration helps us in planning for staff.



KIDS HEART CHALLENGE 2024



Kids Heart Challenge 2024 was another fun-filled event here at Hemlock Creek Elementary! All students had the opportunity to participate in their choice of activity stations during their PE classes the week of February 12-16 while also learning about their hearts.

Activity choices included: scooter riding, walking, jogging, climbing wall, GaGa ball, Hippity Hop Races, jump sticks, jump rope, pogo sticks, pogo balls, basketball, hula hoops, the Floor is Lava station and a heart rate check station.

Once again our many generous families made donations to support the American Heart Association, helping Hemlock Creek Elementary to raise \$4,920.75. The instant gifts for those donors have been handed out (bracelets, keychains, and mystery gifts); the additional thank you gifts (t-shirts, jump ropes, kickballs, etc) have been ordered and will be distributed upon their arrival.

Any questions, please contact Hemlock Creek's KHC coordinator Mrs. Luebke: kluebke@wdpsd.com

SUMMER SCHOOL 2024

MONDAY, JUNE 10TH - FRIDAY, JUNE 28TH

Course offerings INFORMATION will be available on the District website starting March 19th

Registration will OPEN Thursday, April 4th at 2:30 p.m.
Registration will CLOSE Thursday, April 18th at 4:00 p.m.

All Registrations and payments will be processed online.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Go to www.wdpsd.com, click on About the District, then the Summer School tab.

QUESTIONS? SUMMERSCHOOL@WDPSD.COM 920-337-1087 EXT. 3100

CLASSES WILL BE HELD AT HEMLOCK CREEK, WESTWOOD, AND WDP INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.



CONGRATULATIONS

to Carly Shier, Special Education
teacher at Hemlock Creek, for
being selected one of this year's
Golden Apple Award recipients



Carly Shier

Hemlock Creek Elementary School
School District of West De Pere



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