

# HEMLOCK CREEK NEWSLETTER

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## A NOTE FROM MRS. HELD

Dear Hemlock Creek Families - The week of May 5 is Teacher Appreciation Week. As the week approaches, let's come together to honor the dedication and hard work of our educators and staff whether through a heartfelt note, a small gesture, or a simple thank you. Let's show our gratitude for their efforts in working with your child. Let's celebrate and recognize the invaluable contributions they make.

As we near the end of this school year, I want to express my gratitude to all elementary families for your incredible support and partnership throughout the year. Together we've navigated challenges and celebrated achievements. Let's finish the year strong with positivity, resilience and a sense of accomplishment. Thank you for entrusting us with your children's education and growth.

*Kathleen Held, Proud HC Principal*

## IMPORTANT DATES

May 3	Early Release @ 11:50 am
May 7	Kindergarten Concert (Herlache, Raschke, Sands, Walker) @ 2:30 pm
May 8	Bike, Roll & Walk to School Day
May 9	Kindergarten Concert (Loch, Neuens, Rohr) @ 2:30 pm
May 10	4th Grade Concert @ 10:00 am
May 10	3rd Grade Concert @ 2:30 pm
May 17	2nd Grade Concert @ 10:00 am
May 17	1st Grade Concert @ 2:30 pm
May 27	No School
May 29	Library books due
May 31	4th Grade Bowling Celebration
June 4	PBIS End of Year Celebration
June 5	Last Day of School, Early Release @ 11:50 am



## SCHOOL CONCERTS

<u>4TH GRADE</u> FRIDAY, MAY 10TH @ 10-10:30 AM
<u>3RD GRADE</u> FRIDAY, MAY 10TH @ 2:30-3:00 PM
<u>2ND GRADE</u> FRIDAY, MAY 17TH @ 10:00-10:30 AM
<u>1ST GRADE</u> FRIDAY, MAY 17TH @ 2:30-3:30 PM
<u>K (HERLACHE, RASCHKE, SANDS, WALKER)</u> Tuesday, May 7th @ 2:30-3:00 PM
<u>K (LOCH, NEUENS, ROHR)</u> Thursday, May 9th @ 2:30-3:00 PM



## CLOTHES NEEDED

Are you doing some spring cleaning? Hemlock Creek is looking for some girl's and boy's pants in sizes 5-6, 7-8 and 10-12. If you are looking to get rid of any, please consider donating them to the office. Thank you!





# PBIS APRIL FOCUS: EMPATHY



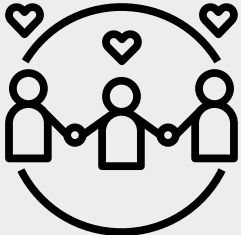
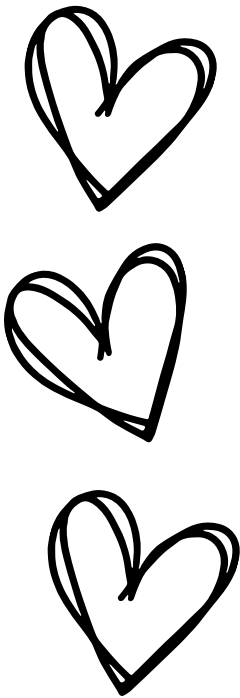
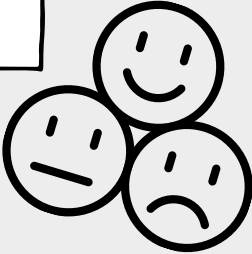
The PBIS focus for the month of April was empathy. Phantastic Phantoms will respect and understand another person's feelings. One way the students were able to show this is by using clues to help identify how someone is feeling. Do they have tears in their eyes? Is their face red? Is their voice really loud?

Classrooms earning the Phantastic Phantom Trophy for the month were:  
K: Mrs. Sands' and Mrs. Herlache's classes  
1st: Mrs. Hopkins' and Mrs. Kussow's classes  
2nd: Mrs. Adler's and Mrs. Bixby's classes  
3rd: Mrs. Krahn's and Mrs. Hebl's classes  
4th: Ms. Glaeser's and Mrs. Brossard's classes

## COATS FOR A CAUSE



3rd Grader Emelia, along with her Grandmother, collected the brand new coats shown in the picture to donate to children who have never had a new coat. Way to go Emelia!



# LIBRARY NEWS

## All library books are due by May 29th

With the end of the year quickly approaching, please look to see if you have any library books that need to be returned. Library check outs will end on May 21st so we have time to get all the books back before the end of the school year. Questions? Contact Mrs. Gossen at [jgossen@wdpsd.com](mailto:jgossen@wdpsd.com).

The Hemlock Creek library will be open 7:45 - 12:15 during summer school for students to check out books. Summer school runs from June 10 - 28.

Watch for the Brown County Library's summer reading program to kick off in June! They will be announcing more information and a schedule soon on their website and Facebook page. They will have reading logs available for kids, teens, and adults to fill out and earn prizes! This is a great way to continue reading all summer!

As we head into summer, kids will have more free time to be using devices.

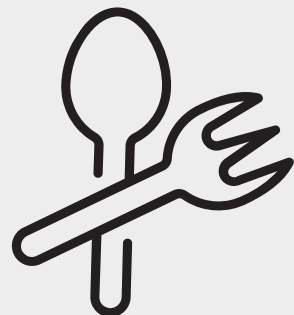
- The National Online Safety website has several "What Parents Need to Know" guides for popular online apps, games, and website, such as Fortnite, TikTok, YouTube, and SnapChat. They also have guides for how to set up parental controls for iPhone and Android apps.
- In West De Pere we have a K-12 digital citizenship curriculum that uses lessons from Common Sense Media. Common Sense Media also has several "parents need to know" guides that they group by age, topic, and app/website.
- Don't forget to check out the digital safety resources on the School District of West De Pere website. These resources were curated by the district library media/instructional technology specialists to help families navigate parenting in a digital world.

## NEW LUNCH ITEM: HOMEMADE FOCCACIA

On May 29th the kitchen will be serving a new item - homemade focaccia.

"Focaccia (fuh-kaa-chuh, almost like fogotcha), is a flat leavened bread that comes originally from Rome. It traditionally is topped many different herbs, garlic, veggies, and oil. Our focaccia is made at our high school and is topped with cheddar cheese and parmesan! We hope you enjoy it!"

MAY LUNCH MENU



# SCHOOL COUNSELOR CORNER

MRS. HETTMANN & MRS. JOHNSON

This month's Phantom Skills lessons will focus on safety. Students will learn important safety rules to help them recognize if something is safe or unsafe, report any unsafe behavior to a trusted adult, and say no to doing something that could cause them harm. Students will then enjoy a final Phantom Skills lesson geared toward review and celebration for all they have learned this year.

## MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

Taking care of our mental health is important - for kids and adults! Mental health is the state of your mental and emotional wellbeing. Our mental health can be measured by how well we are able to handle the demands and challenges of life, our relationships with others, and our views of ourselves. Here are some tips to help you support your child's mental wellbeing this summer.

### How Kids Can Improve Mental Health

- Spend time in nature
- Spend time with loved ones
- Do an activity they enjoy
- Exercise
- Do something to help someone
- Get enough sleep
- Limit time spent on technology

### How Can Adults Help

- Listen to your child - to the big things and the small things
- Do something together that your child enjoys
- Set and enforce boundaries around technology
- Give your child meaningful praise
- Don't be afraid to seek professional help

### Warning Signs

- Sudden changes in weight or appetite
- Complaints of stomachache
- Changes in sleeping habits
- Becoming more isolated
- Difficulty concentrating



# PTO NEWS

As we look towards summer break, I would like to take a minute to thank all of our parents who have been involved with the PTO this past year. Through your support, we were able to offset costs of field trips, provide funds for new playground equipment, make sure every child received a book for their birthday, and show our teachers how much we appreciate them. Whether you attended meetings, participated in our fundraiser, or volunteered your time, you made a difference! A special thanks goes to our PTO officers and committee chairs. We certainly couldn't do it without you!

Our PTO board will look a little different next year as we say goodbye to Katie Weihbrecht and welcome Caitie Maurer as our new vice president.

Thank you Katie for all of your time and dedication. We will miss you!

If you have not "liked" the Hemlock Creek Elementary PTO page, please do so before summer arrives! It's a great place for up to date information on meetings, school events, and fun ways to get involved. It's also a great place to get connected with other parents of the school. We also invite you to check out our website, <https://www.hemlockcreekelementarypto.com>.

Have a wonderful rest of the school year!

- Sarah Lisowe, PTO President

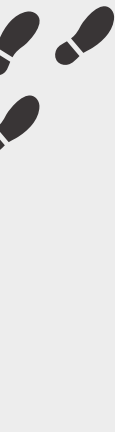
School Supply Boxes: Hemlock Creek PTO will once again be offering parents the opportunity to purchase school supplies for the upcoming school year for their children. Look for more information to come!

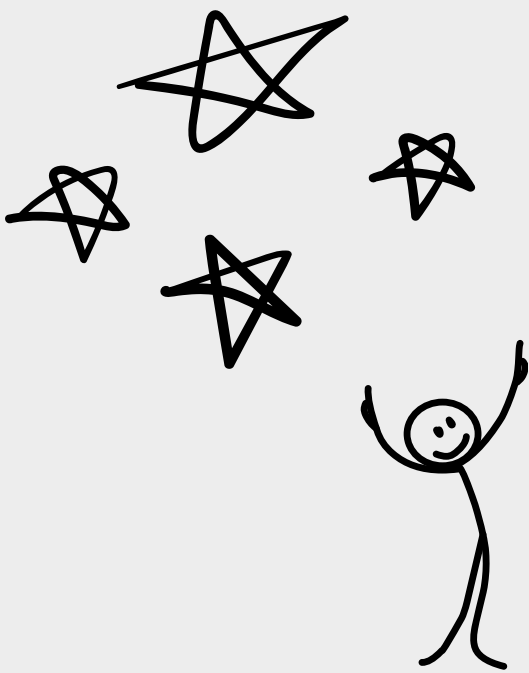
We Love Our Teachers!: While we always appreciate our teachers, every May we make a special effort to show them how awesome they really are! This May, we are planning a couple of surprises for our teachers such as providing coffee, offering a snack station, and even catering a lunch. A huge thanks to Laura Rauch for arranging these special activities! Teacher appreciation week is May 6th - 10th so make sure to take the time to let your children's teachers know how much you appreciate them!

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

## WALK BIKE & ROLL TO SCHOOL

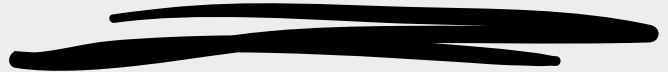
Walk, Bike & Roll to School Day is Wednesday, May 8th. This is an optional activity. All students can bike, scooter, or walk to school. Biking, walking, and scootering are all great ways to move your bodies each day to stay active and healthy. Students who do not live near school can drive with parents to the neighborhood subdivision next to school and then bike to school from there using a close, safe route. All students participating should talk with parents about using a safe route to school and wear a helmet. Our school bike racks are located in the back of the building, near our 2nd grade recess doors.





**Ms. Moeller Awarded Herb Kohl Teacher Fellowship**

Ms. Angie Moeller, Adaptive PE teacher, has been honored with a 2024 Herb Kohl Teacher Fellowship award for her outstanding contributions to education and her positive influence on students. Teachers are nominated in the fall and there are 100 prestigious fellowship recipients across the state of Wisconsin. The Herb Kohl Teacher Fellowship program celebrates and supports teachers and innovation in education across Wisconsin. The district will also receive a \$6000 grant to support her outstanding work. Congratulations!



**Mrs. Held Awarded Herb Kohl Principal Leadership Award**

Hemlock Creek principal Kathleen Held was awarded with the 2024 Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Principal Leadership Award. The purpose of the leadership program is to recognize and support administrative leadership. Mrs. Held was chosen for setting high standards for instruction, achievement, and character, and creating a climate to best serve students, families, staff and community. A maximum of 13 Wisconsin public school principals and 4 private school principals are selected for a Leadership Award. Hemlock Creek will also receive a \$6000 grant. Nominations are accepted each fall.

