



## WEST DE PERE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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Dear West De Pere 5th Grade Parent or Guardian,

Your fifth grade student is scheduled to participate in a unit of study about puberty and reproduction (Human Growth and Development) this school year. In fifth grade, the boys and girls are separated for the instruction, which will take place during the school day. Mrs. Lucy Lozar, physical education teacher at WDP Intermediate School will meet with the girls and Mr. TJ Williams, physical education/ health teacher at WDP Middle School will meet with the boys. Both are certified Health instructors.

The West De Pere School District recognizes and encourages the primary role of parents/guardians as the human growth and development (HGD) educators of their students. The district's HGD curriculum is designed to partner with families to help students understand their growth and development, develop a positive self-concept, and acquire factual knowledge, skill, attitudes and values that result in behavior that contributes to the well-being of the individual, family, and community. In alignment with this mission statement, attached you will find an outline of the content that will be covered during the Grade 5 HGD unit. We are providing this outline to encourage you to have conversations with your student regarding the content. In addition, we have a website, <https://www.wdpsd.com/district/human-growth-and-development.cfm> where you can access additional resources to facilitate follow-up conversations with your student.

We welcome you to preview the instructional materials and videos that will be used as part of these units of study. Please contact your student's school office to get more information.

This curriculum provides the content that we believe to be important for students to know about and understand. All instructional activities have been designed to be appropriate for the developmental ages of the students. By participating, it is believed that students will be better equipped to make safe and appropriate choices regarding their health, safety, and personal values. As a parent/ guardian, however, it is your right to request that your student not take part in this unit. Please notify Mr. Marsden in writing if you do not want your student to participate in Human Growth and Development instruction. The unit is scheduled for February 13th, 14th, and 16th.

If you have any questions, please feel welcome to contact us.

Sincerely,

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