

HEMLOCK CREEK

NEWSLETTER

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A NOTE FROM MRS. HELD

Dear Hemlock Creek Families -

The staff and I wish you a Happy Holiday and a Happy New Year filled with good health and happiness. We all have a great deal to be thankful for every day and I am thankful for the opportunity to be able to work with our wonderful staff, your children, and our families on a daily basis. I hope that your time over our holiday break finds you well, warm, and an opportunity to make great memories. Don't forget to read a good book or play a math game together! The gift of time with your children helps to keep them mentally and emotionally strong and increases their self-esteem.

Important Dates

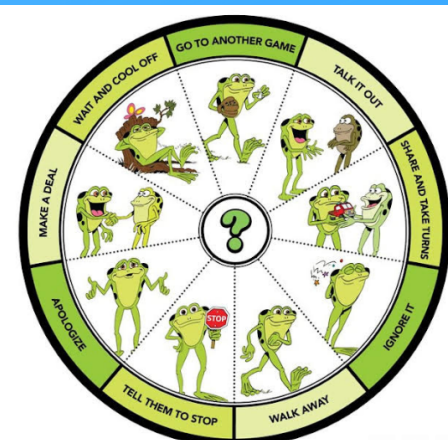
- January 2 - School Resumes
- January 2 - PTO Meeting @ 6:30 PM
- January 15 - No School
- January 18 - Literacy Night @ 6:00 PM



PHANTASTIC PHANTOM NEWS

The PBIS focus for the month of December was problem solving. The learning target for the focus was: **I can pick one solution to solve a problem.** In the younger grades, there is a focus on asking an adult for help. In the older grades, the students are working on the STEP acronym to help them be better problem solvers: **S**ay the problem, **T**hink of Solutions, **E**xplore Outcomes, **P**ick a Solution. Some of the discussion starters were: While playing a math game the dice rolled off the table, one player wants to re-role, and the other player wants to keep the number that landed on the floor. What are some ways to solve this issue?

At recess, you are walking around the playground struggling to find something to do. How can you solve your problem? A few of the activities that were addressed by the classrooms were: using classroom read alouds to analyze and discuss problems between character and learning how to use Kelso's Wheel during Phantom Skills Class with Mrs. Hettmann.



PTO NEWS

Thank you to everyone who attended our November meeting! Our next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 2nd** at 6:30 pm. We will meet in the HC library and as always, childcare will be available.

- Sarah Lisowe, PTO President

Looking for volunteer opportunities?: We are in need of some parent volunteers to be involved with our PTO!

Please let me know if you are interested and available to be involved.

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

STUDENT COUNCIL BELL RINGING

Student council rang bells at Festival Foods for the Salvation Army. Thank you to all those who stopped by and donated.



SPELLING BEE FINALISTS

Students in grades 3 and 4, participated in classroom spelling bees. Three students from each classroom moved on to compete in a grade level spelling bee on December 8th. 3rd Grade: Marie K, Hudson B, Kali P, Lucy G, Oliver W, Chase S, Allison C, Jansen K, Bradley H, Laycee K, Camden B, Lauren B, Camden B, Lauren B, Emma S, Laurel G, Decker P, Easton J, Braden H, and Harrison V. 4th Grade: Anna M, Anvi S, Lidia C, Ryder B, Denton D, Ella W, Gavin V, Aubrey C, Ava K, Tripp M, Callie V, Dedeepya A, Isla M, Hudson C, Henry J, Harper T, Aidan A, and Alexis G.

Congratulations to the following two students from each grade level that will be moving forward in the district Spelling Bee on **Friday, January 12th**, at the middle school: 3rd Grade – **Hudson B and Camden B** 4th Grade – **Aubrey C and Dedeepya A**. This will include students in grades 3-8.



COLD WEATHER REMINDERS

With the winter months here, please make sure your child comes to school with appropriate outdoor wear. Remind your child to wear boots, hat, gloves, warm clothing, etc. when the weather calls for this type of apparel. Dress for the weather! It is our Phantom Style.



LIBRARY NEWS

STEAM Centers

In December, 3rd graders experienced STEAM centers in the library. STEAM stands for Stem, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. The students had the opportunity to create, build, think critically, and collaborate. Our centers included bookmarks to color, StickTogether (a collaborative poster building creation), puzzles, Osmo, Dash robots, Genius Square games, Gravity Maze games, legos, and Keva blocks.

Family Book Club

Our Family Book Club is starting soon! If you signed up, the books will be distributed sometime in January. We are looking forward to reading *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* with so many families! This year, we have 192 students participating!



REQUEST FROM THE GYM

It is expected that all students wear clean and dry gym shoes when they attend their Physical Education classes. If possible, please have your child keep a pair in their school locker during the week so that they are prepared for class (now that many students are wearing their winter boots to school).

Students should not be wearing their gym shoes outdoors on the playground during the school day. If you could, please help make sure their gym shoes are clean and dry for class each week that would be a great help! Thanks so much for your cooperation with this.

LOST AND FOUND

Many items have accumulated in our Lost and Found area over the past couple months. Parents, please mark your child's items/clothes so that when they lose something, it will be easier to find the rightful owner. We also ask that you remind your child that if they lose something, to check out our Lost & Found area in the main hallway.

DISTRICT RESIDENT REQUEST FOR SCHOOL TRANSFER (POLICY #5007)

District residents who request to transfer schools within the School District of West De Pere for the 2023-2024 school year are due **January 31, 2024**. Guidelines to the West De Pere policy #5007 are:

- Only written requests will be considered.
- Requests by district residents for school transfer shall be made in writing during the month of January. Requests received after January 31st may be considered if space is available. Applicants should submit their written request by completing the "District Residents Request for School Transfer" form. Written requests should be submitted to the school office. Final decisions will be made by the building principals. Parents/guardians have the right to appeal decisions to the district office.

The complete policy #5007 and request form can be found on the West De Pere School District web site www.wdpsd.com

HAPPY RETIREMENT!

Thank you to Mrs. Polly Albers for 32 years in West De Pere! We wish her the best in retirement!



JANUARY 2024 HEMLOCK CREEK OFFICE STAFFING

Mrs. Julie Nolan, Admin. Asst.
Mrs. Jamie Schnurer, Secretary
Mrs. Cheryl Crozier, Office Clerical Aide

SCHOOL CONCERTS

Save the date!

Hemlock Creek will have grade-level concerts this year on the following dates:

- 4th Grade- Friday, May 10th @ 10:00-10:30 AM
- 3rd Grade- Friday, May 10th @ 2:30-3:00 PM
- 2nd Grade- Friday, May 17th @ 10:00-10:30 AM
- 1st Grade- Friday, May 17th @ 2:30-3:00 PM
- Kindergarten (Walker, Raschke, Sands, Herlache)- Tuesday, May 7th @ 2:30-3:00 PM
- Kindergarten (Neuens, Loch, Rohr)- Thursday, May 9th @ 2:30-3:00 PM

Concerts will be held at Hemlock Creek in the large gym. More detailed information will be shared as soon as possible.

-Kelsey Allen and Mary Bain, music teachers

