



# School District of West De Pere

## Board Update

A Vision of Pride and Excellence

April 2023

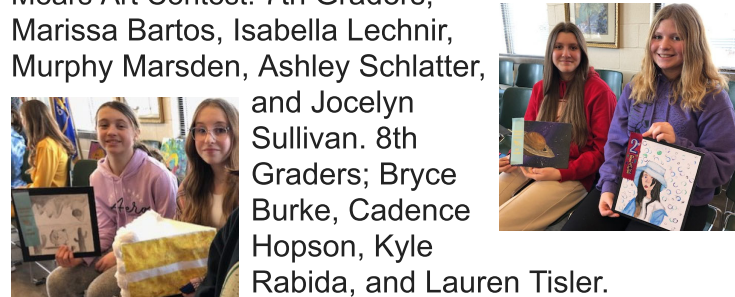
### HC & WW Special Guest

March was reading month and our K-2 students got to hang out with Bruce the Bear from the Ryan Higgins stories!



### Helen Mears Art Contest

Nine Middle School students were chosen as winners for the Women's Club of De Pere, Helen Mears Art Contest. 7th Graders; Marissa Bartos, Isabella Lechnir, Murphy Marsden, Ashley Schlatter, and Jocelyn Sullivan. 8th Graders; Bryce Burke, Cadence Hopson, Kyle Rabida, and Lauren Tisler.



### Kohl Fellowship

Laura Karlen, Middle School Counselor, and Melaine Clarke, High School Math Teacher, have both been chosen as 2023 Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Teacher Fellows. They will be honored at our District Dinner.



### Early Education Strategic Plan

Amy LaPierre, Director of Curriculum, represented the district at a 2 day early education strategic planning event with the Oneida Tribe. The focus was to identify and plan to implement strategies in their early childhood programming to close the learning gaps that exist for their students.



### Hemlock Creek Special Guests

The Vital Dance Crew from NYC performed for the students. The high-energy performance was accompanied by a positive message of respect, responsibility, setting life goals, and overcoming obstacles.



### WDP Youth Wrestling

Twelve wrestlers in the youth wrestling program, grades 3rd-8th, competed at the Youth State Wrestling Tournament. Brody Kartheiser, Braylon Stegall, Aidyn Gauthier, Thomas Heraly, Kaeden VanCamp, Mercedes Kruse, Rayanah Yates, Connor Woosencraft, Owen Stegall, Tiesen Lechnir, Cooper Abts, and Norman Heraly. Congratulations to Connor Woosencraft and Mercedes Kruse who both took first place!



### Westwood Leadership Team

Westwood's 4th Grade Leadership Team led a *High Dreams for Hygiene* drive and collected 2,208 items which will be used to serve the needs of our local community. The Team would like to thank the community for their generosity.



### Author Visit

Westwood Students received a special visit from Stephen and Trisha Shaskan, authors of several children's books. The students have spent the last several weeks listening to their books during library time.



### Read-a-Thon

On March 24th, the Intermediate School held a schoolwide read-a-thon and the theme was *Reading Takes You Places*. The students were invited to dress like tourists for the day.



### YMCA Before/After School Programs

These programs will continue at both Westwood Elementary and Hemlock Creek Elementary for the 2023-2024 school year as an option for before and after school care for our families.



### Green Bay Blizzard

Hemlock Creek Elementary had special guest players from the Green Bay Blizzard. They joined the students for lunch and recess!



### Therapy Dogs

The Middle School had a few furry friends visit them. Arlo and Boone are therapy dogs that make regular visits. They sure do bring a smile to everyone around!



### Math Carnival

On National Pi Day (March 14th), Westwood did a little math celebration of their own with their very first Math Carnival. Families were able to have dinner and explore fun math games with their families! Students celebrated with exciting prizes to take home to continue the math. There was fun for everyone!



### Green Schools Day

De Pere Mayor, James Boyd, has proclaimed April 13th as *Green Schools Day*, in support of the green and healthy learning environments. This further emphasizes our work to ensure sustainable practices on this day and throughout the year.



### Upcoming Events

- April 15 Prom at *Gather on Broadway*
- April 19 Golden Apple Awards at *Lambeau Field*
- April 20-22 - MS Theatre will present Disney's *Moana Jr* in the HS auditorium.
- April 22 Senior Ball at *Swan Club*
- May 3 District Dinner at *The Marq*
- May 20 Run Your Heart Across De Pere 5K Run -benefiting Hands Across De Pere
- May 21- High School Graduation at 2pm.
- May 22- Phantom Knight Graduation at *St. Norbert College* at 6pm
- May 22- MS Band Concert at the MS at 7 pm.
- May 24- MS Choir Concert in the HS auditorium at 6:30 pm.
- May 31- 8th Grade Promotion in the HS Fieldhouse at 3pm.
- June 9th Westwood PTO Golf Outing at *Mid Vallee Golf Course*

