



# School District of West De Pere

## Board Update

A Vision of Pride and Excellence

August 2023

### Westwood Summer Reading Program

Westwood PTO provided a fun way for students to keep up on their reading over the summer with fun incentives. Ice cream, a free book, and even a Phantom t-shirt could be earned!



### Phantom eAcademy update

During the 2023-24 school year, we have five West De Pere students who are participating in Phantom eAcademy in conjunction with our partnership with Kiel.



### Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) Grant

Thanks to the efforts of Brooke Watzka, our district has been awarded an EHCY grant in the amount of \$30,000. The district will use those funds to provide transportation to our homeless youth.



### Wisconsin Reading Law

In mid-July, Gov. Evers signed a new reading bill into law for the state of Wisconsin. Districts are currently awaiting clarity on what exactly will be required of districts and the timelines for meeting those requirements. Developments are being closely monitored.



### Illustrative Math Professional Development

All K-6 teachers of math participated in a two-day training on August 8 and 9 focusing on best practices in implementing Illustrative Math, our newly adopted math curriculum materials.



### Volleyball Camp

Volleyball camps were held at the HS for grades 3-8th. Everyone worked hard and learned a lot!



### School Nutrition

The summer months have been busy in the school nutrition area. Along with serving breakfast and lunch to students, we had 2 training sessions for staff.

One on 7/11 which we had 20 staff members attend and on 8/1 which we had 14 staff members attend. They reviewed production records, reimbursable meal identification, and meal pattern requirements by grade. There will be additional training the week before school which will include a chef visit.



### Restorative Practices Training

Sixty staff members were trained over the course of two days (August 1 and 2) in Restorative Practices. Restorative Practices are strategies that help build community and relationships, and manage conflict and tensions in ways that center on dignity and respect.



### **Continual Learners**

Our K-6 teachers participated in a two-day training on our new math program, Illustrative Math!



### **Upcoming Events**

- August 27 Hands Across De Pere from 3-6 pm at the Swan Club
- August 29 Staff Inservice in the High School Auditorium
- September 15 WDP Dance Experience for grades 4K-8th at the High School

