



School District of West De Pere

Board Update

A Vision of Pride and Excellence

December 2021

FFA National Convention

West De Pere FFA attended the National FFA Convention! They did some awesome tours at Harry Hansen Meat Service, Fair



Oaks Dairy, and Hunters Honey Farm. Additionally, they attended a rodeo.



Westwood & Hemlock Creek Kindergarten Storybook Parades

Kindergarten finished up their very first unit in Reader's Workshop. They have become storybook readers! To celebrate this, they had a Storybook Parade. Each student picked their favorite storybook and marched through the halls, holding their selected book as the students in grades 1-4 congratulated them.



Middle School Library Thankful Tree

Ms. Verbeten started a thankful tree in the library for students to showcase what they are thankful for. Friends, family, pets, teachers and spaghetti!



Middle School Food Drive

For the past few weeks, the Middle School Student Council and National Junior Honor Society partnered up to sponsor a food and clothing drive called Battle the Cold. Students were encouraged to bring in non-perishable foods or gently used winter outerwear. To make it fun, it was made into a grade-level competition! From November 8-17, both 7th and 8th-grade students brought in food and clothing. The result was the LARGEST collection West De Pere Middle School has EVER had -- OVER 5,500 items were collected! Eighth grade won the competition with a total of 2,907 items, and seventh grade collected 2,620 items. A majority of those items are being donated to the West De Pere community, and any remaining items will be given to local shelters and food pantries.



Rex Reader Visits Westwood

First grade had a VERY special guest. Rex Reader from the SSDA (Super Secret Detective Agency) made an appearance at Westwood's Word Detective Ceremony to induct our first graders as Official Word Detectives!!!



Rock your Mocs 2021

The Schools took part in Rock your Mocs, which was established in 2011. Rock Your Mocs is a worldwide Native American & Indigenous Peoples social media event held annually and during National Native American Heritage Month in the United States. People wear their moccasins, take a photo/video/story, add hashtag #RockYourMocs and upload to social media. This creates an online photo album for the world to see and enjoy.



Middle School Density Challenge

Students in Science 8 tried the "escape" Density Challenge. Students from Mrs. Pamperin's class used great creative thinking and communication skills to successfully "escape"!



Do you want to build a snowman?

Hemlock Creek students took advantage of the newly fallen snow and made snowmen creations.



Hydroponic Farmstand

The Hemlock Creek Student Council project this year is a Hydroponic Farmstand that looks like a "spaceship". Using the Lettuce Grown System, student council members will be responsible for giving the system the nutrients, and testing the pH levels of the water. Students harvest the plants for student lunches. They are now growing a mix of lettuces, edible flowers, strawberries, and herbs to be enjoyed all year long.



WDP Dance Team

Participated in the 11th Annual Ashwaubenon Dance Invitational. They made West De Pere proud! They took 1st place in D2 Kick & Pom and won the best costume award. Great Job Ladies!



De Pere Christian Outreach Christmas Store

Special thanks to Brooke Watzka and Sabrina Esala who coordinated West De Pere's involvement in the De Pere Christian Outreach Christmas store. Fifty five West De Pere families, including 153 West De Pere students, were served at this event. Some district office staff members helped to work the event and assist families on one of the days the store was in operation.



COVID Update

Masking optional starting Dec.17th.

Upcoming Events

- Dec.19th 4PM- High School Auditorium Grand Re-Opening Alumni Jazz Concert. Please use the link below to reserve your seat. (<https://wdphs.eventbrite.com>)