



School District of West De Pere

A Vision of Pride and Excellence

Board Update

February 2022

WDP Wrestling

West De Pere Wrestling took 2nd place as a Team at Green Bay United Scramble. Individual highlights were: Lucius 4th place, Gavin 1st place, Ethan 3rd place, Ryker 2nd place, Alec 2nd place, Zac 4th place, Mudd 3rd place, and Spencer 1st place. Great Job!



K-8 Spelling Bee

The Spelling Bee was held on January 14th in the Middle School Library. There were 25 participants (3-8th grade) The Winner was Thomas Rastall (8th grade). Thomas placed 2nd in the 2022 Wisconsin State Journal Regional Spelling Bee that was held at Edison Middle School on Tuesday, February 15, 2022. Congratulations to Thomas! Thank you to Elizabeth Mineau and team for organizing the event.



DPI School Library Work Group

Jen Wathke, one of our district's Library Media/Instructional Technology Specialists, was recently selected to be a part of the School Library Work Group for the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. As part of this team, she will contribute ideas to meaningful discussions surrounding current topics relevant to school library media specialists and will serve as a leading voice of Wisconsin school libraries. Congratulations, Jen!



Golden Apple

Teachers nominated for this year's Golden Apple Award were recently released. A total of 91 individual teachers and 5 teaching teams from WDPSSD were nominated. In addition, Becky Erdmann, 1st grade teacher at Hemlock Creek, and the World Language Team at West De Pere High School (Angie Davidson, Becky Deeg, Julie Flynn, Erin Gutschow, Laurie Lambert, and Jodi Nickels) were named Teachers of Distinction for this year's Golden Apple Awards.



Title VI Parent Advisory Committee

As a new funding requirement of our Title VI grant, a Parent Advisory Committee will be formed this year for the Indian Education Program of the School District of West De Pere. The PAC has formal written bylaws and will provide regular advisory input on the district's use of the Title VI grant funds.



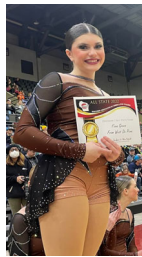
Soccer Technical Training Nights

The High School Soccer Teams are hosting free technical training sessions for 5-8th grade students in the indoor athletic facility at the High School. Thank you to the coaches for organizing this event.



Dance Team

Congratulations on being the D3 Pom State Champions & placing 2nd for D2 Kick! Also, congratulations to soloist Fiona Green for making the All State Team.



HS Archery Team

The Archery Team won the team tournament in Hortonville. There were 6 schools competing. Congratulations to Ryan Doherty who won with a score of 288 and Ryan Ruthland in second place with 285!



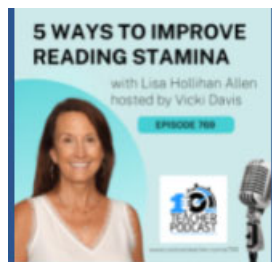
Community Support

The Mark and Mary Peterson Foundation, have graciously donated \$1,000 to our youth, which will be used to support our literacy efforts at Westwood Elementary through the purchase of books for students. We extend our thankfulness to them and their foundation.



Featured Teacher

Lisa Hollihan Allen, reading specialist at West De Pere Intermediate School, was recently a featured speaker on the "10 Minute Teacher Podcast" which features the best and brightest educators from around the world. Lisa's podcast topic was "5 Ways to Build Reading Stamina in Adolescent Learners." Congratulations, Lisa.



Middle School Luau Party/Dance

The Middle School hosted a Luau Party/Dance. Students and staff dressed to impress in their Hawaii attire. A great time was had by all!



High School Musical

The High School Theatre presents the musical, The Lighting Thief on February 25th-27th. This will be the first theatrical production in the newly renovated WDP Auditorium! A huge shout out to the community and district for supporting the referendum that made this renovation possible!



Indigenous Concert

On Wednesday, March 30th we will have an Indigenous Music concert performed by Menominee Musician/Artist Wade Fernandez, held in the High School auditorium from 6 - 7:30 pm.



This will be a FREE event, thanks to funding from the Oneida Nation's SEEDS Grant through their Arts Program, funding from both Hemlock Creek and Westwood's PTO, and the district's Title VI Program funds.

Kohl Teacher Fellowship



Rochelle Coopman, science teacher at West De Pere High School, has been named a state finalist for the Herb Kohl Fellowship for the 2021-22 school year. Congratulations, Rochelle!