



School District of West De Pere

A Vision of Pride and Excellence

Board Update

May 2022

Middle School Art Show

The Middle School hosted an Art Show on April 12th in the commons where students displayed their artwork. Many students took part in the event. It was a great way to showcase their talents.



Intermediate/Middle School Talent Show

The students at the Middle School and Intermediate School participated in a talent show that was held in the High School auditorium. The event was a great way to showcase the talents of our amazing students.



Westwood Chorus Concert

Students at Westwood Elementary performed a "spaced out" themed concert to parents and staff on April 22nd.



State Grant Awarded

The state awarded a grant for Peer-to-Peer Suicide Prevention for \$1,000 to the Student Services Department/Prevention and Wellness for this school year. The grant is going to help support and expand our existing Hope Squad Programs.



Every 15 Minutes

The High School participated in a program called "Every 15 Minutes". The program is a two-day program focusing on high school juniors and seniors, which challenges them to think about drinking, driving, personal safety, the responsibility of making mature decisions and the impact their decisions have on family, friends, their community, and many others.



Kids Heart Challenge

Hemlock Creek and Westwood Elementary Schools took part in the Kids Heart Challenge, led by Kris Luebke, Andrea Brehm, Angie Moeller, Robert Hagenow and Daniel Knetter. They taught their students about taking care of their own hearts and how to handle an emergency.



HS Forensics Heads to State Competition

The High School Forensics Team headed to Madison to represent West De Pere in the State Competition. Every member medaled. Seniors, Scout Lex and Cerese Voyles, and Freshman, Jessica Gauthier all brought home gold. Great Job!



Westwood Food Drive

Since the pandemic, we have noticed that there is an increase of food insecurity in our community. To help with that, Westwood Elementary held a food drive on April 18-22. The 4th grade team collected and sorted the food, and almost 6,000 food items were collected. The food that was collected went into making food boxes for West De Pere families in need.



High School Multicultural Club

On April 13th, the Multicultural Club hosted a Korean cooking class. Sonja and Sujin traveled from Appleton and taught the students how to make Bibimbap (a traditional Korean rice dish) all while learning about Korean culture.



WPS Youth Volunteer of the Year Award

Grace Fuss, Freshman at the High School, was selected as WPS Youth Volunteer of the Year for her non-profit organization, Fighting Cancer with Grace. This award is given to a youth for the work they do to give back to our community. Congratulations Grace!



Hemlock Creek Staff Variety Show

Hemlock Creek Teachers put on a variety show for the students. The teachers from each grade got together and performed a dance or skit to entertain the students and staff. Everyone had a blast!



Golden Apple Award Banquet

The Golden Apple Award banquet was held on April 20th. 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. It was a great event that celebrated our talented teachers.



Technology Disaster Recovery/Incident Response Plan

Thanks to the work of Curt Pieschek and Bob Neuville, the district's Disaster Recovery/Incident Response Plan for the Information Technology Department has been completely updated. This document would position us well in the case of a cyber attack or any other technology related incident.



Phuture Phoenix

On April 28th, fifth grade students went to UWGB as part of the Phuture Phoenix Program. The program encourages attendance, inspires academic success, and the opportunities of higher education. They spent their day touring the campus. Students that choose to attend UWGB can apply for a scholarship as a former Phuture Phoenix student!



Middle School Competes at UW Oshkosh

Middle School students competed against 27 other middle schools in the UW Oshkosh Mathematical Problem Solving Contest and placed second! Great Job!



Intermediate/Middle School Musical

The Wizard of Oz was a huge success! There were 150 students involved in the production. Thank you to all involved for all their hard work.



FFA Petting Zoo

Our High School Chapter of the FFA (Future Farmers of America) held its annual petting zoo in the parking lot of the High School. It was a great way for students to have a chance to interact with the animals.



2021-22 Educator Effectiveness Grant

West De Pere's application for the 2021-22 Educator Effectiveness Grant has been approved by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction in the amount of \$22,160. The funds will be used to pay the expenditures associated with EE system costs.



Scholarship Night

The annual scholarship night for West De Pere High School seniors was held on Wednesday, May 11. Many outstanding senior students were recognized and \$2,331,000 in scholarships awarded.



Goody Duathlon

On May 13th, Applied Learners and their awesome senior mentors headed to Pulaski to participate in the Goody Duathlon. They ran/walked 2 miles, rode a bike for 4 miles, and then ran/walked another mile to cross the finish line!

Participants:

Connor Hudak and Nate Heikkla
Ambrose Day-Bedeau and Taylor Kazik-Sieck
Isaiah Sachse and Alek Kralovec
Malakai Huff and Zach Magnin
Angel Quinones and Alyssa Ostrenga
Alex Watson and Lauren Schumacher
Rihana Babl and Sophia Shovald



Middle School National Honor Society

18 students were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society. They earned this honor by effectively demonstrating the five qualities that serve as standards for the society: Scholarship, Leadership, Service, Citizenship and Character. Congratulations to all our inductees!

