



School District of West De Pere

Board Update-needs updating

A Vision of Pride and Excellence

May 2023

Facility/Therapy Dog- Arlo

The Hobart/Lawrence Police Department has a new facility/therapy dog and his handler is Officer Manning, our school liaison officer at Hemlock Creek Elementary. The purpose of the new program is to provide therapeutic aid to students and build positive relationships between police and citizens, both in the schools, and in the general community.



IS Career Day

Both 5th and 6th grade were able to watch community members' presentations about their careers. This is a valuable experience for students.



IS S.T.E.A.M Night/Art Show

On April 26th the Intermediate School hosted a S.T.E.A.M.(Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, & Math) night. They displayed student artwork, had various STEM activities for families to participate in. Students could make their own stop-motion animations.



WW Visits Greenhouse

2nd graders at Westwood Elementary got to take a walking field trip to De Pere Greenhouse & Floral. This was a great way to wrap up their plant unit in science.



HC 1st Grade Concert

Hemlock Creek 1st graders presented their concert to family and friends.



Dairy Star

Phantom Perks cafe at the High School was recognized in the Dairy Star. *"Students at West De Pere High School cannot get enough of the dairy product options available at Phantom Perks café. New this school year, the grab-and-go on-site café opened September 2022. Every day, kids are lining up for hot chocolate milk, iced coffee lattes, yogurt parfaits and smoothies, which are served as part of breakfast and lunch offerings."*



HS Forensics

The High School Forensics Team brought home 12 golds, 3 silvers and a bronze at the State meet in April.



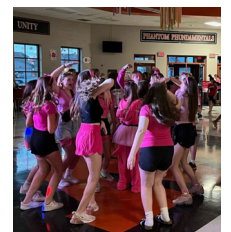
UW Oshkosh Problem-Solving Contest



Congratulations to Middle School Students; Levi, Max, Lily, and Kayla for taking first place in the team event for 8th graders at the competition.

MS Dance

On April 17th the Middle School hosted a Spring Pink Out Dance. The students all wore pink and danced the night away.



WW Learning Extravaganza

On April 25th Westwood hosted a student learning extravaganza! The event featured student art, exemplary learning and reflections, a book fair, and treats.



Mental Health Presentation for Parents

On April 26, the District offered a presentation for parents focusing on how parents can best support their children who may be experiencing anxiety. It was held in the WDPHS auditorium with approximately 65 attendees. The presenter was Lisa Tutsky, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist with Prevea. Resources were also available from our district library media specialists and counseling teams.



Fallen Timbers

Hemlock Creek 2nd graders took a field trip to Fallen Timbers and learned all about nature.



CESA 7 Artist Retreat

A group of our students participated in the CESA 7 Artistic Retreat at the Rahr Memorial School Forest in Two Rivers. After a morning of exploring various art activities, they took a quick walk to see Lake Michigan.



HC Bakery

Third-grade math groups used fractions in the real world with a bakery project. They chose a recipe, researched the food prices, and "sold" their baked goods to all of the 3rd graders.



HS Scholarship Night

On May 10th, at Scholarship Night, the Class of 2023 earned \$3,290,639 in scholarships.



Phantom Knight Charter School Update

As the school year nears an end, we are preparing to graduate our 2023 class that consists of two students. Graduation will be held at 6:00 pm on Monday, May 22 in the Michels Commons on the St. Norbert College campus. Our two seniors have completed their senior projects and will present their work in the coming weeks. One senior completed his project on education, which included creating and leading lessons in an elementary classroom. Another senior wrote a screenplay and created a short film.



Currently, enrollment at Phantom Knight consists of 25 students. The projected enrollment for next school year is 26 students. This is consistent with past enrollment and it is expected to increase once the 2023-2024 school year begins. Additionally the advisors have met with the counseling staff at the Intermediate and Middle School levels to assist in identifying students who may be a good learning match for project based learning.

During the summer, the advisors will be working to review the state standards and condense the standards into a usable format for students. Currently, when a student proposes a project they are required to check the state standards that the project will meet. By condensing the standards, students will be able to focus less on the redundancy of the standards and deepen their understanding.

Additionally, we continue to review options for students to experience learning outside of the school. Many of our students are craving hands-on learning. Over the summer and during the course of the next school year we will explore ways to provide hands-on experiences by building partnerships with area businesses and agencies.

Upcoming Events

- 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*
- August 27th Hands Across De Pere from 3-6 pm at the Swan Club

