



HEMLOCK CREEK



NEWSLETTER

1900 WILLIAMS GRANT DR

PHONE: (920) 425-1900

OCTOBER 2023

A NOTE FROM MRS. HELD

I am so excited for our first-ever PTO Read-a-thon! This will be replacing the catalog fundraiser of past years that were successful but this may be more meaningful because we can promote the love of reading too! A packet of information will be coming home with your child on Monday, Oct. 2nd. This fundraiser is the major fundraiser for the school year to support grade-level field trips, and activity nights like STEAM, Math and Literacy nights. This year PTO will also be sponsoring an author visit in November! We encourage you to participate in building a lifelong love of reading with tracking reading minutes outside of school and/or through donations or pledges. There will be cool incentives for the students to earn based on their reading minutes and pledges. Donations can be made online with a slight convenience fee OR cash/checks can be sent to school. Our school goal is 150,000 reading minutes AND \$35,000. Updates will be announced and I encourage you to find the Hemlock Creek Elementary School page as well as the joining the group: Hemlock Creek Elementary PTO.

Please note on Monday, October 31, students and staff at Hemlock Creek do not dress up for Halloween during the school day. This would be a distraction to our learning and could be a safety issue. If your family participates in trick or treating, we encourage you to review safety tips with your children.

Kathleen Held, Proud Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

- Oct 6 – Early Dismissal @ 11:50 AM
- Oct 19 – Early Dismissal @ 11:50 AM
- Oct 19 – Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:00–8:00 PM
- Oct 19 – PTO Book Fair
- Oct 20 – No School



OCTOBER CONFERENCES

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, Oct. 19th from 1:00-8:00 p.m. Report cards will be emailed home on Tuesday, Dec. 12th. Information about scheduling a conference will be in Tuesday notes. Conferences will be an opportunity to give you a progress update of your child's learning and to share information about their areas of strengths and areas that may still need to be addressed. We look forward to meeting with you to set goals for this school year.

SCHOOL FEES

School fees are as follows: 4-Year-Old Kindergarten: \$15, Kindergarten & Grade 1: \$40.00 and Grades 2-4: \$45.00. Applications for a fee waiver were sent home with the students on the first day.

School fee payments can be paid by cash, check, or online. A \$2.95 service fee per transaction will be collected for online payments..

SAFETY

For your safety, your child's safety, and the safety of the bus drivers, please use the designated crosswalk areas when picking up your child at the end of the day. Thank you for your cooperation with this issue.



END OF THE DAY PICK-UP

REMINDER: If you are planning on picking up your child at the end of the day, please make sure they have a note with them. Without a note, your child will be put on the bus.

ABSENCE OR LATE STUDENT

We are continuing with our Student Verification Telephone Reporting. Parents need to call in a child's absence by 8:00 a.m. each day that your child will be late or absent. The messages recorded each day are compared to the absentee list that comes from each classroom. If there is no call from you, we call a parent to find out why your child has not come to school. It is vital that parents use this phone line so that if a child has not reported to school, a parent can be notified immediately. You can call and leave a message 24 hours a day. Please dial (920) 425-1900, please press 2.

A NOTE FROM THE LITERACY COACH

Welcome to a new school year! A new school year brings about lots of excitement and energy; it is also a big transition. This transition can be easy for some and more challenging for others. In our home, the start of a new school year and routine has been a challenge. Less time together definitely contributes to this transitional period.

Reading Aloud is a cherished time in our home and something that we do every night to spend time together. It is a great routine to set and something you can do with your child at any age. Enjoy some of your favorite stories together or look for some new ones!

There are many benefits to reading aloud to your child. Some benefits include:

- developing reading as enjoyment.
- providing opportunities to improve listening skills.
- developing comprehension and providing you and your child an opportunity to engage in a conversation.

Happy reading this school year!

Jessica Budek, Literacy Coach/Hemlock Creek
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PHANTOM FUN W RUN

2 MILE RUN/WALK - RAIN OR SHINE!

SEPT. 30TH, 2023

REGISTRATION @ 8:00 A.M. - 8:30 A.M. START

LOCATION:

HEMLOCK CREEK ELEMENTARY
 1900 WILLIAMS GRANT DR.

EARLY REGISTRATION:
 JULY 30 - SEPT. 8TH

\$18/PERSON
 \$55/FAMILY (UP TO 4)

\$10 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBER

LATE REGISTRATION:
 SEPT. 9TH - RACE DAY

\$23/PERSON
 \$70/ FAMILY (UP TO 4)

\$10 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBER

SCAN ME!



POST RUN ACTIVITIES:

POLICE CAR, FIRE TRUCK, HULA HOOPING, MUSIC, WDPMS DANCE TEAM, CROSSFIRE FITNESS KIDS & RAFFLE PRIZES!



SCHOOL COUNSELING NEWS

Mrs. Hettmann & Mrs. Johnson

This month in Phantom Skills class, students will develop a growth-mindset and learn how to set goals for themselves. Students will learn to overcome challenging tasks and to see mistakes as learning opportunities.

Here is the breakdown of October Phantom Skills lesson topics by grade level:

- **Kindergarten:** *Mistakes Are Okay and Practice Makes Better*
- **1st Grade:** *Helpful Thoughts and Practicing to Learn Something New*
- **2nd Grade:** *What Mistakes Tell Us and Helpful and Unhelpful Thoughts*
- **3rd Grade:** *Changing Your Brain and Getting Better with Practice*
- **4th Grade:** *Setting a Good Goal and Reflecting on the Goal-Setting Process*

SCHOOL COUNSELING INTERNS

During the months of September through December, the Hemlock Creek School Counseling Department will have two School Counseling Interns named Erin Cooper and Mary Perkins! They are both graduate school students, who will be working with Hemlock Creek students under the supervision of Mrs. Hettmann and Mrs. Johnson.



A note from Ms. Cooper: Hello Hemlock Creek community! My name is Erin Cooper and I am working with Mrs. Johnson as a school counseling intern. I go to school at UW Oshkosh and I will be at Hemlock Creek through December of this year. In my free time, I enjoy running, biking, and spending time with family and friends. I hope to get a chance to meet some of you throughout my time here!



A note from Mrs. Perkins: My name is Mary Perkins, and I am a student at Lakeland University. I taught cross-categorical special education at Hemlock Creek Elementary from 2018-2023, and I decided to go on for my master's degree because I enjoy helping young people develop socially, emotionally, and academically. In my free time, I enjoy listening to my husband play the bass in Unity the Band, running in races in Chicago with my brother, and spending time with my family and friends. I am also a huge Chicago Bears fan because I grew up in a Northwest suburb of Chicago. I look forward to working with students at Hemlock Creek!



PHANTASTIC PHANTOM NEWS

The school year is off and running. We have had some ups and downs, but your child continues to be a Phantastic Phantom by: being respectful, being safe, being responsible, and being a problem solver.

For the month of Sept, our PBIS focus was on having a growth mindset. A growth mindset can be defined this way: the understanding that learning new things takes practice and that mistakes help you learn.

One way to help you develop a growth mindset is by setting goals. Mrs. Hettman, during your child's Phantom Skills class, talked to your child about goal setting. The other word that was shared, "yet". Yet, is a powerful word, it means that I will be able to do something, at some point.

The students thus far have risen up to the challenges set before them. We were able to hand out the Phantastic Phantom Traveling Trophies to six classrooms: Mrs. Neuens' and Mrs. Herlache's Classes in Kindergarten, Mrs. LaPierre's and Mrs. Erdmann's Classes in First Grade, Mrs. Bixby's and Mrs. Adler's Classes in Second Grade, Ms. Seidl's and Mrs. Lynn's Classes in Third Grade, and Ms. Glaeser's and Mrs. Brossard's Classes in Fourth Grade.

Recognitions have been handed out to 142 of our K-4 students. The first week received a shiny, colorful fish pen and the second week received a fuzzy fun pen. Keep up the fantastic work all you Phantastic Phantoms!

During the month of October, we will be focusing on safety.

PBIS – POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERACTIONS AND SUPPORT

Our entire student population and staff will participate in PBIS. We believe that schools can only be successful when they help children grow academically, socially, and emotionally. In order for this to happen, it is important that we establish a safe environment that allows students to grow. It is our goal to create an atmosphere for learning by setting clear expectations and directly teaching students about our expectations. We have four clearly defined expectations: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe, and Be a Problem Solver. We believe that if students can show those expectations, they will have success. Every student will be taught our four expectations in multiple settings throughout our school. Students will be instructed as to what the expectations look and sound like. It will not be assumed that students know this information. Our goal through PBIS is that teachers will have more time to teach and students will have more time to learn! Please ask your child what makes a "Phantastic Phantom" and be sure to review the PBIS section in the parent/teacher handbook!



BIRTHDAY TREATS

Dear Families: Due to loss academic time of students delivering treats to other teachers and the disruption to the classrooms both coming and going, the staff has decided that birthday treats will only be shared in your child's classroom. The kids no longer will be leaving to pass them out to other teachers, the office, etc. We appreciate your understanding in this matter.



PARENT LUNCH

Parents are welcome to have lunch with their children in the school cafeteria. However, due to limitations in seating accommodations, please reserve lunch visits to special occasions.

HEMLOCK CREEK LIBRARY

We are excited to welcome students back to the library this year!

As your child brings home library books, a question we often get asked is "Why is my child bringing home library books that he/she can't read by themselves?"

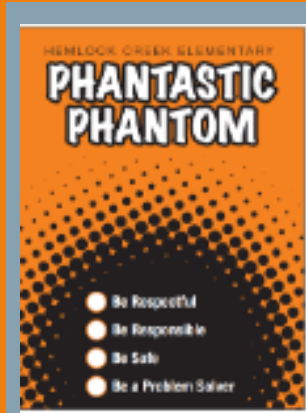
Children are taught reading skills everyday at their instructional level in the classroom. These books are written at the instructional level for your child. Even though independent reading is vital for your child's learning, they still need to hear book language being read to them. This builds their vocabulary and helps them work on their comprehension.

The school library is a place where children can have a choice in reading and explore their own interests. Students often get excited about checking out books that they want to share and read with a sibling or parent. The library books do not have reading levels and we do not know students' reading levels. We love to see students' excitement about books and do not want to discourage that by telling a student that they can't have a book because they can't read it. Often kids are able to read higher level books if they are interested in it and have background knowledge on the topic. These books also bring a great opportunity for families to read and explore the books together. Parents who choose to can have a conversation with your child about their book choices. In the library, our role is to foster a love of reading and support student choice in reading.

Jennifer Gossen - Library Media/Instructional Technology Specialist

PHANTASTIC PHANTOM SLIPS

From time to time you may see one of these slips come home and wonder what this slip is for? These slips are part of our PBIS program here at Hemlock Creek. When an individual is noticed honoring one of our expectations here at school, they are recognized with a Phantastic Phantom slip. The teacher shares the reason the student is receiving a slip. The student then would sign the back of the slip and turn it in. Each classroom has a designated spot for the students to collect them. The teacher may use them for special recognition within the room. Then, the slips are collected by me on a weekly/biweekly basis to help select two students from each classroom to earn a Phantastic Phantom recognition (items such as: smelly pencils, pens that light up, coupons, etc). If you have any questions about our PBIS program, feel free to contact Mr. Kowalczyk.



LIBRARY AIDES

Holly Fey - 4th and 3rd grade

Katie Natzke - 2nd grade + K
(Rohr, Raschke, Sands, Herlache)

Lisa Kornowski - 1st grade + K
(Neuens, Loch, Walker)



MEET OFFICER SARAH MANNING!

Hello!

I wanted to give a quick introduction of myself to all parents and students whom I have not met. My name is Sarah Manning. The students at school call me Officer Sarah and/or Officer Manning. This is my fifth school year as School Resource Officer at Hemlock Creek Elementary. Getting to be a part of the West De Pere School District has been the greatest joy of my career thus far.

I have been a police officer for the Hobart-Lawrence Police Department for over 4 years. Before my career with the Hobart-Lawrence Police Department, I was a police officer, for approximately a year, for the Lena Police Department. Prior to my career as a police officer, I worked security for Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, interned for security with the Green Bay Packers, and also coached volleyball and basketball at Lena High School. I attended Northeast Wisconsin Technical College for Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement. I have extensive training and work experience working with students, families, teachers, and faculty in school settings.

I am here to interact with the students and to assist them with building positive interactions with police officers and feel confident that a police officer is a person whom they can trust if they need ever help. I am involved in the classrooms and present safety presentations throughout the year for different grade levels including Police Introductions, 911 Emergencies, Charlie Check First, Conflict Resolution, Internet Safety, Bullying/Cyber-bullying, The Purple Hand Pledge, and A.L.I.C.E.

I am here as a support and provide information to teachers, staff, and parents to include any and all law enforcement related questions and civil issues. I am also here to lend a helping hand to staff/the school in any form I can.

I encourage parents with any questions, to feel free to call or stop by my office. I am happy to announce that I am at the school full time and am available anytime throughout the school day. However, if you have an emergency needing immediate police services, please call 911.

Thank you for all you do as parents. Together we can make this a Phantastic school year!

ALICE

Throughout the month of October, Officer Sarah will be working with classrooms to review the components of ALICE. ALICE is a system of proactive strategies that helps people respond proactively during an emergency situation. All schools in the district participate in ALICE. Each letter in ALICE represents one of the proactive strategies.

A - Alert L - Lockdown I - Inform C - Counter E - Evacuate

Here is a brief description of some of the wording that will be used with students:

Evacuate (Run) - Students will leave the building and run/walk to the rally point.

Rally Point -The safe place students will go in the event of an emergency at school. It has been selected with great consideration for student safety and proximity to each building.

Counter -Students will learn distraction techniques in order to flee a dangerous situation.

For example: throwing things at an intruder to distract him/her in order to give students more time to flee the room.

We will have a school-wide evacuation drill and practice going to our rally point at some point this school year. If you have any questions regarding ALICE training, please contact the office or Officer Manning.

ARLO UPDATE

Arlo has been a busy pup the last few months! All the training and events he's taken a part in have paid off! A while back he was able to complete his AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy certification and received a medal!

Earlier this morning, Arlo passed his test and received his AKC CGC (Canine Good Citizen) Certification! One step closer to Therapy Dog. The best boy out there!



HEMLOCK CREEK PTO

Thank you to everyone who attended our first meeting of the year at The Brickhouse! It was wonderful to see some new faces and I'm looking forward to another wonderful school year!

If you couldn't make the first meeting, we'd love for you to join us in October! Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 3rd at 6:30 pm. This month we will meet upstairs in the school library. Free childcare will be available to anyone needing it.

Did you know that we have a new website? Check it out at hemlockcreekelementarypto.com for up to date information on what's happening with our PTO!

- Sarah Lisowe, PTO President

Book Fair: We will be hosting a book fair on October 19th (Conference Day) from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm. Please stop by and treat your child to a new book! Proceeds will go to the Hemlock Creek PTO. If you have an hour or two available to volunteer, please contact Jackie VerBruggen at JackieStewart15@gmail.com. Help is especially needed during the "clean up" hours.



Read-a-thon: We are so excited to be having our first Read-a-thon here at Hemlock Creek! This fundraiser will be replacing the Cherrydale fundraiser. Be looking for information coming home and get ready to read!

PTO contact: For questions, information, or inquiries about ways to get involved, please contact Sarah Lisowe at slisowe@gmail.com

23-24 HEMLOCK CREEK PTO MEETINGS & EVENTS

- Thursday, August 24th @ 11:45 am
Kindergarten Family PTO Meet & Greet @ Hemlock Creek Playground
- Tuesday, September 12th @ 6:30 PM
PTO Meeting @ Brickhouse (upstairs)
- Tuesday, October 3rd @ 6:30 PM
PTO Meeting @ Hemlock Creek
- Tuesday, November 7th @ 6:30 PM
PTO Meeting @ Brickhouse (upstairs)
- Tuesday, January 2nd @ 6:30 PM
PTO Meeting @ Hemlock Creek
- Tuesday, February 6th @ 6:30 PM
PTO Meeting @ Brickhouse (upstairs)
- Tuesday, March 5th @ 6:30 PM
PTO Meeting @ Hemlock Creek
- Tuesday, April 2nd @ 6:30 PM
PTO Meeting @ Brickhouse (upstairs)



RECESS RESCUERS



Recess Rescuers will be available to help students during lunch recess! 21 caring 4th grade students are trained and ready to help other students in grades 1st through 4th solve small peer conflicts on the playground.

What are the Recess Rescuers?

If two students have a small problem, the students can choose to work out their differences with the Recess Rescuers available at lunch recess. The Recess Rescuers will give each student a chance to share their side of the story and encourage both students to share their ideas for solving the problem.

Once a safe and fair solution is chosen, the students sign a contract stating that they will try that solution. *Students are never forced to work with the Recess Rescuers, and those who choose mediation through Recess Rescuers are not in trouble.*



What if my student has a big problem?

If your student is struggling with a big problem with another student, encourage them to go to a trusted adult at school for help. The Recess Rescuers are trained to recognize when a problem is too big for them, and they know to find an adult for help in these cases.

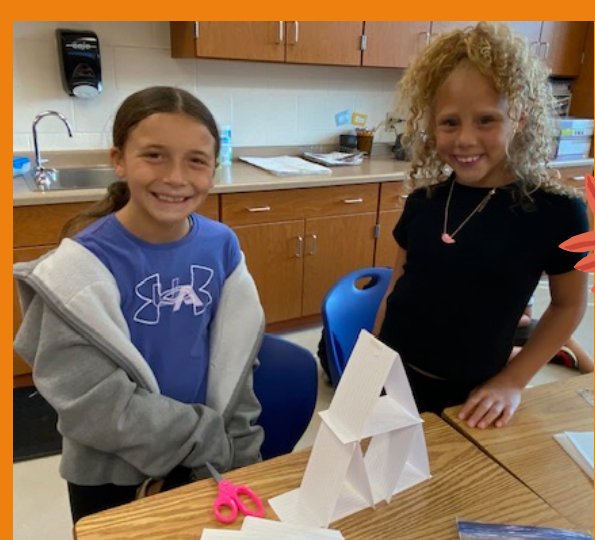
Why does Hemlock Creek Elementary School need Recess Rescuers?

The goal of the Recess Rescuers Program at Hemlock Creek Elementary School is to help students learn how to solve conflicts without adult intervention. When children are taught to go to adults for help for everyday peer conflicts, they lose the opportunity to learn self-responsibility and valuable conflict resolution skills that will help them in school and beyond. The Hemlock Creek Recess Rescuers Program is designed to provide all students with trained student leaders to help them learn to resolve conflict peacefully in the moment. The Recess Rescuers are trained to coach other students to find their own solutions rather than telling them what to do to solve the problem. Therefore, every Recess Rescuers mediation provides an opportunity for students to learn and grow.

How will my students find the Recess Rescuers?

There will be two Recess Rescuers on duty during 1st and 2nd grade lunch recess and two Recess Rescuers on duty during 3rd and 4th grade lunch recess. Students will recognize the Peer Mediators by their bright green vests! The Recess Rescuers also carry clipboards with important problem-solving information like a feelings chart and a copy of a problem-solving wheel to help students identify their feelings and find a safe and fair solution to their problems.





ONEIDA LIBRARY CULTURE SESSIONS WITH KALUHYA

Clan System
Wed. Sept. 13th 2023
Green Earth Branch Library 3-4PM
Oneida Community Library 4:30-5:30 PM

Traditional Foods
Wed. Oct. 11th 2023
Green Earth Branch Library 3-4PM
Oneida Community Library 4:30-5:30 PM

Hiawatha and the Peacemaker
Wed. Nov. 8th 2023
Green Earth Branch Library 3-4PM
Oneida Community Library 4:30-5:30 PM

Traditional Clothing
Wed. Dec. 13th 2023
Green Earth Branch Library 3-4PM
Oneida Community Library 4:30-5:30 PM



For more details, visit:
oneida-nsn.gov/resources/library



Yeyathókwás Wahnitale HARVEST MOON

Join us for opening harvest weekend to
PICK, HUSK, and BRAID corn together.



SAT SEPT 30 & SUN OCT 1

Get Directions:
<https://qrco.de/belqeq>
Find us on Facebook:
@AmongTheCornstalks

The Barn
1600 S Pine Tree Road
De Pere, WI 54155

Tsyunhehkwa invites you to
it's 30th Annual Harvest &
Husking Bee

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7
Time: 11-3

Location: 139 Riverdale Dr, Oneida

Free Corn Soup & Apple Cider
Music
Wagon Rides
Corn Husk Doll Making
Apple Pie Contest

