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What's happening

The mission of the School District of West De Pere is to create a safe comprehensive educational and social environment for students and staff which will produce life-long learners with the capacity to succeed in the local and global community.



A Vision of
Pride and Excellence
HOME OF THE
PHANTOMS



Hemlock Creek Elementary- Wear patriotic red, white, and blue for Red Ribbon Week



High School Football, West De Pere vs. Waupaca

Hemlock Creek Elementary, Orange and Black day for Red Ribbon Week



High School Girls Basketball, West De Pere vs. Seymour



High School Girls Golf shot a 196 at Vernon in Oconto on September 18, 2020



Middle School Band practicing outside



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West De Pere Community,

Even during a pandemic, it continues to be a great day to be a West De Pere Phantom! This school year has been an exceptional year within which to witness our innovative team of teachers and administrators finding creative ways to help students succeed. As we navigate the uncharted waters of the 2020-21 school year, I have experienced moments of tremendous resilience in our staff, families, and community. I have been told that West De Pere came to be through the perseverance and fortitude of the community and that is exactly what I have witnessed over the last several months. There have been many moments when I find myself humbled and proud to be a part of a school community that pulls itself together, supports individuals needing help, and ultimately thrives despite adversity.



Dennis Krueger
SUPERINTENDENT

Below is a snapshot of a few projects we continue to work on:

- **Capital projects are currently on budget and on schedule.** We are prepared to take occupancy of our High School classroom addition, as well as gearing up to do the same at the Intermediate School and High School indoor multi-purpose area this summer. We look forward to opening our completed facilities to the public. If interested, please follow the progress on our website. <https://www.wdpsd.com/about/capital-project-updates-referendum-2018>
- **Collaboration with local municipalities aids in COVID related costs:** Our partnerships with local municipalities continues to grow. We are appreciative of the generosity these partners have shown through their sharing of Coronavirus Aide, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds with our schools! The funds needed to be used in response to COVID related challenges. Each municipality received different amounts of relief and were able to assign the use of the funds based on their internal needs. When you see members of these respective boards, please thank them personally for their support of our district.
 - The Village of Hobart donated \$13,132.46 toward document cameras and \$26,867.54 toward chromebooks, for a total amount of \$40,000.
 - The Town of Lawrence donated \$13,718.46 worth of chromebooks, \$10,819.56 worth of ipads, and \$472.50 in technology licenses for our students. The total amount donated by the Town of Lawrence was \$25,010.52.
 - The Village of Ashwaubenon donated \$2500 worth of iPad minis for kindergarten and 1st grade students.
- **Strategic Planning update:** We are in the process of engaging in our strategic planning process in order to provide a framework of identified long-term priorities from which to base our annual goals and action plans. This endeavor will continue over the course of the upcoming months and includes participation of both school and community members. We look forward to using the plan created as we move into the future.

Together as a community, we continue to create a safe comprehensive educational and social environment for students and staff which supports our students and staff in pursuit of lifelong learning. Thank you to everyone for all that you do to support our schools and greater community.

With gratitude,



Windows around the main entrance corridor at the Intermediate School



Courtyard at the Intermediate School



Interior of the athletic facility at the High School

WEST DE PERE 2020-2021 AND 2021-2022 SCHOOL CALENDARS ARE AVAILABLE AT WWW.WDPSD.COM (ABOUT THE DISTRICT, DISTRICT CALENDAR)



In the News...

2021 National Merit Scholarship Program



Kate Kliment



Jacob Teske

Congratulations to Kate Kliment and Jacob Teske on their achievement of earning semifinalist status in the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program competition. Kate and Jacob achieved this by demonstrating their strong academic abilities on the PSAT last October. They share this honor with only 16,000 other students nationwide. Kate and Jacob will now have the opportunity to compete for finalist status, before final consideration to earn a National Merit Scholarship, which only 1.25 percent of the top test takers in the nation achieve. Congratulations to Kate and Jacob!



West De Pere Middle School had a Design-A-Mask contest in December 2020 and here are some of the designs. *Very nice job!*

OPEN ENROLLMENT

Wisconsin's public-school open enrollment program allows parents to apply for their children to attend school districts other than the one in which they live. The regular open enrollment application period is from February 4-April 30, 2021. For more information, please visit the open enrollment web site at: dip/wi.gov/open-enrollment or call the district office at (920) 337-1393, extension 8025.

TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL ACADEMIC ALL-STATE AWARDS

The West De Pere High School Football team made the list for the WFCA 2020 Team Academic All-State Awards as well as several players on the team who made the Individual Academic All-State Award list. Twenty of the seniors on the team have a Team GPA of 3.4474. The students who made the Individual Academic All-State Award list were; Justin Benoit, Joshua Blount, Jake Hendricks, Myles Jensen, Kaden Kosobucki, Connor McDonough, and Jackson Van Den Heuvel.

Only senior athletes are eligible for Academic All-State recognition. All athletes and teams, including those who moved to the alternate spring season, were eligible for Academic All-State. Minimum requirements for both Team



and Academic All-State needed to be met. Individual qualifications were; age qualification, academic qualification of 3.75 GPA or higher along with being a varsity letter winner. The Team Academic Qualifications included, an average cumulative GPA of all seniors of 3.33 or higher and a minimum of five seniors on the team.

Congratulations! You make West De Pere very proud! For a full list of teams and individuals that made the list, here is the link; https://www.wissports.net/news_article/show/1132421-wfca-announces-2020-academic-all-state-awards?fbclid=IwAR3QZj3SjYIKo1_5E1TguODy1f05P948dqUnSsJwV2GtG8WhG-jKpgOgbvk



WEST DE PERE HIGH SCHOOL DONOR BRICK PAVERS

Cement the name of a loved one in West De Pere history with a personalized brick that will be set in the plaza area of the football stadium or baseball field. *For more information, contact Stacy at sschaetz@wdpsd.com or (920) 337-1393 ext 8025.

Making a Difference

Grateful for our Food Service Workers



Thank you, West De Pere Food Service, for providing 24,706 meals to students during the building closures from October 1, 2020 through October 16, 2020.

Fighting Cancer with Grace

On November 4, 2020, Grace Fuss presented to 100 Women who are willing to donate a \$100 check to a cause voted on by the women involved. 100 Women Who Care will make a huge difference in helping our local programs by making a significant donation to the program of their choosing which will increase awareness for the charity.

Although Grace was not chosen for the month of November, she did get to present again on December 2, 2020 at Green Bay Country Club. Any opportunity to share her message is a win! At this meeting, Grace received the majority of the votes, so each of the women will now donate to Fighting Cancer with Grace.

Wear Yellow Day and Wear Pink Day

While learning from home and at school during the month of October, Sting Cancer members showed their support for those affected by breast cancer on our **West De Pere High School Wear Pink Day**.

If you know of anyone in West De Pere who has been recently diagnosed with any type of cancer, please let a Sting Cancer member, Mrs. Kempen or Mrs. Besel know so we can put together a care package for them. Together we will Sting Cancer!



West De Pere High School's Sting Cancer Club will celebrate "Wear Yellow Day" in May 2021. Wear Yellow Day

is an annual event that takes place all throughout Brown County and the state of WI. We would like to encourage businesses, schools, and our community to participate by wearing yellow to show support to those who have been affected by cancer in some way. This is a beautiful opportunity to remember those who have lost their battle to cancer. We truly appreciate all of the support from our community, students, and staff over the years!

We will begin our "Yellow Shirt Sale" in February and we hope to see an increase in support for the upcoming years. For more information, please contact; Mrs. Besel at kbesel@wdpsd.com or Mrs. Kempen at nkempen@wdpsd.com.

Attention Non-Residents of the West De Pere School District

This newsletter is a service provided to all residents of the School District of West De Pere. The most effective and affordable process utilized in circulating this newsletter throughout our community is to use a saturation mailing which occasionally picks up a few streets in the postal route areas of non-residents. It's difficult and costly to avoid a few non-residents from receiving this newsletter. Our effort to communicate with our resident families is important. Thank you for understanding.

Life Church winter gear donation

Life Church, located in De Pere, donated six boxes of winter clothing items to our school district in October. It included all sizes and colors of jackets, snow pants, and gloves. Every year in the fall, Brook DeWane, our school social worker, asks for winter clothing items to donate to families in need in our school district. Thank you again Life Church. It is an amazing donation and will help many students stay warm during our cold winter months. If you would like to donate at any time, please contact Brooke via email at BDewane@wdpsd.com



DONATION FROM WALMART IN WEST DE PERE

Walmart in West De Pere, located on Lawrence Drive, was generous enough to donate an abundance of school supplies in October 2020 that we have distributed to the schools within our district. The supplies will definitely get put to good use in the classrooms, by the staff and students, as well as families that are in need in our district. Some of the items they donated were paint, poster board, display boards, binders, rulers, erasers, highlighters, and journals. They also came back in November 2020 to drop off five boxes of backpacks for donation to our district. Thank you so much Walmart in West De Pere, we truly appreciate it!

WDPHS Teen Leadership Participants for 2020-2021

We are proud to have three students from West De Pere High School in the Greater Green Bay Teen Leadership Program. This program involves high school sophomores from across the area who want to make a difference in their school and community. Students conquer challenges, practice leadership skills, engage in conversation with community leaders to learn from their experiences, and apply exemplary leadership practices to their own life. This year, the participants will be 100% virtual. In an average year, students would physically gather once a month. West De Pere is proud of our three students, Ella Bradley, Benje Hencke, and McKenna Metoxen. Congratulations!!



ELLA BRADLEY



BENJE HENCKE



MCKENNA METOXEN



MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

West De Peers is a group that is all about inclusion and advocacy for people of all abilities. They try to hold events throughout the year to educate our school community about various difficulties that people face such as Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Epilepsy, and ADHD. On October 24, 2020, our West De Peers participated in Make A Difference Day by raking leaves. Great job and thank you for your hard work!!



Josie's Generosity

Take a moment to thank Josie F, a junior at West De Pere High School, for her amazing generosity and care for families in our community. She heard about students and families in our district experiencing homelessness and poverty and decided to act. With the help of the West De Pere community, Josie has exceeded her original goal and as of 11/17 she raised \$3,270 including some Kohl's Cash! With these donations, Josie purchased winter clothing and other basic needs items for her fellow West De Pere students. Her first delivery included 7 winter coats, snow bibs, and boots. Thank you, Josie!



Trees for Threes

Hemlock Creek Elementary participated in the Trees for Threes program sponsored by the American Transmission Company and the Milwaukee Bucks. The partnership awards schools with one tree for every three-point shot the Milwaukee Bucks made at home during the 2019-2020 regular season. With the \$225 received, Golden Curly Willow and Autumn Blaze Maples were planted on school grounds. Hemlock Creek Elementary thanks you for your support.



Phantom Pumpkin Palooza

The 1st annual Phantom Pumpkin Palooza took place in the West De Pere High School parking lot to celebrate Halloween and inject some fun due to COVID-19. Students and staff that participated were given a free pumpkin and their pumpkin masterpieces were due by October 27. Students, staff, and the community were encouraged to drive by on the evenings of October 28 and 29, 2020, and vote online for their top 3 favorite pumpkins. Ms. Summers art students created many of the 98+ incredibly creative pumpkins that were submitted. The winner in each category will get their names engraved on the Phantom Pumpkin Palooza Champions trophy on the "Carving Wall of Fame."



Thank you for the generous donations from The Pink Flamingos, Green Bay Packers, Thrivent, Fuel Good, Julie's Café, The Brickhouse, Gallagher's Pizza, and De Pere Gift and Floral along with our student council. Many of these monetary donations were used to purchase pumpkins, prizes and needed materials.

The entire list of this year's winners is listed on the High School Facebook page, but here are the top three winners from each category;

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| 1st Student- Lindsay Orellana | Staff- Molly Summers |
| 2nd Student- Ava Conrad | Staff- Cindy Lopez |
| 3rd Student- Aeryn Elizabeth Gary | Staff- Dan Luneau |



Four-Year-Old Kindergarten Registration

The School District of West De Pere has scheduled a Four-Year-Old Kindergarten registration date for children who will be four years of age before September 1, 2021, and are planning to attend Four-Year-Old Kindergarten in the fall of 2021.

Registration will take place on Thursday, March 11th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. The registration will be held at the Phantom Knight School of Opportunity. The address is 400 Reid St. and it is located on the second floor of the building. For registration, you need to bring your child's birth certificate, immunization record, and proof of residency such as a utility bill or lease agreement.

This is an open-house style registration and being early has no influence on the section or session of 4K your child will have.

**Event is subject to change due to COVID, but we will update the District if it does.

Pre-School Developmental Screening

The School District of West De Pere offers developmental screening for preschool-aged children. The school district uses census data to mail out the Ages and Stages developmental questionnaires throughout the year, asking parents to complete the questionnaire and return it promptly by mail. As the questionnaires are returned, school professionals score them and provide written feedback to parents on the general developmental readiness of their child(ren). In certain circumstances, the school district will invite children to participate in an additional on-site screening. If you would like to request a developmental questionnaire, please call the Department of Student Services at (920) 337-1393 ext. 8012.

Five-Year-Old Kindergarten Registration

The School District of West De Pere recently held kindergarten registration for children who are planning to attend kindergarten in the fall of 2021. In case you missed it or do not attend our 4K program and you are planning on sending your child to kindergarten, please register your child as soon as possible at your school of residence: Hemlock Creek Elementary School, [1900 Williams Grant Dr, De Pere](#) or Westwood Elementary School, [1155 Westwood St, De Pere](#).

Children must turn five years of age on or before September 1, 2021 and live in the West De Pere School District to be eligible for the West De Pere kindergarten program. For registration, you will need to bring your child's birth certificate and proof of address. The child does not have to attend the registration. If you have any questions, please call (920) 425-1900 ext. 3320 for Hemlock Creek or (920) 337-1087 ext. 1322 for Westwood.

Sports & Clubs



Girls Golf

The Girls Golf team finished their regular season placing 2nd overall in the Bay Conference. Ally Reis was named 1st Team All-Conference Honors, while Morgan Degroot and Katie Waukau earned 2nd Team Honors, and Carli Green was Honorable Mention.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DARRIEN THOMAS

Congratulations to Darrien Thomas, an eighth grader at West De Pere Middle School, for winning the 2020 10 to 13-year-old boys N.E.W. Junior Golf Tour Player of the Year. This was a close division and came up to the last tournament to determine the winner. Darrien placed in the top three seven times with two first place finishes. He puts in the time and is always practicing to be ready to play his best. Nice job!

ATHLETIC SCHEDULES

For the most up-to-date West De Pere AND Bay Conference schedules, please go to www.bayconference.org

If you are not familiar or need help printing an individual sport schedule, please contact the District Office, High School or Middle School Athletic Secretaries ahead of time and they can email or print these for you.

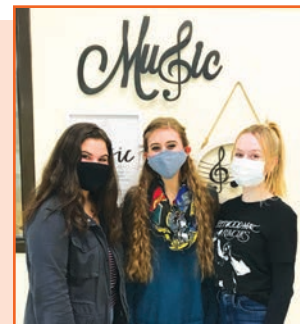
Alee- DO - 920-337-1393 ext. 8010

Kelsey- HS - 920-338-5200 ext. 4229

Krista- MS- 920-337-1099 ext. 2123

CHOIR NEWS

Amelia Gibbons, Megan Schauer, and Reese Radloff were selected to participate in the 2020 Wisconsin School of Music Association's State Honors Project. These singers were chosen out of thousands of talented singers who auditioned throughout the state of Wisconsin. Reese and Amelia were picked to sing in the Honors Treble Choir and Megan was picked to sing in the Honors Mixed Choir. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, this year's Honors camps and performances were held virtually. This is one of the highest honors a high school music student in Wisconsin can achieve. Congratulations to these young ladies for this great accomplishment and for representing WDPHS's Choral Music Department with pride, integrity and a commitment to excellence.



ALL-STATE DEFENSIVE PLAYER

West De Pere's very own Braydon Skenandore made Second Team for the Wisconsin Preseason All-State Second Team for Division 2 on Defense. Congratulations!

National Letters of Intent



KADEN KOSOBUCKI
Northern Illinois University
(Division 1)

JOSH BLOUNT
Illinois State University
(Division 1)

Nature Trail

Did you know there is a nice nature trail located through the woods on the south side of Hemlock Creek Elementary? West De Pere High



School Student Council members wanted to make a difference and work on a project to help our community. They have worked hard in the past couple months to clear and enlarge the trail for students, parents, and community members to enjoy. In the future, our Hemlock Creek Elementary and West De Pere High School Student Council hopes to host holiday Halloween and Christmas walks through the woods for our community. Please go check out the trail if you are able to on a nice day this winter!

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Board of Education Meetings

School District of West De Pere residents are cordially invited to attend regular board meetings held once a month, 5:30pm, at the District Offices, 400 Reid St., Suite W (Reid Street Crossing, second floor) unless otherwise posted. An opportunity is provided at each meeting for citizens to address our Board of Education. Please visit our district webpage at: www.wdpsd.com/board-of-education/ or call the District Office (920) 337-1393 ext 8025 to confirm the meeting date, time, and location.



IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER

The school will conduct weather-related notifications via technology communications called School Messenger. This service allows the district to communicate rapidly with parents/guardians through voice, text, and email messages. Information that is currently stored in PowerSchool will be used to send these notifications.



If you need this information changed for your child(ren) please contact the school. The district will continue to notify local radio and television stations for school delays, early closing, and cancellations. Please do not call the school unless it is an emergency. Calling the schools hinders our efforts to communicate the news effectively. Parents are asked to have a plan in place for their children's supervision and care in the event a school day is altered due to inclement weather or other emergencies.

STUDENT CHANGE OF ADDRESS

It's imperative that we have correct address information for students and parents/guardians. Any change of address and contact information should be promptly reported to the school office of attendance. Under certain circumstances, state law permits a student to continue to attend school in a district even after they move out of that district. Please contact the school office of your student's attendance or the district office for more information.

IS YOUR CHILD COLLEGE READY?

Students who work with a career coach are typically more confident in their decision to attend college and leave with a clearer idea on their next steps.

West De Pere High School would like to welcome back **Lisa Kingston-Dumke** from NWTC in her second year with us.



She can help students with career exploration, program shadows, applying to a technical college or a 4-year college, filling out financial aid forms, and final transition pieces.

In partnership with Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, Lisa will be available to students and parents every Thursday on school days from 7:15am to 3:30pm in the high school library or until 5pm virtually.

Students can schedule an appointment with Lisa by going to our WDPHS website. Click Students, select College and Career Coach Calendar or go to <https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/CareerCoachingwithLisaWestDePereHS@nwtc.edu/bookings/>

This will allow you to directly reserve a time with Lisa.

Free and Reduced Meal Programs

The School District of West De Pere has free and reduced meal programs available to families at any time during the school year. These programs are based on federal income levels. Any student who qualifies for free or reduced lunch will also qualify for free or reduced breakfast. Any kindergarten student who qualifies for free or reduced meals will also qualify for free milk during kindergarten milk break.

Should you have any questions regarding student accounts or free/reduced meal applications, please contact Diane at (920) 337-1393 ext. 8023. If you have any questions regarding the Food Service Department, please contact Casey at (920) 337-1393 ext. 8045.

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On-Call Substitute Aides and Substitute Teachers Needed

We are always looking for people to join our substitute lists and we currently need Substitute Aides/Food Service and Sub Teachers for our schools. If you are interested and want to find out more about any of these opportunities, please contact Alee at the District Office at 920-337-1393 ext. 8010 or email her at ABuildings@wdpsd.com

SAVE THE DATES: SUMMER SCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN CAMP

Elementary and Middle School Summer School 2021

The 2021 Summer School program will run Wednesday, June 9th - Tuesday, June 29th. The course booklet will be released for viewing on the District website on March 23rd. Online registration will open on Tuesday, April 6th and remain open till Friday, April 16th.

Kindergarten Camp 2021

Hemlock Creek and Westwood Elementary Schools will host Kindergarten Camp August 16th-19th 2021. The camp is open to students that are registered to attend kindergarten in the School District of West De Pere the fall of 2021. Online registration will run May 18th - 28th, 2021.

For additional information please visit our website www.wdpsd.com. (Click on About the District and Summer School tabs).