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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



The middle school A Cappella group sang at the Gambler's game



8TH GRADE CHOIR TAKES IN A SHOW AT THE PAC!

Fenton visiting students at Westwood



2021 HOLIDAY BAND/CHORUS CONCERT...



Word Work at the Intermediate School

Packer Day at Hemlock Creek Elementary School



HOLIDAY HALFTIME SHOW



MIDDLE SCHOOL LUAU





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Dennis Krueger
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West De Pere Community,

Since the beginning of the pandemic in March 2020, we worked diligently to bring students back to school in healthy and safe ways, while also providing online learning when necessary. Early on, we recognized that face-to-face learning was the best way for our students to continue their academic, social and emotional growth toward individual success. I want to extend sincere gratitude to our board members, leaders, teachers, support staff, bus drivers, cafeteria workers, custodians, counselors and parents for their unwavering support of our students. The journey we have all been on over the last two years caused everyone to work through adversity and make personal sacrifices. Though it still continues, I am proud to say that we have endured and I believe that our school district has grown stronger because of it!

There are many lessons that we have learned along the way that will carry forward as best practices. I encourage you to take time to reflect on both personal and professional lessons learned as a result of COVID. As difficult as the journey has been, there are multitudes of positives born from the experiences. I want to inspire all of us to celebrate each other and to memorialize the lessons learned and blessings found along the way.

The future of the West De Pere School Community is bright! Below, I have highlighted just a few events that have, or are taking place this winter. I encourage you to experience some of the opportunities our schools are currently planning.

- 2022 Dance/Pom State Championships - Earned 1st in Division III Pom and 2nd in Division II Kick - Fiona Green - All State Team!
- Golden Apple Award nominees from WDSO include 91 individual teachers and five teaching teams!
- High School Musical - The Lightning Thief
- Free Soccer Clinics offered by the High School Soccer Teams
- Winter Sports: Basketball, Wrestling, Hockey, Pom & Dance, Archery
- Literacy Night at Hemlock Creek
- Band and Choral Concerts
- Field Trips
- National Honor Society Banquet
- FFA Convention
- Storybook Parades and K-8 Spelling Bee

Together, we are building a bright future for our students! A future where each student has the opportunity to be successful personally, academically, and socially. Thank you to everyone for all that you do to support our students, staff, and teachers. I look forward to seeing you in the near future. As always, it is a great time to be a West De Pere Phantom!

Respectfully,

Proud to be a Phantom!

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.



Making *a Difference*

THE WEST DE PERE WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM adopted several families and provided gifts for the holiday season.



The West De Pere Dance Team & Families adopted a family through the Desert Veterans of Wisconsin for the holiday season.

Help Horses Help People

Two students in Mrs. Nusbaum's Applied Employability class volunteered once a week at Firefly Acres Horse Farm. Firefly Acres Horse Farm is a completely volunteer-run horse rescue with two missions: to help horses and to help people. They learned about feeding and maintenance of horses at the rescue. Perhaps the biggest lesson they learned is how the kindness and healing they showed to the horses was reciprocated with trust and care, helping everyone build patience, empathy and compassion.



Pictured with owner Lisa Pelky, Alex Watson (10th grade) and Rihana Babl (9th grade)

Hemlock Creek Elementary 3rd grade worked hard to give back! The classes made 8 tie blankets to give to a local organization that makes beds for kids in need! The materials were purchased through a Thrivent Financial Action Team grant! The kids really enjoyed working together on this today!



Battle the Cold

The Middle School Student Council and National Junior Honor Society partnered up to sponsor a food and clothing drive called Battle the Cold. Students brought in non-perishable foods or gently used winter outerwear. The result was the largest collection drive West De Pere Middle School has had – over 5,500 items were collected. Items were donated to the community, local shelters and food pantries.



Braydon Smits, a senior at Phantom Knight, organized a food drive for Afghan allies who recently moved to NE Wisconsin. Through his project on refugees, he identified culturally familiar foods and partnered with Astha, a local food store, to fill a box of donated goods!

What's *Happening..*

100 Days of School



Kindergartners celebrated being 100 days smarter! By counting to 100, made 100-day projects, and had a special visit from Zero the Hero.



Students in Mrs. Dugre's AM and PM 4K classes at Westwood celebrated the 100th Day of School by searching for 100 Hershey kisses in the classroom. In addition, we set a goal of receiving 100 Valentines from all over the world during the month of February. Our friends and family were amazing and we ended up receiving over 300 Valentines, and from places like London, Canada, and Germany!

Mrs. Seidl's 4K classes had fun learning about reading by dressing like their favorite storybook characters!



West De Pere libraries are a place of learning for kids across the district from young to old! Elementary students look forward to their weekly visits where they engage in a library lesson and get time to check out books. At the Intermediate School, 5th grade students also get scheduled library lessons and check-out time. 5th and 6th grade students also visit the library as a class throughout the year for lessons in research, digital citizenship, and technology. They can also visit the library with passes from their teacher any time they like! Middle School students are independent users of the library. They may choose to come to the library during their QRS or recess time, before or after school, or on a pass from a teacher whenever they need. Classes also schedule visits to the library to browse the shelves, hear book talks, research, or just spread out and read in a cozy spot! The high school library very much mimics your favorite coffee/book shop! The library is open from 7:15am-4pm and is always full of students doing homework, studying, reading, or just hanging out. The cafe space is frequently visited throughout the day by staff and students alike.



INDIGENOUS GAMES

We were fortunate enough to have Paul Ninham come and share some indigenous games with our students during Phy. Ed. Thanks so much for coming and sharing Paul!



West De Pere FFA Plant Sale

The West De Pere FFA will be hosting a plant sale on Saturday May 14th, from 8am-1pm in the front of the High School. Stop by to purchase a variety of plants such as annual flowers, hanging baskets, planter pots, different types of veggie plants, along with many more! All proceeds go to the West De Pere FFA chapter and Agri-science program. If you have any questions or would like to know more about the plant list as the sale gets closer, please contact Samantha Van Deurzen at svandeurzen@wdpsd.com for more information.

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 Schaeetz sschaeetz@wdpsd.com • (920) 337-1393 ext.8025



The Middle School HOPE Squad & Art Club teamed up to make signs of Hope & Support. Teachers and students held signs up in front of the school. Keep spreading kindness!

Battle of the Books

The Intermediate School Battle of the Books club had 17 teams compete this year. Students were given a list of 20

books to read within their teams and then competed in trivia battles weekly. After some amazing competitions, the winning fifth grade team consisted of:

Ruby Delmore, Brooklyn

Pinchart, Delia Spears, and Christopher Thompson. The winning sixth grade team included: Ashley Dunham, Bria Hagenow, and Lucie Pickett. These teams battled it out and the sixth grade team came out on top. They then took on our top teacher team and left with the victory! Congratulations, ladies! The girls moved on to the WEMTA state competition and placed 12th answering 21/24 questions correctly. Congratulations, sixth graders and thank you to all of the participants and teachers for a wonderful season!



5th Annual Hemlock Creek Phantom Fun Run/Walk Follow-Up

Over 350 participants took part in the 2-mile run/walk to raise money for new playground equipment at Hemlock Creek Elementary School. After the run/walk, families enjoyed snacks and a variety of after activities. We would like to thank everyone who came out to support the event. Thank you, to all the businesses and families who sponsored the event. Information on the 2022 Fun Run coming soon.



Hemlock Creek's Student Council

New project is a Hydroponic Farmstand. Using the Lettuce Grown System, student council members are responsible for the system. Students will harvest the plants for student lunches.



West De Pere Art Corner

To celebrate Youth Art Month, Mrs. Schlatter picked 5 pieces of student artwork to represent West De Pere Middle School. Lauren Metcalf, Justin Briggs, Avani Kirtikar, Lucy Kraft and MacKenzie Tucker were the talented students who's artwork was displayed at the Neville

Public Museum. Three students had their artwork move on to the next level of competition: 7th grader, Lauren Metcalf and 8th grade students, Justin Briggs and Lucy Kraft. Their artwork was on display in Madison at the State Capitol Building.

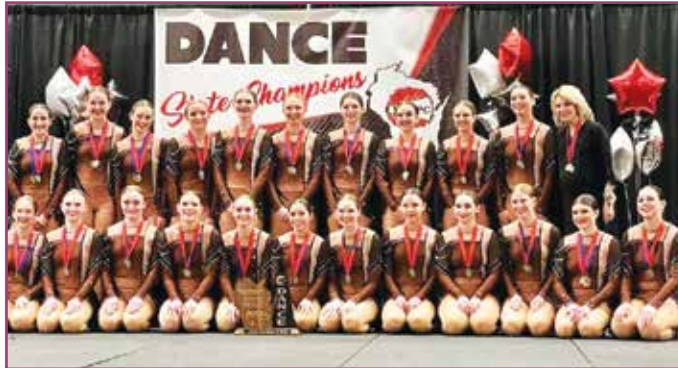


Intermediate School 5th graders Roman Nelson and Natalie Staven showcase their art projects made in Ms. Corsten's art class.

Sports & Clubs

ALL DANCE FINALISTS

Congratulations to the West De Pere Dance Team who competed in the WACPC State Championship in LaCrosse. The team earned a state championship taking 1st place in D3 Pom & State Runner Up in D2 Kick! Also congratulations to Fiona Green for being selected for the D2 All State Team!



FALL ALL CONFERENCE AWARDS:

Girls Tennis:

- 1st Team Singles: Stacey Cloute (11th)
- 1st Team Doubles: Leah Goodman (11th), Lorraine Qiu (12th)
- 2nd Team Singles: Taylan Wagner (11th)
- 2nd Team Doubles: Laura Sullivan (11th), Cadence Dugre (11th)

Boys Soccer:

- 2nd Team: Abram McGrath (12th)

Volleyball:

- 1st Team: Emilie Planert (12th), Tressa Wilke (12th), Josie Fredrickson (12th)
- 2nd Team: Kayla Debruin (11th)
- Player of the Year: Emilie Planert (12th)

Girls Golf:

- 1st Team: Brei Rozmiarek (12th)
- 2nd Team: Morgan DeGroot (12th), Carli Green (12th)

Football:

- 1st Team Offense: Running Back - Najeh Mitchell (11th), Kicker - Bryce Smith (11th), Kick Return - Gyriecce Goodman (12th)
- 2nd Team Offense: Lineman - Matthew Daanen (11th), Receiver - Langdon Nordgaard (10th)
- 2nd Team Defense: Defensive End - Prestin Tennesen (12th), Defensive Line - Kai Hillmann (12th), Defensive Back - Thomas Walder (11th)
- Running Back Receiver of the year - Najeh Mitchell (11th)

Cross Country:

- 1st Team: Noah Jahnke (11th), Matthew Schmoll (11th), Kate Schmoll (9th)
- 2nd Team: Addison Cornwell (10th), Ryan Flood (11th), Zachary Suda (12th), Landon Nuthals (11th)
- State Qualifiers: Kate Schmoll (9th), Noah Jahnke (11th) -- Noah took 9th out of 187 runners with a time of 16:02 and Kate took 7th out of 186 runners with a time of 18:50.

West De Pere Wrestling

Two amazing ladies from the WDP Wrestling team placed at the Brillion Tournament. Junior Bella Bolek took 1st and junior Danielle Dorvilier placed second. Bella Bolek went onto compete at the first WIAA Girls State Wrestling Tournament.



WEST DE PERE HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAMS combined practice. It was great to make great connections with our wrestlers in our program. Our high school wrestlers mentored future hammers in the program. The future is bright for West De Pere Wrestling.

National Letters of Intent



Max Reis - Golf - UWGB



Emilie Planert - Volleyball
St. Cloud State University

Archery

Another successful tournament at West De Pere's Hemlock Creek for the High School and Middle School Archery Clubs! Our high school team took first place! Fantastic shooting to Logan Lueck (11th), Prestin Tennesen (12th) & Cerese Voyles (12th) for taking 1st, 2nd and 3rd in their bracket!



5th graders with
Ms. Michaelis

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.

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

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

Lori - IS/MS-920-337-1099 ext. 2123

The More You Know



Summer School Save the Dates

Elementary and Middle School Summer School 2022

The 2022 Summer School program will run Wednesday, June 8th - Tuesday, June 28th. The course booklet will be released for viewing on the District website on March 29th. Online registration will open on Tuesday, April 5th and remain open till Thursday, April 14th.

Kindergarten Camp 2022

Hemlock Creek and Westwood Elementary Schools will host Kindergarten Camp

August 16th-18th, 2022. The camp is open to students that are registered to attend kindergarten in the School District of West De Pere the fall of 2022. Online registration will run May 17th - 27th, 2022.

For additional information please visit our website www.wdpsd.com

(Click on About the District and Summer School tabs).

Mental Health as a District-Wide Focus

During the Spring of 2021, 60 school community members including school board members, administrators, teaching and support staff, parents, business partners, and students developed a district-wide Strategic Plan, during which supporting student mental health was identified as one of the top priorities.

The Wisconsin Department on Public Instruction recognizes schools that support mental health initiatives have improved academic outcomes, school climate, and safety. Prioritizing mental health allows for earlier intervention, increased access to mental health supports, and improved psychosocial outcomes.

Aware of how the COVID-19 Pandemic has directly impacted the wellbeing of our students and staff, the Middle School Student Services Team took the initiative to complete the application process for DPI's School-Based Mental Health Services Grant. In August the School District of West De Pere was awarded the two-year grant.

Funded by the grant, the district has employed a Mental Health Coordinator who is evaluating the district's current framework and multilevel systems of support. Through evaluation, the Mental Health Coordinator will identify strengths and areas for growth to further develop emotional, social, and mental wellness practices that promote student and staff wellness.

In collaboration with stakeholders, the Mental Health Coordinator will utilize a data-driven decision-making process to implement a district-wide continuum of mental health resources, research a universal screener to be proactive in addressing student needs, and establish referral pathways and resource mapping to effectively connect students with supports.

The grant will be used to expand community partnerships, including our existing partnerships with Family Services of Northeast Wisconsin and Bellin Health, and facilitate ongoing professional development opportunities for staff, such as Youth Mental Health First Aid training.

By working together and committing to making mental health a priority in our district, we can all help support the West De Pere vision of pride and excellence.



Career Coach News



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 **Carla Zellmer** from NWTC in her first year with us. She will compliment the high school counselors with being the technical college guru, but also supporting students with post-secondary planning. Along with the high school counselors, Carla can help students with career and program exploration, program shadows, application process, financial aid, and discussing the transition to NWTC.



In Partnership with Northeast Wisconsin Technical College Carla Zellmer will be available to students and parents every Thursday on school days from 8:00 am to 3:00pm in the high school Library.

Students can schedule an appointment by going to <https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/NWTCDePereHSCareerCoach@nwtc.edu/bookings/> or on our WDPHS website. From the website: click Student Services, then in the left menu select College and Career Coach Calendar. This will allow students to directly reserve a time with Carla!

About Carla: Carla is originally from Stevens Point, WI, but transitioned to Northeast WI to complete her BA at Lawrence University as a History major. She later received an MS degree in Educational Leadership from Fielding University. Carla brings 16 years of experience working in education and is passionate about student success. She looks forward to working with students in our school library the remainder of the school year.

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Four-Year-Old Kindergarten Registration

The School District of West De Pere is now registering for our Four-Year-Old Kindergarten Program for children who will be four years of age on or before September 1, 2022 and are planning to attend Four-Year Old Kindergarten in the fall of 2022. To register, please bring your child's birth certificate, their immunization record, and proof of residency such as a utility bill or lease agreement to either Westwood Elementary School or Hemlock Creek Elementary School.

If you have any questions concerning registration, please call Westwood Elementary at (920) 337-1087 ext. 1315; Hemlock Creek Elementary at (920) 425-1900 ext. 3321, or Mike Kowalczyk, 4K Director at (920) 425-1900 ext. 3327.

Our Four-Year-Old Kindergarten program is half days, five days a week. Depending on space availability at each site, children may be served at a location (either school or partnering child care facility) outside of their home school attendance area. If this occurs, transportation will be provided. Four-Year-Old Kindergarten is a voluntary program and no child will be required to attend. The 4-Year-Old Kindergarten program is developmentally appropriate and may include but is not limited to: readiness skills, language development, social development, emotional development, physical development, and self-help skills.

If you are not enrolled in our Four-Year-Old Kindergarten program, parents with children of kindergarten age (five years old) will be contacted via our school census report. If you are new to the area and have not completed a census form, please contact the district office at (920) 337-1393 ext. 8010 to have your child counted on the school census. If you know a neighbor with small children, please share this information with them.

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 2022. In case you missed it or your child does 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, 2022 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.

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.

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.

Wisconsin Open Enrollment

Wisconsin's public school enrollment program allows parents to apply for their children to attend school districts other than the one in which they live. Open enrollment application dates for the 2022-2023 school year are February 7, 2022, and ends at 4:00 pm on April 29, 2022. If you have moved out of the district, and wish for your child to remain at the West De Pere Schools, please pick up an Open Enrollment Application and Change of Address form at the school office or at the District Office. By state law, the April 29th deadline cannot be extended. The State will not allow a ny exceptions to this timeline. For more information, please visit the open enrollment website (below) or pick up a brochure from the school office. <https://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment>

