



# THE Phantastic PHANTOM

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



High School softball with future softball stars



Field Day at Hemlock Creek



5th and 6th Grade Choir Concert



Crazy Hat Day



Westwood gets a visit from the Rockers baseball team mascot



Middle School Jazz Band



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West De Pere Community,

I sincerely thank each of you for the sacrifices you made, and the grace you shared with each other, as we successfully navigated through yet another “interesting” year. By working together, we help our students achieve personal and educational success while learning to become active, accountable members of our community. Examples of only a small percentage of these achievements are found throughout this newsletter. I encourage you to ask students in your life what accomplishments they are most proud of achieving over the last year. I know that I have enjoyed listening to a few student answers to that question. Thank you for your part in making our 2021-2022 school year a great one!



**Dennis Krueger**  
SUPERINTENDENT

West De Pere is a location which attracts families moving from other areas. As a result, each year, the number of students and families we serve continues to grow. According to 2022 data collected by an outside company, the WDP student population is projected to increase by approximately 1,000 students over the next 12 years. We use this type of information to project student needs into the future and have early meaningful planning discussions with local governing boards. As we forecast continued growth, we also seek ways to improve current practices.

One area we are focusing on is communication. Accurate, timely information shared is an essential piece to our district’s success. With this goal in mind, our district app will be launched this fall. The WDP App creates another communication option for sharing information with parents, staff, students and the community as a whole. Watch our website and newsletter for more information about this user-friendly communication tool.

Together, we help our students in positively grand ways! Thank you to everyone for all that you do to support our schools and community!

With gratitude,

Proud to be a Phantom!



**Author Baptiste Paul**  
visits Westwood



**Middle School Hope Squad**

## 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/](http://www.wdpsd.com/board-of-education/) or call the District Office (920) 337-1393 ext 8025 to confirm the meeting date, time, and location.



## 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, immunization record, and proof of residency such as a utility bill or lease agreement to either Westwood Elementary School or Hemlock Creek Elementary School.

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 a 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 Four-Year-Old Kindergarten program is developmentally appropriate and may include but is not limited to readiness skills, language development, social development, emotional 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.

If you have any questions concerning registration, please call Westwood Elementary at (920) 337-1087 ext.1320; Hemlock Creek Elementary at (920) 425-1900 ext.3320; or Michael Kowalczyk, 4K Director (920) 425-1900 ext. 3327.

## 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 Hemlock Creek at (920) 425-1900 ext.3320 or Westwood Elementary at (920) 337-1087 ext. 1320.

## OPEN HOUSES

We invite you and your child to visit their school and drop off school supplies prior to your child's first day of school. Office staff will be available to answer questions and for school fees and lunch payments (please be prepared to pay these separately).

### 4K OPEN HOUSE AT ALL SITES (Encompass, Kiddie College, Our Lady of Lourdes, and Westwood)

Monday, August 29, 2022

A.M. 4K Session 2:00-4:00 P.M.

P.M. 4K Session 4:00-6:00 P.M.

### Hemlock Creek Elementary School Grades K-4

Tuesday, August 30, 2022, 4:30-6:00 P.M.

### Westwood Elementary School Kindergarten

Monday, August 29, 2022

### Grades 1-4

Tuesday, August 30, 2022, 4:30-6:00 P.M

### West De Pere Intermediate School Grades 5-6

Tuesday, August 30, 2022, 5:00-7:00 P.M.

### West De Pere Middle School Grades 7-8

Tuesday, August 30, 2022, 6:00-8:00 P.M.

**SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS: 4K- 8th**  
Grade school supply lists are available at the school offices or go to [www.wdpsd.com](http://www.wdpsd.com), the school web page, under Parent Info.

## SCHOOL FEES

**School Fee Information: Payment is due the first week of school.**

Four-Year-Old Kindergarten .....	\$15.00
Kindergarten-Grade 1.....	\$40.00
Grades 2-4 .....	\$45.00
Grades 5-6 .....	\$53.00 (includes student I.D. card, but does not include certain classes)
Grades 7-8 .....	\$53.00 (includes student I.D. card, but does not include certain classes)
Grades 9-12 .....	\$70.00 (includes student I.D. card, but does not include certain classes)

# Track & Field 2022



**Kate Schmoll**

Kate Schmoll places 4th in the 1600 and 3200 events! She set a new school record in both events.



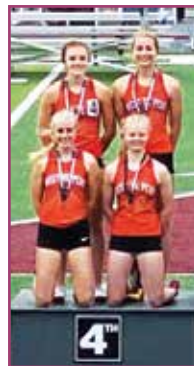
**4 x 400 State Champs (Boys)**

Eli, Bryce, Yadiel, and Gyriece are 4x400 State Champs and set a new school!



**4x100 Girls State Champs**

Congrats Kayla, Faith, Jocelyn, and Jayna! First-ever WDP relay state champions!



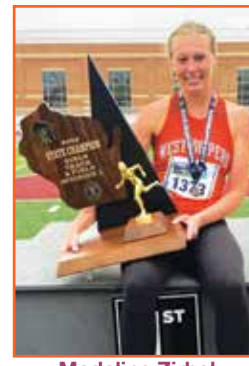
**4x200**

Erika, Jocelyn, Ellie, and Faith finish 4th in the 4x200!



**4x400 Relay State Champs**

Faith, Jocelyn, Emily, and Eliza are the 4x400 relay State Champions and they set a new school record (3:54.61)!



**Madeline Zirbel**

Senior Madeline Zirbel finished a great career at WDP! 2nd place finish in the high jump!



**Eliza Aitken**

Eliza Aitken finished 2nd in the pole vault by clearing 12-0 feet! 2nd in the 400. Eliza gets on the podium for the third time with a 6th place finish in the 200!

## Track & Field State Qualifiers

NORDGAARD, LANGDON  
JAHNKE, NOAH  
GOODMAN, GYRIECE  
LEMIRAND, BEN  
SMITH, BRYCE

OLSON, ELI  
BREIER, JACOB  
JANSSEN, CLIFFORD  
STORY, BROCK  
FLOOD, CONNOR  
MARRERO-FLORES, YADIEL

ZIRBEL, MADELINE  
BREU, RACHEL  
BACIAK, CAMRYN  
AITKEN, ELIZA  
SCHMOLL, KATE

DEBRUIN, KAYLA  
DREWS, ELLIE  
UKKOLA, ERIKA  
SCHEMA, JAYNA  
SHARAPATA, EMILY I  
VANNIEUWENHOVEN, KALLIE

MADER, RAELEEN  
THOMSON, JOCELYN  
KIBBE, FAITH  
SMITH, KATHERINE

## TRACK & FIELD ALL-CONFERENCE AWARDS

### 2022 BOYS 1ST TEAM ALL CONFERENCE

Gyriece Goodman – 400m Dash  
Noah Jahnke – 1600m Run, 3200m Run, 4x800m Relay  
Yadiel Marrero-Flores – 300m Hurdles, 4x400m Relay  
Dayton Lambert – 4x100m Relay  
Jacob Breier – 4x100m Relay, 4x200m Relay, 4x400m Relay  
Kaleb Cameron – 4x100m Relay  
Jonathan Kaster – 4x100m Relay  
Jacob Hayes – 4x200m Relay  
Brock Story – 4x200m Relay  
Clifford Janssen – 4x200m Relay, 4x400m Relay  
Connor Flood – 4x400m Relay  
Zavion Day – 4x800m Relay

Landon Nuthals – 4x800m Relay  
Alec Ukkola – 4x800m Relay  
2022 Boys 2nd Team All Conference  
Gyriece Goodman – 100m Dash, 200m Dash, Long Jump  
Bryce Smith – 400m Dash  
Zachary Suda – 800m Run  
Yadiel Marrero-Flores – 110m Hurdles  
Jackson Clancy – Shot Put

### 2022 GIRLS 1ST TEAM ALL CONFERENCE

Eliza Aitken – 200m Dash, 400m Dash, 4x400m Relay  
Emily Sharapata – 800m Run, 4x400m Relay  
Ellie Drews – 100m Hurdles, 300m Hurdles, 4x200m Relay  
Kate Schmoll – 1600m Run, 3200m Run

Kayla DeBruin – 4x100m Relay, 4x200m Relay  
Ashlyn Magnin – 4x100m Relay  
Jayna Schema – 4x100m Relay, 4x200m Relay  
Erika Ukkola – 4x100m Relay  
Faith Kibbe – 4x200m Relay  
Kalli Vannieuwenhoven – 4x400m Relay  
Jocelyn Thomson – 4x400m Relay  
Madeline Zirbel – High Jump  
Rachel Breu – Shot Put, Discus

### 2022 GIRLS 2ND TEAM ALL CONFERENCE

Faith Kibbe – 100m Dash, 200m Dash  
Jocelyn Thomson – 200m Dash  
Hailey Neta – 300m Hurdles, 100m Hurdles  
Raelyn Mader – 4x800m Relay

Allison Price – 4x800m Relay  
Sydney Nuthals – 4x800m Relay  
Kate Schmoll – 4x800m Relay  
Isabella LaSalle – Long Jump  
Eliza Aitken – Pole Vault  
**HONORABLE MENTION**  
Ben Lemirand – 100 Meter Dash  
Eli Olson – 200 Meter Dash  
Langdon Nordgaard – 110 Meter Hurdles  
Langdon Nordgaard – Triple Jump  
Dom Garcia – High Jump  
Jack Usiak – Pole Vault  
**HONORABLE MENTION**  
Kayla DeBruin – 100 Meter Dash  
Jocelyn Thomson – 200 Meter Dash  
Camryn Baciak – 100 Meter Hurdles  
Kiersten Cavil – Triple Jump  
Emma Schoenwalder – High Jump

# Athletics

## Girls Soccer Conference Champs



## Boys Golf Conference Champs



## Northeast Athlete of the Year

The Year Awards Program was held at Lambeau Field. 24 sports were represented with 12 boys and 12 girls from each sport. Two of our high school students, Noah Jahnke (Junior) and Kate Schmolli (Freshman), were nominated for Cross Country. Kate Schmolli was chosen as Cross Country Runner of the Year!



## Tennis

Congratulations to Chase Colucci for representing West De Pere in the State Tennis Tournament.



BASKETBALL SENIORS



## West De Pere Softball

The West De Pere Varsity and Junior Varsity softball teams gained ground this season. The Varsity team improved its Bay Conference standings this year by finishing third overall.



Softball Seniors



Basketball Girls



WRESTLING



## 300th Win

Congratulations to Joe Rukamp who won his 300th game as our head baseball coach.



## WEST DE PERE 7TH GRADE BOYS FAST BREAK

The West De Pere 7th Grade Boys Fast Break team finished off a great season by winning the Division 2 State Tournament in La Crosse.

## WINTER AND SPRING ALL-CONFERENCE AWARDS

### BOYS BASKETBALL

1st Team - Nate Heikkila (12th)  
Bay Conference Defensive Player of the Year - Danny Campbell (12th)  
2nd Team - Ethan Heck (11th)  
Honorable Mention - Andrew Baumgart (10th)

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

1st Team - Faith Walder (9th)  
2nd Team - Imani Ninham (12th)  
2nd Team - Katie Waukau (11th)

### WRESTLING

1st Team - Ryker Crooks, Alec Ukkola, Spencer Francois, Bella Bolek  
2nd Team - Thomas Mudd, Connor Hoerth

### Spring All-Conference

#### GOLF

1st Team  
Maxwell Reis  
Mason Haupt  
2nd Team  
Ashton Haupt  
Honorable Mention:  
Ethan Heck

#### SOCCER

1ST Team  
BREI ROZMIAREK – Forward  
HAVANAH BROCKINGTON – Midfielder  
MARISSA VANDEHEI – Defender  
PAIGE PELON – Defender

#### 2nd Team

MAKENZIE KONOP – Goal Keeper  
FAITH WALDER – Forward  
ELLA BLOM – Midfielder  
CARLI GREEN – Midfielder  
Player of the Year  
HAVANAH BROCKINGTON  
Defensive Player of the year  
MARISSA VANDEHEI  
Honorable Mention:  
Orianna Ponozzo - forward

#### SOFTBALL

1st Team  
Leah Kocken – Infield  
Nevaeh Wagendorf – Utility  
2nd Team

#### Morgan Hansel – Catcher

Ella Arendt- Honorable Mention Infield  
Morgan DeGroot- Honorable Mention Infield  
Megan Burns- Honorable Mention Outfield  
Natalie Newman- Honorable Mention Outfield

#### BASEBALL

1st Team  
BENJAMIN HENCKE – Pitcher  
THOMAS WALDER – Outfielder  
ETHAN NEUENS – Utility/ Designated Hitter  
2nd Team  
LUCAS BARTELT – Outfielder

#### CARTER DUGRE – Infielder

CARTER SCHMITT – Catcher  
Wyatt Desmidt - Honorable Mention Infielder  
Duke Shovald - Honorable Mention Infielder

#### BOYS TENNIS

Chase Colucci – 1st Team Singles  
Jeremy Weller – 2nd Team Singles  
1st Team Doubles  
Jameson Beardsley  
Connor DeBruin  
2nd Team Doubles  
Karan Mandepudi  
Kadyn Shaw

# Proud to be Phantoms

## Badger Boy Badger Girl

West De Pere High School is proud to announce the students chosen to attend Badger Girls and Badger Boys State this year. Kaliyah Garania (daughter of KC and BJ) and Sutter Deschane



(son of Kendra and Todd) were chosen by the Social Studies department based on their leadership potential and their interest in government. Leah Goodman (daughter of Brandi and Shawn) and Ethan Heck (son of Angie and Rick) will serve as alternates.

## Perfect ACT Score for Gerrits

By Lisa Boyd  
High School Counselor

High School student Vaughn Gerrits, son of Mark and Suzanne Gerrits has earned the highest possible ACT composite score of 36.



Getting a perfect ACT score is rare. To put it in perspective how rare a perfect score is, in 2020 just 5,579 students out of 1.6 million who took the test earned a perfect score.

Gerrits academic achievements are all done while participating in Cross Country, Track and Field, and Social Studies Academic Team at school. In the community, Gerrits volunteers with the Knights of Columbus and the Lost Dauphin 4-H Club.

Great job Vaughn Gerrits! We are proud to have you represent West De Pere High School.

## Middle School Art Show

The Middle School hosted an Art Show in the commons where 300 pieces of artwork were displayed. The Jazz Band and two 7th grade singers performed at the event. Ms. Summers, the high school art teacher, came and judged the show. About 50 students won for their 2-D and 3-D artwork, with the best overall artist going to an 8th-grade student, Allisyn Olejniczak. Congratulations to all that were represented at the show!



## SCHOLARSHIP NIGHT

West De Pere High School seniors were recognized and awarded over \$2,331,000 in scholarships.



## West De Pere High School's Metro Math League

West De Pere High School's Metro Math League took first place this school year. Seven math students traveled to UW-Oshkosh to compete in the UW-Oshkosh Problem Solving Contest. There was an individual and team competition. West De Pere was the top-performing high school. 9th grader, David Whipp, took 2nd place, 10th grader, Nick Bostedt, took 2nd place, and 10th grader, Josie Crandall, took 3rd place. A three-person team made up of Nick Bostedt, Josie Crandall, and Avi Gupta took 1st place in the team competition. Teammates Roopeska Agrawal and Ishan Patel also competed.





## 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

## Arbor Day at the Intermediate School

The students in Mrs. Melichar's class got to plant 4 new trees at the Intermediate School for Arbor Day. The trees will grow to 50-60 feet tall. Thank you to the City of De Pere for donating and helping students plant the trees!



## Middle School Competes at UW Oshkosh

WDPMS's students traveled to the UW-Oshkosh Mathematical Problem-Solving Contest, where 757 students from 28 different schools competed in both team and school competitions.



- The WDPMS team of Erik, Michael, Carter, and Reece earned 1st place in the middle school division.
- WDPMS took 2nd place in the school division out of 28 schools.
- Michael C. took 1st place in the MS division and 2nd place overall- including the HS division. 2nd out of 757 students.



## WPS Youth Volunteer of the Year Award

Grace Fuss, a 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 youth for the work they do to give back to our community. Congratulations Grace!



## 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.



## Lilly Ellingson

Seventh-grade choir student, Lilly Ellingson, received starred firsts on both her classical vocal solo and her musical theater vocal solo which qualified her to perform at state solo/ensemble. Lilly scored a perfect score for her musical theater solo and received recognition for being an Exemplary Soloist. It is rare for a middle schooler to be selected to attend state much less be recognized as an exemplary soloist. Congratulations Lilly! West De Pere is so proud of you!



## Westwood Butterfly/ Hummingbird Garden

High School FFA students assisted in the planting of the butterfly/hummingbird garden for Westwood Elementary Students and Staff.



# Clubs

## High School Archery National Competition

The kids had a blast competing, and they did great. Numerous archers shot their career-high scores. Including Braden Tennant and Jake Koch, both 9th graders scored a 281! The maximum score is 300.



## High School Multicultural Club

The Multicultural Club hosted a Korean cooking class lead by Sonja and Sujin and taught the students how to make Bibimbap (a traditional Korean rice dish) all while learning about Korean culture.



## Westwood Ukulele Club

Westwood Elementary started a Ukulele Club for 4th Graders this school year! The club took part in the 4th grade music concert and performed for our school board.



## Middle School Dust Sparks & Smarts Club

The club competed in the Brown County Home Builders "Backyard Build Contest." The club swept the competition.



## FFA Petting Zoo

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

## IS Leadership Club



Students from the Intermediate School's new Leadership Club gathered outside the school during Teacher Appreciation Week to greet teachers and escort them to their classrooms, carrying the teachers' bags for them.

The Club also helped with a teddy bear fundraiser for the school, listened to an inspirational speaker on leadership, and invited students to join them for lunch in the courtyard the last week of school.



## HS Forensics Heads to State Competition

The High School Forensics Team competed at the State Competition. Every member medaled. Seniors, Scout Lex and Ceresse Voyles, and Freshman, Jessica Gauthier all brought home gold.

## Bonjour FRENCH FORENSICS - 2022

West De Pere middle school students competed in French Forensics: LE CONCOURS ORAL FRANÇAIS.

Let's applaud the following students advanced from regionals to compete in the State competition. The entire team earned gold medals!



Michael Crandall, Lily Van Den Busch, Brooke Riesenber, Reece Osowski Annalise Zieske, Avani, Kirtikar, Kadie Micheau

Not pictured: Holt Wojciechowski, Emily Morgan, Olivia Alberson



# GRADUATION 2022



## Grad Bash 2022

On Sunday night, May 22, 184 graduates returned to the high school for a Grad Bash celebration that included outdoor yard games in the turf facility, photo ops, pick-up games in the fieldhouse, a DJ, board games, video games including skee-ball, food, many fabulous prizes, and a teacher video send-off. It was the first event like this in years, and it was a huge success due to the help of many parents and businesses.

## Thank You!

The West De Pere High School Class of 2022 would like to thank our generous sponsors whose donations helped to make the 2022 Grad Bash a memorable night. We also couldn't have made such an event happen without the help of many class parents. Our evening of food, fun, gifts, and friends was a memorable event thanks to all of you! Please patronize and thank the following businesses:

**A&W, West De Pere**  
**Ashwaubenon Bowling**  
**BayCare Health Systems, LLC**  
**BayTek Industries**  
**Bona Fide Juicery**  
**Camera Corner Connecting Point**  
**Cellcom**  
**Culver's, De Pere**  
**Dairyland Depot Enterprises, LLC**  
**Celebrate De Pere Committee, Inc**  
**Dame Salon**

**De Pere Voyageur Hockey**  
**Fawn Billie, DJ/Entertainment**  
**Festival Foods**  
**Fox Valley Golf Club**  
**Frontline Bldg. Products, Inc**  
**Gallagher's Pizza**  
**GB Blizzard**  
**GB Gamblers**  
**GB Rockers**  
**Habush, Habush, & Rottier**

**Hey, Daisy!**  
**ISA**  
**Kwik Trip**  
**Lakeland Lawncare**  
**Marcus Theaters**  
**Mid Valley Golf**  
**Milwaukee Brewers**  
**PDQ Car Wash**  
**PDQ Manufacturing, De Pere**  
**Plank Road**

**QSI, LLC**  
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**Security Luebke Roofing**  
**Schneider National Foundation, Inc.**  
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**VOS Electric/Best Built/SpiritFabs**  
**Westside Slam Volleyball**  
**Westein Property Maintenance**  
**Wilke Orthodontics**  
**Willow Creek Lanes**



# What's *Happening...*



The West De Pere Dance Team is excited to announce that the 2022 Dance Experience will be held Friday, September 9, 2022! The clinic is open to students 4K-8th grade and includes a performance at the varsity football game! Online registration will be available on the team's website. Please follow us on our Facebook or visit our website for upcoming registration information on the Dance Experience tab.

**Thank you for your support of the West De Pere Dance Team!**

## Westwood Students receive books

Westwood Elementary received a substantial grant from the Peterson Family Foundation, and along with the money raised from the book fairs, they were able to purchase a book for every child to help support their summer reading.



## First Graders at Westwood Elementary School

First Graders at Westwood Elementary School took on their first guided-inquiry project with Goods and Services and Money and Jobs as their main focus. Students from each classroom came up with a common good to design and create, but also mass-produce and sell at their very own FIRST GRADE MARKET! Students also shopped their market and experienced what it means to be an entrepreneur at such a young age!



Intermediate/Middle School Talent Show

## Intermediate School KidCamp

Students took part in the first-ever KidCamp. Presenters from the community and within the district shared their STEM-related careers and tools. Each student took part in two sessions which included topics such as interior design, video DIY projects, green screen, WeVideo, photography, virtual reality, claymation, improv, writing a book, and engineering design.



## Phuture Phoenix

Fifth-grade students had the opportunity to go to UWGB as part of the Phuture Phoenix Program. The program was initiated to encourage school attendance, inspire academic success, and alert young people to the wide-open opportunities of creating their future involving higher education. The kids had a wonderful day touring the college!



## Bike Safety with De Pere Police Department

The De Pere Police Department shared bicycle safety information with 5th-grade students at the Intermediate School. The fifth graders completed the bike rodeo during physical education classes in May.



## 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, and their community, and many others.



## Summer Food Program

The West De Pere School Nutrition Team will be providing free lunches Monday thru Friday this summer at Westwood Elementary School and Nicolet Townhomes from 11:30am-1:00pm. These meals are free for any child 18 years of age and under beginning June 8 - August 12, 2022.

If you have any questions regarding the summer meal program please contact Jennifer at [jtilot@wdpsd.com](mailto:jtilot@wdpsd.com). Have a wonderful summer!

## Weekend Food Bags Program

We have noticed that there is an increase in food insecurity in our community. Our District Social Workers and the schools hold Food Drives twice a year. Food that is collected goes towards our Weekend Food Bags Program. This school year alone, we collected thousands of food items. We appreciate all of the student's hard work and the involvement of our amazing community.



## Special Visitor

Mercy Watson made a special visit to the Kindergarten, first, and second grade students for Reading Month. Mercy Watson is the main character in a series of books by Kate DiCamillo.



## HEMLOCK CREEK STAFF VARIETY SHOW



## Important Food Service Notice

**ATTENTION WEST DE PERE FAMILIES:** The USDA has NOT extended free meals into the 2022-2023 school year which means school meals will go back to free, reduced, and paid status. Please watch your emails after July 1st for updated free/reduced meal applications. It is very important to fill out the application for families in need of financial assistance with meals to prevent any disruption in meal service. It is also important to note: Any family who did not complete a free/reduced meal application for the 2021-2022 school year but may qualify for meal benefits, will not receive the 30-day grace period during the 2022-2023 school year. Therefore, you must have applications completed prior to September 1, 2022.

## 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.

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## Title VI/Y.E.S. Programs

Submitted by, Christine Yungwirth

### What is Title VI?

Title VI, also known as "Indian Education," is a federally funded grant that school districts are eligible to apply for and receive. The funds are used to support Native American and Alaskan Native students in the school district. Each district has its own objectives that it must work towards. The direct services provided must be working towards meeting their objectives. West De Pere's objectives:

- Continue efforts to assist school staff in understanding the ways in which race, ethnicity, culture, social class, ability, and language influence learning, and achievement for all students
- Continue to provide language, culture, and history activities with our Indigenous students

In order to apply for this grant, the district requires a Title VI student eligibility certification form (506 form). We use these forms to collect a count to submit when we re-apply for the formula grant.

Our Y.E.S. staff work through the Oneida Nation in our Middle and High Schools and their work with students can include: help with school work, social-emotional support, sharing cultural knowledge and activities, keeping on track for graduation, and preparing for life after high school. Because YES is a program of the Oneida Nation, they have separate forms that must be completed as well.

Did you know that Wisconsin has a mandate requiring the study of Wisconsin American Indian history, culture, and tribal sovereignty? "As a result of tensions between Native and non-Native peoples over Ojibwe treaty rights, in 1989 Wisconsin legislators passed an initiative to promote Wisconsin First Nations education in our public schools. This policy requires the education of students on Wisconsin First Nations' history, culture, and tribal sovereignty. The State budgetary funds appropriated to accomplish this are used to hire staff, develop curriculum, and obtain/develop classroom resource materials, provide teacher training, and hold conferences and workshops to promote and support First Nations instruction in Wisconsin public schools." (Wisconsin Educational Act 31).

Even if your child/student is not enrolled, they could still qualify for Title VI/ YES services if their parent or grandparent is an enrolled member of a Native American/Alaska Native tribe. For questions or for more information, please contact our Native American Home School Liaison, Christine Yungwirth, by email at [cyungwirth@wdpsd.com](mailto:cyungwirth@wdpsd.com) or by phone at 425-1900, ext. 3233

## 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.

## 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 Schaetz [sschaetz@wdpsd.com](mailto:sschaetz@wdpsd.com) • (920) 337-1393 ext.8025

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## 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.

