

# 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









Middle School Dance













Westwood Fun in the Snow



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## West De Pere Community,

As I reflect on the first half of our school year, I continue to be filled with gratitude for the work being done. I am grateful for the daily dedication our staff puts forth in providing stellar learning opportunities for our students. I am grateful for the effort our students put in to achieve excellence both in and out of our classrooms. And I am grateful for our families who support our staff and encourage our students to continue on the path of lifelong learning. This community is second-to-none!



Dennis Krueger SUPERINTENDENT

Within these short messages, I am only able to touch upon a small number of the exciting accomplishments and new activities taking place within our district. So let me just say that here in West De Pere, we are continuing to climb mountains and experience incredible adventures while on our journey of continuous improvement for student success.

In this publication, I would like to highlight Youth Apprenticeship (YA).

Youth Apprenticeship continues to provide new and incredible opportunities for our students. YA is a one or two year program created with the goal of allowing high school juniors and seniors to:

- Explore career paths gaining hands-on experience in a chosen field while still in high school. This lets you test out a career before fully committing to it.
- Earn while you learn: Receive paid work experience with a local business, gaining valuable skills and knowledge from experienced mentors.
- Combine classroom and work: Spend part of your school day in related classroom instruction, deepening your understanding of the chosen career field.
- Get ahead: Earn industry-recognized certificates and high school credit towards graduation. This can give you a head start in your future career or studies.

WDP students are able to participate in YA exploring careers such as: plumbing, electrical, machining, welding, HVAC, diesel, auto, printing, design, construction, agriculture, healthcare, and more.

Some of our current partners include:

Belmark, Calaway Farms, Green Bay Packaging, Fairchild Equipment, Robinson Inc., JM Electric, VOS Electric, Astro Hydraulics, Robinson Heating and Cooling, Titletown Manufacturing, Dave's Auto Center, Ideal Air, Jim Cornell Plumbing, Kriete, Ashwaubenon Auto, Auto Select, Spirit Fab, Romo Printing, Fincantieri Ace Marine, Krone, Laser Farm, K & M Crating, Broadway by Bergstrom, Sage Meadows Assisted Living and Memory Care, Hy-Vee, McCormick Senior Assisted Living, Animal House, St. Norbert College, HSHS, Autumn's Promise Assisted Living, Bellin, Transport Refrigeration, Renaissance by Rennes, Rennes Health and Rehab, Festival Foods, Be's Vending, Georgia Pacific, Country Villa Assisted Living, Buddy's Vets, Velocity Machine, M & M Tool and Mold, Creative Sign, Fox Harbor, Broadway Enterprises Inc., and Zirbel Services.

Through continued support of YA, we connect students with their own passions. It is our district's goal to continue looking for ways to expand our ability to partner with businesses and offer more courses/experiences in the trades. Our district's success in offering YA to our students stands as another example of our community's commitment to the future of our students.

Together, as a community, we will continue to create an environment where students succeed academically, socially, and emotionally. Thank you to everyone for all that you do to support our students, staff, and teachers. Without a doubt, it is great to be a West De Pere Phantom!

With gratitude

Demo J. Konge

Dennis Krueger, Superintendent

## Northeast Wisconsin Youth Apprenticeship



Congratulations to Corey Wollin, Youth Apprenticeship Coach for our district. Corey has been honored with the FUTURE 15 award by the Greater Green Bay Chamber! But that's not all – Corey is also a finalist for the prestigious 2024 Young Professional of the

Prestigious 2024 Young Professional of the Year award!

NORTHEAST WISCONSIN YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP

April 17, 2024

4pm - 7pm
Riverside Ballroom
1560 Main St
Green Bay, WI 54302

Current Sephomores and to
Junioral Jain us at our Spring
Hing Event. Employers will be looking to fill Youth
Apprendiceship placements starring in the summer and to continue throughout the 24/25 school year.

Please dress appropriately, have copies of your resume on hand, and be ready to apply and potentially interview on the spot.

Please contact your School-Rased Youth Apprendiceship Coach with any questions about the event.

PRE-REGISTRATION
ENCOURAGED!

VA pathways:

West De Pere High School offers Work-Based Experiential Learning Experiences. These opportunities allow students to earn valuable knowledge and skills outside of the high school classrooms while taking related coursework inside the classrooms. The Northeast Wisconsin Youth Apprenticeship (NEWYA) program is conducted and managed in partnership with CESA 7 and the Greater Green Bay Chamber of Commerce. Students can earn school elective credits, along with certifications from the Department of Workforce Development, while getting paid.

Mrs. Corey Wollin is the Youth Apprenticeship Coach serving WDPHS. Please have your sophomore/junior student contact Mrs. Wollin at cwollin@wdpsd.com for more information or have them fill out the YA Application Form: https://forms. gle/1XZPjBT9dyacHvQv7. Check out our new website: https://www.newya7.org/

For students looking for a YA placement for the summer through the 24/25 school year, mark your calendars for the NEWYA Spring Hiring Event on Wednesday, April 17th from 4 PM - 7 PM at the Riverside Ballroom in Green Bay. Pre-registration is encouraged: https://forms.gle/bKhSwLEuen1Q7bPdA







## Green Bay, WI

## Noah

West De Pere High School

Noah is in the 11th grade. He participates in Youth Apprenticeship in Manufacturing as a Hydraulic Mechanic with a Welding Emphasis at Astro Hydraulics, Inc.

and a smile on his face."

Noah's supervisor says,
"Noah is still learning but understands the tasks he
has. He is motivated, not afraid to ask questions, puts
out quality work, has a positive attitude







## Sophia West De Pere High School

Sophia is in the 12th grade. She participates in Youth Apprenticeship in Manufacturing as a Welder at Spirit Fabs, Inc.

Sophia's manager says,

"Sophia is a very talented welder. She has a very promising future in the welding or inspecting industry."









## WEST DE PERE HIGH SCHOOL DONOR BRICK PAVERS

Cement the name of a loved one in West De Pere's 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.



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# **Phantastic Phantoms**

## **Badger Girls State**



In the third week of June each year, the campus of UW Oshkosh becomes home for over 725 high school girls who join together to become the fifty-first state in the Union. This week-long immersion into the workings of our government, known as Badger Girls State, has been around since 1941. As citizens of Badger Girls State, the young women participate in various activities of state government. Citizens "learn by doing" as they function on city, county, and state levels.

Just one week prior, some 900 young men from around the state will converge at UW Eau Claire for a similar experience. The boys will campaign for various offices at the municipal, county, and state levels. In addition, both the boys and girls will be encouraged to participate in a variety of activities including discussion sessions, band and chorus, a daily Badger State newspaper, and a variety of sports.

The purpose of Badger State, sponsored by the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary, is to develop leadership and citizenship skills, to educate youth about our system of government and American traditions, and to emphasize the importance of the democratic process.

West De Pere High School is proud to announce the students chosen to attend Badger Girls and Badger Boys State this year. Elizabeth Gerrits (daughter of Suzanne and Mark) and David Whipp (son of Angela and Lee) were chosen by the Social Studies department based on their leadership potential and their interest in government. Jessica Gauthier (daughter of Deb and Mark) and Jack Cygan (son of Tracie and Michael) will serve as alternates. Congratulations to all!



## Hemlock Creek Tie Blankets

Hemlock Creek 3rd graders made tie blankets for Sleep in Heavenly Peace, a local organization that makes and delivers beds to kids who need them.

They also collected 18 pillows and 36 sets of sheets!

## **Sixth grade STEM**

Sixth grade students who had STEM during the first semester at the Intermediate School recently presented their Class Club projects. Since September, students have been working collaboratively with classmates who shared an interest in creating something that they present. Final projects included: selling hot chocolate to teachers to raise money for cancer research, a 28-minute move entitled Battle of the Truths, a musical concert, a floor hockey competition, a KEVA block building challenge, choreographed dances, coding tutorials, 3-D printing to raise money for charities, making jewelry to donate to children in hospitals with cancer, an art show, and engineering challenges, just to name a few.







## **Empower Leadership Event**

The Green Bay Packers annual Empower leadership event was held on January 18th. West De Pere Middle School was fortunate enough to bring 14 students to the event. This event focuses on helping the youth of WI step into leadership roles within their school and community. The students heard a powerful message from Orlando Bowen, took a quick tour of Lambeau Field, and packed food bags for Rise For Hunger.





## Intermediate School Pajama Drive

Student Council students from West De Pere Intermediate School presented Golden House with 108 pairs of pajamas! Scholastic matched each pair of PJs donated with a book.



## Random Acts of Kindness

A group of High School Students cleaned the snow off staff vehicles during the snowstorm.



## **Middle School - Art Corner**

To celebrate Youth Art Month in March, 5 pieces of artwork were selected from our Middle School and were on display at the Neville Public Museum from January 23 - February 22. These 8th grade students were selected: \*Kayla Briggs, \*Kalista Her, \*Alie Leurquin, Ashley Schlatter, and Belle VanEvery. Three artists (star by their name) moved on to the State Level competition in Madison at the East Towne Mall. Artwork will be displayed from March 2 - March 22nd, with an awards ceremony on Friday, March 22nd from 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm. Congratulations to these amazing artists!



Ashley Schlatter (one of the participants in the contest)



Kayla Briggs, Alie Leurquin, and Kalista Her

## **Hometown Hero**

Ms. Moeller, an adapted PE specialist, developed the adapted PE education program for the district to help students with special needs participate in physical education classes with their peers, allowing them to build socialization skills, teamwork, and



motor skills in a larger group environment. Ms. Moeller has her master's degree from UW-LaCrosse and is a trained Autism Exercise Specialist and Special Needs Fitness Trainer. She has been nominated for the Herb Kohl Teacher Fellowship Award and has moved on to the state level. Winners will be announced in mid-March. Ms. Moeller was recently recognized at the Green Bay Gamblers Hockey game as being a Hometown Hero.

## Golden Apple Recipient

Congratulations to Hemlock Creek teacher, Mrs. Carly Shier, who has been named a 2024 Golden Apple Recipient. Carly will be honored at a banquet on April 17.



## We De Pere High School Student Pushes for Bill

Chase Yells, Senior, helped push for the bill which states that, to graduate, a student must earn at least one-half credit of personal financial literacy. Chase was present at the bill-signing ceremony at the Capitol with Gov. Tony Evers.



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# Around the District

## **Computer Science Education Week**

December 4-8, 2023 was Computer Science Education Week! Mrs. Buboltz and her AP Computer Science Principles students traveled to the Intermediate School to work on a few Code.org activities with Dr. Kohl, Mr. Abaray, and Ms. Weller's students. Students who participated earned an Hour of Code certificate to recognize their accomplishments.







# District Wide Spelling Bee Winner Announced

Finalists from the grade-level spelling bees competed in the 2023-24 District-Wide Spelling Bee at the Middle School on Tuesday, January 16th. There were 25 spellers, from grades 3-8, who made it to the district level round. Spellers were very well-prepared and many words were spelled leaving the audience with a nail-biting finish. Congratulations to all who participated in the District Bee, a special recognition goes to the District Champion, 6th Grader Ava Winters. The top speller from each school will also have the chance to compete in the Regional Bee: Tyler Wagner from the MS; Dedeepya Anthati from HC; and Aishwarya Palla from WW.



# Oneida Nation Visits Our

# Schools



Presenters from Oneida Nation helped to kick off the third-grade First Nations First People unit at Hemlock Creek.



Westwood students made traditional Native American Corn Husk dolls with Ms. Ninham.



## **Kindergartners Celebrate 100 Days of School**





#### Westwood

Zero the Hero has been visiting kindergartners at Westwood every 10 days since the beginning of the school year to help us work on counting. He has secretly delivered an activity to our classrooms which is meant to help us master each decade of numbers and get us closer to the end of year goal of counting to 100. Tuesday, February 6th was the 100th day of school! Zero the Hero surprised the Westwood Kindergarten students with an "in-person/in-dog" visit. Zero enjoyed listening to the kids singing along to the Zero the Hero song and cheered the kiddos on while they whisper counted to 100. He then delivered a bag



to each class with a special 100th day hat project and a Zero the Hero stuffed dog to help us continue to work on our counting to 100. A huge thank you to Laura Lenss and Fenton for making the day extra special for our Westwood Kindergartners.

#### **Hemlock Creek**

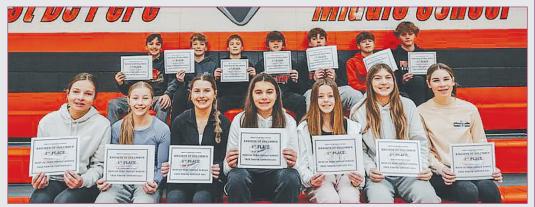
Kindergartners at Hemlock Creek celebrated the 100th Day of School on Tuesday, February 6th! These kindergartners celebrated all day long by reading 100 books, counting to 100, building 100 snacks, working with 100s charts, doing scavenger hunts, and had a parade!

It was an absolutely amazing day and these students are ready to take on the rest of the year together!



# Free Throw Contest

70 West De Pere Middle School students participated in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest. These are the 1st and 2nd place finishers.





# Clubs

## **HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR NEWS**

The West De Pere High School and West De Pere Middle School Choirs presented a Winter Holiday Concert on December 19th. This performance featured the 7th Grade Choir, 8th Grade Choir, A Cappella Choir, Concert Choir, and Chamber Choir. The concert finale was a song performed by all choir students in grades 7-12, combined on stage for a great show-closer for a full-house audience.

On December 20th, the West De Pere High School Chamber Choir performed at Tundra Lodge for the Brown County Women's Association's holiday meeting and luncheon. They performed for a half hour in Renaissance Madrigal costumes Afterwards, they performed in Green Bay for a 98-year-old, home-bound lady who sang along, even to the German verse of Silent Night. The singers are pictured below.

On January 11th, the West De Pere High School Chamber Choir was the first school group to tour the new Mulva Cultural Center.



After enjoying the Beatles and Grammy exhibits, the singers were asked to give a short, impromptu performance in the atrium to check out the great acoustics! (pictured below)

On January 18th, a competitive A Cappella treble choir from UW-Madison joined our Chamber Choir rehearsal to perform for us and hold a brief clinic on vocal percussion techniques. This event was part of their "Home-Town Visits" tour. Recent WDP graduate, Cadence Dugre, was a member of

this prestigious choir which will be competing on March 2nd in the quarter-finals of the International Championship of Collegiate A Cappella choirs, a real-life competition made famous in the "Pitch Perfect" movies. On January 26th, Macey Moericke, a senior, participated in the Vocal Arts Festival at UW-Milwaukee as part of an elite group of singers from throughout the Midwest. Macey participated in master classes and rehearsals that culminated with an amazing evening concert for the public.



## MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR NEWS

# LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY PACTOR MICHORIS

Four 8th-grade choir students participated in the Wisconsin Choral Directors Association All-State Middle Level Honor Choir at Lawrence University in Appleton on Jan. 12 and 13. Hundreds of the best singers in Wisconsin from the 5th grade-college level participated under the direction of nationally renowned choral conductors. The choir students who were selected from WDPMS are Kennedie Cox, Ethan Devine, Isaiah Raebe, and Ava Smith.

## WSMA Middle Level Honor Choir

West De Pere Middle School 8th grade choir student Ethan Devine was selected after a rigorous audition process to be one of only 100 students selected from the state of Wisconsin to be a part of this year's WSMA Middle Level Honor Choir. Congratulations Ethan on this wonderful accomplishment!



## Middle School A Capella

The Middle School Phantabile a cappella group proudly represented West De Pere by singing the national anthem at the Green Bay Gamblers game.



## **FFA**

## District Leadership Development Events -

West De Pere FFA traveled to Valders High School in January to compete in the District 26 Leadership Development Events (Speaking Contest). Our Parliamentary Procedure team consisting of Avery Berner, Olivia LeMere, Destiny Viste, Alex Maschke, James Ashpole, and Tylur Foss placed 3rd. Avery Berner also competed in the Employment Skills contest and Olivia LeMere competed in the Prepared Public Speaking Contest. Olivia placed 2nd in the district for her prepared speech on Biotechnology in Animal Nutrition and will be advancing onto Sectionals in March.



## Mission/Impact Conference - In late

November, West De Pere FFA took 4 members to the Mission/Impact Conference by the National FFA. This conference was nice and close at the KI Center in Green Bay. Cassie Ellard, Destiny Viste, Sianna Forseth, and Aleena Sylvester attended this conference. Members had a great time learning about FFA and leadership and making new friends around Wisconsin.





## **WEST DE PERE BANDS**











## **West De Pere High School Archery Club**

The High School Archery club is off to a great start. Our archers were represented at the first-ever meet hosted by St. John's. The St. John's coaches sent a message thanking our West De Pere archers for their outstanding sportsmanship, particularly for supporting the many youth archers new to the program. At the Hortonville archery tournament, the team placed first. Congratulations to Lillian for taking 1st place in the high school girls division and 2nd place

overall and to to Cameron for taking 3rd place in the high school boys division!

Jake Koch and Lillian Blasczyk got 50's at the Hortonville tournament.







## West De Pere Theatre

Congratulations to One Act!!!!!

The students delivered a
dynamite performance and took
home a Critic's Choice award,
Stage Crew award, Ensemble
Award, 3 (!!!!) Solo Acting
Awards (Kendra, Catherine, and
Lily), and Director's Award!





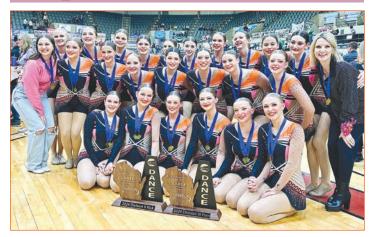


## **BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS**

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 (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.



# **Sports**



## STATE CHAMPS

Congratulations to the West De Pere Dance Team who traveled to La Crosse for the WACPC State Championship on February 3. The team earned two State Championships taking 1st place in D3 Pom & D2 Kick!

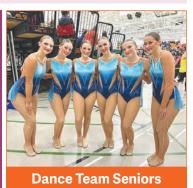


## WEST DE PERE MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE TEAM

Congratulations to the West De Pere Middle School Dance Team! Their Pom routine took 3rd at State.



Varsity Girls Basketball



## **100TH WIN**

Boy's basketball coach Todd Deschane recorded his 100th career win as a basketball coach.





**High School Wrestling Team** 

## **BAY AREA ICE BEARS**

Congratulations to our girl's hockey team! They are Eastern Shores Conference Champions. Three West De Pere students play for the team.



## **NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT - SIGNING DAY**

Four West De Pere Football players signed their National Letter of Intent

Langdon Nordgaard -UW Madison - Football Duke Shovald -Northern Michigan University -Football Carter Schmitt -Northern Michigan University -Football

Andrew Baumgart -Lindenwood University - Football





## 2023-24 Wisconsin Forward Exam Window Opens in March

From March 18 through April 26 Wisconsin students will once again be taking the Wisconsin Forward Exam. The Wisconsin Forward is the test that schools are required to give to students in grades 3-8 and 10. Questions on the Forward Exam will measure each student's achievement relative to grade level in two areas: English language arts and mathematics. In addition, a science test will be given to fourth and eighth grade students and a social studies test will be administered to fourth, eighth and tenth grade students. All testing sessions are online and untimed, so students can take breaks without their score being impacted.

West De Pere schools will be administering the Forward Exam over the course of the entire window. Our aim is to give students the time and support they need to complete each portion of the test to the best of their ability. Parents and students can be confident that teachers and school personnel will have student welfare as their top priority. Parents seeking to know more about the Forward Exam can visit the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction website (http://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/forward). Additional questions about the Wisconsin Forward Exam can be directed to building principals or Joe Feldhausen, Teaching and Learning Coordinator at 337-1393 extension 8035.

## HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LIGHT COLLECTION UPDATE

Great news! Having collected two carts heaped with lights, I loaded them into my van and took them over to Townline Recycling in late January. Thanks to everyone who donated, it added up to 108 pounds and a tidy sum of \$27! This will be put toward ordering several new sets of hip waders for our HS Environmental Science class in time for our spring water quality monitoring on Ashwaubenon Creek. This light collection is a year-round endeavor, so if you are spring cleaning and find some don't hesitate to drop them off at the high school! Thank you again!



Session 1- 9 AM to 10:30 AM

Session 2- 11 AM to 1 PM
Realstration/Check-in begins at 10:30AM

Kindergarten - 3rd Grade

Athletes can expect to learn an introduction to softball through balance and movement drills, leadership, team work, and effective communication. 4th Grade - 8th Grade

Athletes can expect to learn proper catching, throwing, fielding, hitting and base running techniques as well as leadership, team work, and effective communication.

## **REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**

Scan the QR code to register

\*\*Sign-up by February 2nd to guarantee t-shirt size.



Dental Clinic at School!
March 20-21st! No-cost dental care for students who are covered under ForwardHealth, Medicaid, BadgerCare, or who are uninsured. Clinic held at Hemlock Creek Elementary and Middle School. All students are provided transportation for appointments. Contact the



school social worker if you are interested in signing your child up for this program, Sabrina Esala (920) 639-0519 or Heather Propson (920) 655-6267. Permission slips can be found in the front office or can be sent home. *Healthy teeth, healthy kids!* 

## STUDENT CHANGE OF ADDRESS

It's imperative that we have the 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.

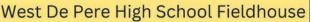
## **STING CANCER WALK 2024**

West De Pere High School STING CANCER is a passionate and committed collaboration of high school students and staff. We are dedicated to reducing the effects of cancer by initiating and supporting programs and activities for the school and its surrounding community.





Cancer
April 27th, 2024



665 Grant St. De Pere

Help the WDPHS Sting Cancer Club raise awareness for all types of cancer & support for those in our community affected by cancer

This is NOT a Timed Event



Registration Begins at 9:30 AM
Power Hour Walk is from

10:00-11:00 AM \$5 for Children and Students \$10 for Adults

4 and under are free

Contact kbesel@wdpsd.com or nkempen@wdpsd.com for more info



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## POSTAL CUSTOMER

# Four-Year-Old Kindergarten Registration

The School District of West De Pere has scheduled 4-Year-Old Kindergarten registration dates for children who would be 4 years of age on or before September 1, 2024 and are planning to attend 4-Year Old Kindergarten in the fall of 2024.

Registration will take place on Thursday, March 7 from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Registration directions and forms are found on our district website - wdpsd.com:

Schools>(Westwood or Hemlock Creek)>About>2024-25 Registration Information

To register, please bring proof of residence (a signed rental/lease agreement, mortgage statement, or utility bill), an original birth certificate, and an immunization record/waiver to either Westwood Elementary School or Hemlock Creek Elementary School. If you printed the registration forms and did not send them in ahead of time you will need to bring those as well.

Our 4-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. All Four-Year-Old Kindergarten students are eligible for busing. 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, physical development, and self-help skills.

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.1315; Hemlock Creek Elementary at (920) 425-1900 ext. 3321, or Mike Kowalczyk, 4K Director at (920) 425-1900 ext. 3327.

## **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 is holding Kindergarten Registration Night on March 7, 2024, for children planning to attend Kindergarten in the fall of 2024. If your child does not currently attend our 4K program and you are planning on sending your child(ren) to Kindergarten, see below for the directions for the 2024-25 school year registration information.

Registration information is found on our district website - wdpsd.com:

Schools>(Westwood or Hemlock Creek)> About>2024-25 Registration Information

Children must be five years of age on or before September 1, 2024, and live in the West De Pere School District to be eligible for Kindergarten. For registration, please bring your child's birth certificate, immunization record, and proof of address (a signed rental/lease agreement, mortgage statement, or utility bill). If you have any questions, please call (920) 425-1900 ext. 3321 for Hemlock Creek or (920) 337 1087 ext. 1320 for Westwood.

\*Immunization requirements can be waived if a properly signed health, religious, or personal conviction waiver is filed with the school.

## **KINDERGARTEN CAMP 2024**

Hemlock Creek and Westwood Elementary Schools will host Kindergarten Camp on August 20th-22nd, 2024

The camp is open to students who are registered to attend kindergarten in the School District of West De Pere in the fall of 2024. You must register for the school where your child will attend in the fall. Online registration will run May 16th - June 28th, 2024 Go to www.wdpsd.com click on About the District, then the Summer School tab for additional information and registration. Questions? summerschool@wdpsd.com or 920-337-1087 ext 3100

## **SUMMER SCHOOL 2024**

The Summer School office has been busy planning for Summer School this year. The dates for the elementary and middle school program are:

Monday, June 10th - Friday, June 28th

Classes will be held at Hemlock Creek, Westwood, and West De Pere Intermediate School. Most classes will run between the hours of 8:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. Course offerings information will be available on the District website starting March 21st. Registration will open at 2:30 pm on Tuesday, April 4th. Registration will close at 4:00 pm on Tuesday, April 18th. All registrations and payments will be processed online

