

HEMLOCK CREEK NEWSLETTER

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A Note from Mrs. Held

April will be filled with continued assessments in our building. Our 3rd and 4th graders will continue with the state test, Wisconsin Forward, and we will conduct our Act 20 literacy spring screening the week of April 7th. To help your child feel prepared and confident here are some suggested tips:

- Ensure a Good Night's Sleep – A well-rested brain performs better! Try to maintain a consistent bedtime routine.
- Provide a Healthy Breakfast – Nutritious meals fuel the body and mind for better focus.
- Arrive on Time for School – Being on time helps reduce stress and allows students to settle in before testing begins.
- Encourage a Positive Mindset – Remind your child that they are prepared and capable. A calm, confident approach makes a big difference!
- Send a Water Bottle for Staying hydrated.
- Talk About the Test in a Low-Stress Way – Let your child know that tests help teachers understand what they've learned and where they need support. Avoid creating pressure.
- Encourage Daily Reading & Problem-Solving – Simple activities like reading together, discussing stories, and solving real-world math problems can help reinforce skills.
- Limit Screen Time Before Bed – Reducing screen exposure in the evening can improve sleep quality.
- Check Test Dates & Plan Ahead – Avoid scheduling appointments or late-night activities during testing days.
- Celebrate Their Effort! – Acknowledge their hard work regardless of the outcome. A simple "I'm proud of you for trying your best" can boost their confidence.

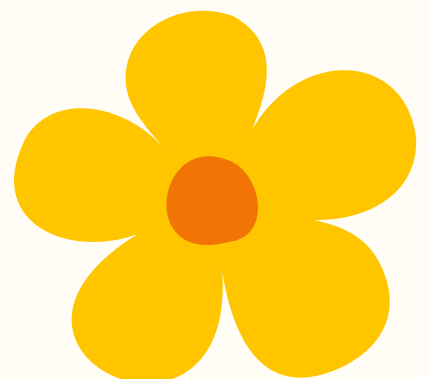
We appreciate your support in making this a positive experience for your child. If you have any questions or need additional information, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for being a valuable partner in your child's education!

Kathleen Held, Proud Principal

Upcoming Dates

- **April 1:** PTO Meeting @ 6:30 PM, Hemlock Creek Library
- **April 3:** Summer School Registration Open, 2:30 PM
- **April 11:** Green Bay Blizzard Night
- **April 18:** No School



PBIS News

The PBIS focus for March was empathy. Phantastic Phantoms demonstrate respect and understanding for others' feelings. One way students practiced this was by using clues to identify emotions. Are there tears in their eyes? Is their face red? Is their voice loud? Recognizing these clues helps foster better conversations.

Classrooms earning the Phantastic Phantom Trophy were:

K: Mrs. Rohr's class

1st: Mrs. Roth's class

2nd: Ms. Legois' class

3rd: Mr. Prebelski's class

4th: Mrs. Brossard's class



PTO News

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our March meeting! Our last meeting of the year will take place on **Tuesday, April 1st at 6:30 pm**. If you haven't had a chance to attend a meeting this year, now's your chance!

Have you "liked" the Hemlock Creek Elementary PTO page on Facebook? It's a great place for up to date information on meetings, school events, and fun ways to get involved! Already following? Invite a friend!

Also be sure to check out our website at

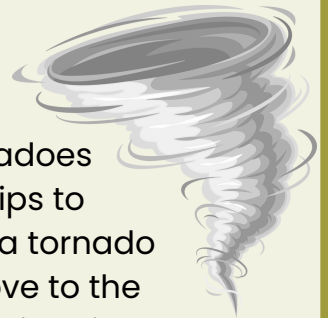
hemlockcreekelementarypto.com!

- Sarah Lisowe, PTO President

Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Week

In Wisconsin, the week of April 12-16 is Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Week.

Did you know that Wisconsin averages 23 tornadoes annually? Some tips to remember are: If a tornado were to strike, move to the lowest room or an interior room if possible. Try to cover yourself with blankets, towels, pillows, etc. If possible, put yourself under a sturdy desk, counter, or table. Always remember to stay away from windows. A mock statewide tornado drill will occur on April 15th.



NEW THIS YEAR
SUMMER SCHOOL
PRE-REGISTRATION
MARCH 18
- APRIL 2

DURING PRE-REGISTRATION YOU WILL BE ABLE
TO ENTER ALL OF YOUR STUDENT'S
INFORMATION (STUDENT NAME, GRADE, ETC...),
BUT YOU **WILL NOT** BE ABLE TO SELECT
CLASSES.

COURSE REGISTRATION/CLASS SELECTION WILL
OPEN AT 2:30 P.M., THURSDAY, APRIL 3RD.

School Counselor Corner

Mrs. Hettmann & Mrs. Crozier

During the last week of April, Hemlock Creek students will begin the Child Safety Unit in Phantom Skills. These lessons are designed to help students stay safe at home and at school by teaching them to 1) recognize unsafe situations, 2) refuse (say no) to participate in an unsafe situation, and 3) report anything unsafe to trusted adults.

Each lesson will help students learn three types of skills:

- **Personal Safety.** Students will learn important safety rules, such as safety with guns, sharp tools, and fire, and when riding on bikes or in cars. They will also learn ways to help them decide if something is safe or not.
- **Touching Safety.** Students will learn about safe, unsafe, and unwanted touches, and rules about touching private body parts. They will also learn to say no to unsafe or unwanted touches, and to tell an adult if someone breaks rules about touching private body parts.
- **Assertiveness.** These lessons will also give students a chance to practice asking an adult for help, telling an adult about an unsafe situation, and being assertive to get out of unsafe situations.



Promoting Safety at Home:

Talking with your child about keeping their body safe isn't easy. The website earlyopenoften.org has helpful tips for parents/guardians to have ongoing conversations with their children about safety. Some suggestions include:

- Talk about body safety when you talk about general safety rules like wearing seatbelts and fire safety.
- Teach your children about the 3 R's of safety: Recognize, Report, and Refuse. Practice how to report and refuse at home.
- Remind your child that they should never keep secrets from their trusted adults.
- If your child is going to play with a new friend, take the time to make sure you can trust that friend's adult family members to supervise your child.

If you have questions or concerns about the Child Safety Unit, please reach out! As with all Phantom Skills units, we encourage you to talk to your child about the lessons in this child safety unit. Thank you for helping us to make our school a safe and supportive place where everyone can learn!





LIBRARY

Mrs. Gossen

Enjoy some pictures from reading month:



Book Swap



Student Council Reading to K-2 Classes



Family Book Club



Hemlock Creek and Westwood Elementary Schools will host Kindergarten Camp August 20th-22nd and will run from 8:30 am to 12 pm. The camp is open to students that are registered to attend kindergarten in the School District of West De Pere this fall. Online registration will open in May.

For additional information please visit the summer school tab on our website
<https://www.wdpsd.com/district/summer-school.cfm>



WDP 25-26 4K Registration
4K In-Person registration night: March 18 from 4:30-7:30PM

How to Enroll
All steps must be completed in their entirety to enroll for the 2025-26 academic year.

Step 1
Verify that your address is within district boundaries and your child is eligible for four-year-old Kindergarten. Your child must turn four by September 1, 2025, to attend 4K.


Step 2
Click the link above OR scan the QR Code to complete WDP's 4K Pre-Registration forms for the 2025-26 school year

Step 3
After successfully submitting the pre-registration forms, you will receive a confirmation email with information regarding in-person registration. You must bring the following items to the appointment:

- Your child's original birth certificate
- A paper copy of your child's immunization record
- A paper copy of proof of Residence (lease agreement or mortgage statement)

Step 4
In June, you will receive an email with instructions to complete the registration process online via PowerSchool. You will either use your existing PowerSchool account or one will be created for you.

Please complete the pre-registration forms prior to registration night.



Green Bay Blizzard Visit

On Wednesday, March 5 players from the Green Bay Blizzard visited Hemlock Creek! The kids had a blast as the players visited with them during lunch and played at recess.



Artist in Residence

From March 10-14, we had the honor of welcoming Jeanne Styczinski as our Artist in Residence. Jeanne, a published author and illustrator of seven children's books, joined each classroom during their scheduled art classes to share her writing and illustration process.

In addition to her presentations, Jeanne collaborated with students on a large community art installation: a flower garden. Some classes created textured papers using over 50 colors of paint and a variety of tools, including combs, stamps, kitchen utensils, Legos, and bottle caps. Once the papers dried, Jeanne used a heat press to flatten them for collage work. Other classes focused on designing and assembling collaged flowers. Jeanne guided students in studying the shapes and structures of flowers, helping them thoughtfully select papers, cut out shapes, and add unique details to make their flowers stand out.

Each completed flower was carefully arranged and collaged onto a painted board, forming a stunning final piece. Once installed, the artwork will span 30 feet across the commons wall above the trophy case.

We are incredibly grateful to Jeanne for serving as our Artist in Residence this year. It was a memorable experience for our students, and we will treasure this beautiful artwork for years to come. A huge thank you as well to the Hemlock Creek PTO for sponsoring this event!

