

# Hemlock Creek Newsletter

MAY/JUNE 2024

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## A Note From Mrs. Held



Dear Hemlock Creek Families -

The week of May 5 is Teacher Appreciation Week. Our teachers rock - and we want to make sure they know it! Take the time to celebrate the amazing people who make our school shine. Our PTO will be celebrating the staff with a luncheon on Fri., May 2nd.

As we near the end of another wonderful school year, we want to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude for your continued partnership and support.

This year has been filled with growth, learning, and many memorable moments—none of which would have been possible without the incredible collaboration between our families, students, and staff. Your involvement, encouragement, and trust have made a meaningful difference in our school community.

Thank you for sharing your children with us, for cheering them on, and for being such vital partners in their education. We're proud of all we've accomplished together and are excited for what lies ahead. Wishing you and your family a joyful and restful summer!

*Kathleen Held, Proud HC Principal*



## IMPORTANT DATES

- May 2 Early Release @ 11:50 am
- May 7 Bike, Roll & Walk to School Day
- May 9 4th Grade Concert @ 9:45 am  
3rd Grade Concert @ 2:30 pm
- May 13 Kindergarten Concert @ 2:30 pm  
(Loch, Neuens, Sands, & Stumpf)
- May 15 Kindergarten Concert @ 2:30 pm  
(Herlache, Pierce, Rohr, & Walker)
- May 26 No School
- May 29 Library books due
- May 31 4th Grade Bowling Celebration
- June 4 PBIS End of Year Celebration
- June 6 Last Day of School, Early Release  
@ 11:50 am



## SCHOOL CONCERTS

### 4TH GRADE

Friday, May 9th @ 9:45-10:15 AM

### 3RD GRADE

Friday, May 9th @ 2:30-3:00 pM

### KINDERGARTEN

LOCH, NEUENS, SANDS & STUMPE

Tuesday, May 13th @ 2:30-3:00 PM

### KINDERGARTEN

HERLACHE, PIERCE, ROHR & WALKER

Thursday, May 15th @ 2:30-3:00 PM



# PBIS MAY FOCUS – INTEGRITY

The PBIS focus for **May** is Integrity.

Phantastic Phantoms show integrity by doing what is right, even when no one is watching.

Students will discuss scenarios such as:

- You find a Phantom Slip on the ground without a name on it. What do you do?
- You are playing Gaga Ball and the ball hits your feet, but no one notices. What do you do?

Classrooms earning the Phantastic Phantom Trophy for the month were:

K: Mrs. Neuens', Mrs. Sands' and Ms. Stumpf's classes

1st: Mrs. Lambrecht's, Mrs. Kussow's and Mrs. LaPierre's classes

2nd: Mrs. Luce's, Mrs. Bixby's and Mrs. Linssen's classes

3rd: Ms. Seidl's, Mr. Prebelski's and Mrs. Lynn's classes

4th: Mrs. Glaeser's, Mrs. Schmidt's and Ms. Ford's classes



## MARCH MAYHEM 2024/2025

Hemlock Creek Elementary held its own version of "March Mayhem" during the college basketball tournament! Grade levels collected Phantastic Phantom slips and were seeded one through five based on their percentage of slips earned. Over a four-week tournament, grade levels faced off to see who could earn the highest percentage.

In the end, the Kindergarten Kid Cavaliers claimed the championship! Congratulations to our Kindergarteners – they earned the original Phantastic Phantom trophy and some extra recess time!

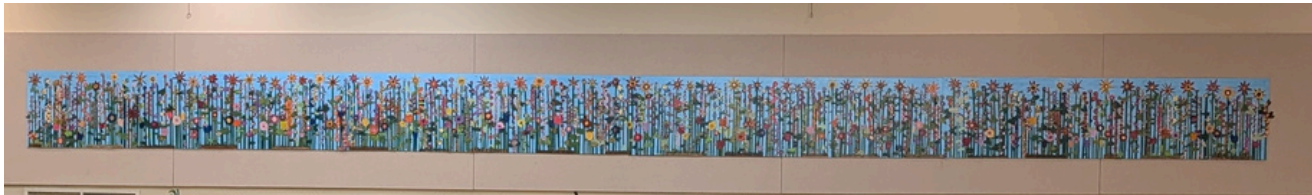




## A GARDEN OF CREATIVITY: ARTIST IN RESIDENCE AT HEMLOCK CREEK

In March, Hemlock Creek welcomed Jeanne Styczinski as our Artist in Residence. Jeanne, a talented author and illustrator, spent the week working with every student on a collaborative collage project. Each student had the opportunity to contribute using their painting, printmaking, or collage skills. The result is a vibrant, thirty-foot-long mural filled with a beautiful variety of flowers—showcasing the creativity and teamwork of our entire school community.

Thank you to our PTO for funding this wonderful experience for students!



## LIBRARY NEWS – MRS. GOSSEN

### All library books are due by May 28th

With the end of the year quickly approaching, please look to see if you have any library books that need to be returned. Library check outs will end on May 20th so we have time to get all the books back before the end of the school year. Questions? Contact Mrs. Gossen at [jgossen@wdpsd.com](mailto:jgossen@wdpsd.com).

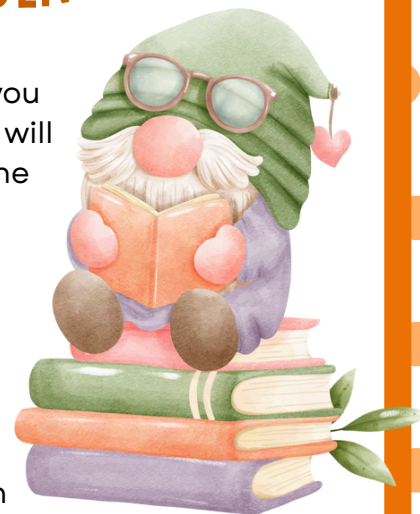
The Hemlock Creek library will be open during summer school for students to check out books. Summer school runs from June 11th - July 1st.

The Brown County Library's summer reading program will kick off in June! Watch their website for more details and fun summer events This is a great way to continue reading all summer!

As we head into summer, kids will have more free time to be using devices.

- The [National Online Safety website](#) has several “[What Parents Need to Know](#)” guides for popular online apps, games, and website, such as Fortnite, TikTok, YouTube, and SnapChat. They also have guides for how to set up parental controls for iPhone and Android apps.
- In West De Pere we have a K-12 digital citizenship curriculum that uses lessons from Common Sense Media. [Common Sense Media](#) also has several “parents need to know” guides that they group by age, topic, and app/website.

Don't forget to check out the [digital safety resources](#) on the School District of West De Pere website. These resources were curated by the district library media/instructional technology specialists to help families navigate parenting in a digital world.





# SCHOOL COUNSELOR CORNER

MRS. HETTMANN & MRS. CROZIER

This month's Phantom Skills lessons will focus on safety. Students will learn important safety rules to help them recognize if something is safe or unsafe, report any unsafe behavior to a trusted adult, and say no to doing something that could cause them harm. Students will then enjoy a final Phantom Skills lesson geared toward review and celebration for all they have learned this year.

## Mental Health Matters

Taking care of our mental health is important - for kids and adults! Mental health is the state of your mental and emotional wellbeing. Our mental health can be measured by how well we are able to handle the demands and challenges of life, our relationships with others, and our views of ourselves. Here are some tips to help you support your child's mental wellbeing this summer.

### How Kids Can Improve Mental Health

- Spend time in nature
- Spend time with loved ones
- Do an activity they enjoy
- Exercise
- Do something to help someone
- Get enough sleep
- Limit time spent on technology

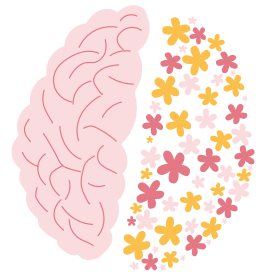


### How Can Adults Help

- Listen to your child - to the big things and the small things
- Do something together that your child enjoys
- Set and enforce boundaries around technology
- Give your child meaningful praise
- Don't be afraid to seek professional help

### Warning Signs

- Sudden changes in weight or appetite
- Complaints of stomachache
- Changes in sleeping habits
- Becoming more isolated
- Difficulty concentrating



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## PTO NEWS

As we look towards summer break, I would like to take a minute to thank all of our parents who have been involved with the PTO this past year. Through your support, we were able to:

- Offset costs of field trips
- Bring in a guest author and artist for enrichment activities for our children
- Provide funds for new playground equipment
- Purchase an inflatable obstacle course for some end of year celebrations
- Make sure every child received a book for their birthday
- Show our teachers how much we appreciate them with treats and lunches

Whether you attended meetings, participated in our fundraiser, or volunteered your time, you made a difference! A special thanks goes to our PTO officers and committee chairs. We certainly couldn't do it without you!

If you have not "liked" the Hemlock Creek Elementary PTO page, please do so before summer arrives! It's a great place for up to date information on meetings, school events, and fun ways to get involved. It's also a great place to get connected with other parents of the school.

We also invite you to check out our website,  
<https://www.hemlockcreekelementarypto.com>.

Have a wonderful rest of the school year!  
- Sarah Lisowe, PTO President

**School Supply Boxes:** Hemlock Creek PTO will once again be offering parents the opportunity to purchase school supplies for the upcoming school year for their children. Look for more information to come!

**We Love Our Teachers!:** While we *always* appreciate our teachers, every May we make a special effort to show them how awesome they really are! This May, we are planning a couple of surprises for our teachers such as providing coffee, offering a snack station, and even catering a lunch. A huge thanks to Caitie Maurer for arranging these special activities! Teacher appreciation week is May 5th - 9th so make sure to take the time to let your children's teachers know how much you appreciate them!

**PTO contact:** For questions, information, or inquiries about ways to get involved, please contact Sarah Lisowe at [slisowe@gmail.com](mailto:slisowe@gmail.com)

Walk, Bike & Roll to School Day is Friday, May 16th. This is an optional activity. All students can bike, scooter, or walk to school. Biking, walking, and scootering are all great ways to move your bodies each day to stay active and healthy. Students who do not live near school can drive with parents to the neighborhood subdivision next to school and then bike to school from there using a close, safe route. All students participating should talk with parents about using a safe route to school and wear a helmet. Our school bike racks are located in the back of the building, near our 2nd grade recess doors.

