



Middle School Newsletter

April, 2025



WEST DE PERE SCHOOL DISTRICT

West De Pere Schools Mission Statement:

The mission of the School District of West De Pere is to create a comprehensive educational and social environment for students, and staff which will produce life-long learners with the capacity to succeed in a global community.

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Dear West De Pere Middle School Families,

Welcome back from spring break! Lots of great events and activities on the horizon over the upcoming eight weeks as we enter the homestretch of the school year. Now would be an ideal time to have a conversation with your child about the importance of finishing the school year strong. Other things to share include...

Middle School Geography Bee Champion



Prayag Deepak, grade 7
Way to go Prayag!

Students of the Month

December

7th grade – Stella Hall
8th grade – Bella Tuttle
Encore – Zofia Kintop

January

7th grade – Cooper Heck
8th grade – Aubrey Cattani
Encore – Oliver Mineau

February

7th grade – Harper Dernbach
8th grade – Lucy VanVeghel
Encore – Zac Natzke

Parent requests for class placement

In past years, parent requests for class placement have been allowed at the middle school. This practice will continue for the 2025-2026 school year. Parent requests regarding class placement will be given full consideration if all of the following conditions have been met:

1. Requests must be communicated in writing to the principal no later than June 6, 2025.
2. Requests must be based on a specific educational need.
3. **Requests should not reference an individual teacher by name.** Rather, the request could reference a teaching style, a classroom environment, or some other special need.

Every class placement request that satisfies all of the conditions described above will be given full consideration. However, the always-present potential for a high number of parent requests prevents us from guaranteeing any request.

Sincerely,

James Finley, Ph.D.

Phantom Phundamentals Update

Students at West De Pere Middle School continue to impress the teachers and staff with their acts of character at school, in extra-curricular programs, and at home. Here are a few examples of the way that our students are demonstrating strong character.

Melody Duvall, Grade 7, demonstrated **Compassion, Respect & Pride** when a student accidentally dropped a container of beads as the final bell rang. Melody stayed after school to help clean up.

Callen Peterson, Grade 8, displayed **Compassion**. Cal knows that one of his teachers likes the Bucks, so Cal gave his teacher a Bucks jersey that he had outgrown for the teacher to pass on to one of her boys.

IS/MS Spring Track

Students in 6-8th grade who would like to participate in the IS/MS Spring Track & Field Season should sign up in PowerSchool under the forms tab. The season will begin on April 7th for 7th & 8th grades at the Middle School, and April 14th for 6th grade at the Intermediate School. The sixth graders will participate in their own meets, separate from the 7th and 8th grade track team.



The season meet schedule is available on the Bay Conference Calendar on the Middle School webpage, also find more info on our track webpage: <https://www.wdpsd.com/schools/middle/athletics/track.cfm>.

Middle School Bellin Run Training

The Bellin Run Training program will be starting after Spring Break. The 7th and 8th graders at the Middle School will be training with the Intermediate School students. Ms. Pawlowski, along with Dr. Kohl at the IS, will be offering training runs or walks depending on how you would like to participate. We are planning to train on Mondays and Wednesdays starting in April. Students should listen for a Daily Bulletin announcement for a pre-training meeting for interested students in March. If you have any questions, please stop by Room 600 or email Ms. Pawlowski.

To participate in the Bellin Run through the Middle School, each runner will need to have the following forms completed and on file: a completed physical dated April 1, 2023 or later, a parent/student concussion agreement, and an emergency medical information form.



Forms can be picked up in the office or printed off from the middle school website at <https://www.wdpsd.com/schools/middle/athletics/forms.cfm>

Student Service Scholarship

Sponsored by WDP 5-8 PTO and Miron Construction

WDP 5-8 PTO would like to recognize and award students attending WDPMS who have engaged in volunteer activities and demonstrated exceptional community service while exhibiting the Phantom Phundamentals of citizenship, compassion, courage, fairness, honesty, pride, respect, responsibility and unity. Students should record community services activities from Sept. 2024-March 2025.

Winners will receive a deposit of Phantom dollars into their school account that can be used while the student attends West De Pere schools. Phantom dollars can be used toward any school fees such as: class fees, school supplies, field or class trips, lunch fees, dances, apparel or any activity fee during the school year. All applicants meeting the qualifications will receive an award.

Application deadline is April 25, 2024. Students are eligible for one scholarship per school year. Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the end of year awards assembly. A parent or guardian must request the disbursement/use of funds through the school office.

Qualifications:

- WDPMS 7th or 8th grade student for 2024-2025
- Engaged in community service that made a positive impact during the first 7 months of the school year (Sept. 2024-March 2025)
- Use Service Documentation form to record and describe volunteer activities – these can be found on our website under the Parent Info tab and then under the WDP 5-8 PTO
<https://www.wdpsd.com/IntermediateSchool/Student%20Service%20Application%202024%202025.pdf>
- Utilization of Phantom Phundamentals will be strongly evaluated by the committee during the review process.
- Complete the Student Service Application with adult signature and submit to the WDP Middle School office (attention WDP 5-8 PTO) by April 25, 2024

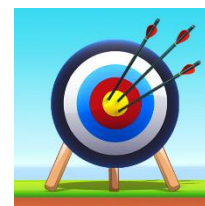
Important Middle School Dates

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| April 2 | Last Day of 3rd Quarter |
| April 7 | Practice begins for 7/8 Track MS 3:00-4:15 p.m. |
| April 8 | PTO Meeting @ MS 6:30 p.m. |
| April 10-12 | MS Spring Musical |
| April 14 | Practice begins 6 th Gr. Track IS 3:00-4:15 p.m. |
| April 16 | Athletic Picture Day Track |
| April 17 | Athletic Grade Check |
| April 18 | No School |
| May 1 | Athletic Grade Check |
| May 2 | Early Release @ 11:10 a.m. |
| May 2 | MS Talent Show 7 p.m. |

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| May 5-9 | Spring Spirit Week |
| May 9 | Spring Pep Assembly |
| May 13 | PTO Meeting @ IS 6:30 p.m. |
| May 15 | Athletic Grade Check |
| May 19 | Spring Band Concert @ HS 7th & 8th Gr. @ 7 p.m. |
| May 22 | Spring Choir Concert @ HS 7th & 8th Gr. @ 7 p.m. |
| May 26 | No School (Memorial Day) |
| May 26 | Memorial Day Parade—7 th & 8 th Gr. Band |
| June 4 | 8th Gr. Promotion – 7 p.m. |
| June 6 | Last Day of School/Early Release @ 11:10 a.m. |

Physical Education Class – Archery Unit

Starting on March 31st, we will be starting our archery unit. Archery is not only a physically engaging sport but also one that requires focus, discipline, and precision. It offers a unique opportunity for students to develop both their physical skills and mental concentration. During this three-week unit, all students will be required to participate in shooting steps, which are essential for understanding the fundamentals of archery.



To ensure the safety and proper understanding of the sport, we have implemented a few guidelines:

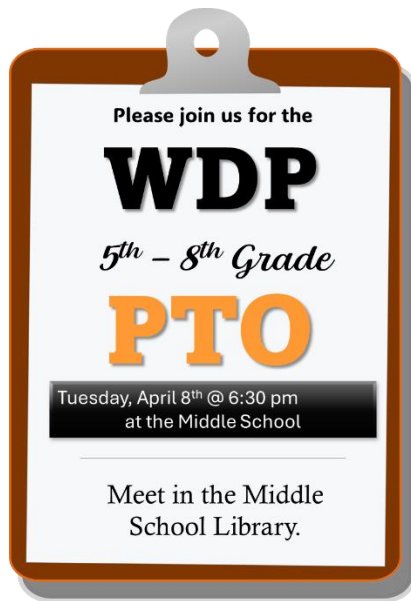
1. **Rules Quiz on Ed Puzzle:** Before students are allowed to shoot, they must complete a rules and safety quiz on Ed Puzzle and score 100%. This ensures that they have a comprehensive understanding of the safety protocols and rules associated with archery.
2. **Off-Task or Safety Concerns:** Any student found to be off-task or posing a safety concern during class will be excluded from participating in the archery unit for the entire three-week duration. This policy is in place to maintain a safe learning environment for all students and to emphasize the importance of following instructions and safety procedures. We take the safety and well-being of our students very seriously, and there will be no exceptions to this policy.

If your child has any specific concerns or questions regarding the archery unit, please do not hesitate to reach out to the WDPMS Physical Education Department. Additionally, if your child requires any special accommodations or considerations, please inform your child's teacher so that we can ensure their full participation and enjoyment of the unit. Personal bows that are currently used during the archery club will also be allowed in class with the same storage expectations.

While we encourage all students to give it a try, we respect individual preferences and comfort levels. As a parent, it is your right to request that your student not take part in this unit. If you choose to opt your child out it will not affect their grade in the class. They will have a quiet resource study during that time. If you do **NOT** wish for your child to participate in the archery unit, please notify your child's teacher via email. If we do not hear from you we will assume your child has permission to participate in this unit.

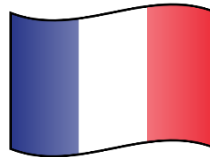
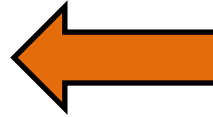
Thank you for your support in helping us provide an experience of a lifelong physical activity for your child in Physical Education class. If you have any questions please feel free to contact your child's teacher via email.

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Mr. Skubal - zskubal@wdpsd.com
Mr. Williams - twilliams@wdpsd.com



WDP 5-8 PTO

Please join us for our next meeting!



French Club News

Students gathered together on March 13 for the French Club Francophone Trivia event! Here are a few of the trivia questions that students encountered:

1. What is the average number of calories burned per day by the racers in the Tour de France bike race?
 - a. 3,500
 - b. 5,900**
 - c. 8,100
 - d. 10,000
2. France derives the majority of its energy from which of the following sources?
 - a. wind
 - b. nuclear power**
 - c. coal
 - d. hydroelectric dams
3. Bastille Day marks the anniversary of the French Revolution. Why did Parisians storm the prison in 1789?
 - a. to find the king, who was hiding
 - b. to look for food
 - c. to free prisoners
 - d. to get powder for muskets**
4. The engineer Gustave Eiffel built the Eiffel Tower and what other well-known monument?
 - a. the Statue of Liberty**
 - b. the Leaning Tower of Pisa
 - c. Big Ben
 - d. the Taj Mahal

The next French Club event will be held on Thursday, April 10 from 2:55-3:45 p.m. We will be celebrating the French holiday Poisson d'avril!

Grades 7-8 Careers/Entrepreneur/Family and Consumer Sciences

PATCH, the calf adopted by Family and Consumer Sciences, is receiving good care from Farmer Tasha Schleis and is growing and developing nicely. Monthly updates on her growth are periodically displayed on the big screen at lunch, on monitors in the hallways and projected during advisory groups. PATCH was born 9/7/25, weighing 106# and was 29.5 inches in height. At her 5-month checkup, she was 435# and 38 inches in height! Thank you, Farmer Tasha and Schleis Farm, LLC for providing a unique opportunity for our students to learn about the dairy industry. The dairy sector generates approximately half of Wisconsin's yearly industrial agricultural revenue and makes up 6.5% of the entire state's economy.

Students in Ms. De Villers' Advisory made calf treats, with a recipe off of Chatgpt, and mailed them to Farmer Tasha to feed to our Phantom calf, PATCH. Thank you Ms. Nicci Verbeten for donating the ground corn for the recipe.



5 Month Update

Patch

5-Month Height:
38 inches

5-Month Weight:
435 pounds



She grew
1 inch

Art Corner

The Middle School Art Show was held on Tuesday, March 18th. Mrs. Schlatter saved student artwork throughout the year and displayed them in the Middle School Commons with the help of the Art Club. Jazz Band performed, there was face painting, cookies and punch that was enjoyed. This event was free and for the entire family! There were around 300 pieces of artwork on display with about 60 student winners. The high school Art teacher, Ms. Summers came to judge the artwork. Student winners were posted outside Mrs. Schlatter's door and they could pick out a small prize. Best Overall Artist Award went to 8th grader, Caroline Bazile. Congratulations to everyone who helped make the night special!

Kids Art Contest! Are you between 5 and 21 years old and love to draw, color or paint? Then we need you! Enter this contest for an opportunity to have your amazing artwork displayed in the new Bellin Health Children & Adolescent Center in Ashwaubenon! We're looking for children/adolescent-friendly artwork that represents what community means to you. Over 90 images will be chosen!

Entrants: Children/young adults between the ages of 5-21

Artwork: Artwork must be on an 11x17 sheet of paper. (Horizontal or vertical format acceptable.)

Theme: "What community means to you." Your artwork should be hand drawn and may not contain any photos, gang symbols, copyrighted images, guns or depictions of violence. Paint it, color it, decorate it however you would like!

Due Date: Turn in your designs to Mrs. Schlatter by Friday, April 18th

The Brown County Fair will be showing off student artwork! If your student is interested in entering their work, please get the artwork to Mrs. Schlatter by Friday, April 18th. The Fair will be from August 13 - 17, 2025.

The Green Bay Packers are offering an Art Contest for students with the theme: 'Why the Packers inspire you'. If your student would like to learn more about it, please click on the link: <https://tinyurl.com/3ewjvsfu> or click here: [PACKERS CONTEST](#) Students will need a 8.5 x 11 piece of paper and will have to upload a high resolution photo of their artwork to the website.

Art Club was busy the last few weeks working on a paper mache' project that will be hung in the Art room. They also spent time helping prepare for the Art Show Night and then working it. On April 21st, the Art Club will be walking to Rennes Rehabilitation Center to work with some of the residents on a Spring art project. Permission slips with details will come home soon. Art Club ends on Monday, May 12th with a Pizza Party! Mrs. Schlatter asks for a donation of \$3 to help pay for the pizza.

The Helen Mears Art Contest awards presentation was held on Wednesday, March 12th at the De Pere Community Center at 1:30pm. There were 10 winners from our school and we competed against De Pere Middle School, OLOL and Notre Dame. Students had a fun time at the presentation and enjoyed some great treats afterwards.

"It's so important to do something every day that will make you happy." - Bob Ross

Golf Club

Are you interested in joining the Middle School Golf Club (6th-8th)? There will be a parent meeting held on **Monday, April 14th at 6:00pm in the Middle School Commons**. You will meet the coach, Kyle Venhuizen and the school coordinator, Terri Schlatter. The meeting will last approximately 15-30 minutes, depending on the amount of questions. We will go over much of what is said in the newsletter below.



Students wanting to join Golf Club must complete a concussion & insurance form, a physical form must be turned into the office and the code of conduct completed. If your student has been in a different sport in the past year, most likely all of these things are completed. Golf club will be held on Mondays, Tuesday OR Thursdays at Hilly Haven Golf Course at their Lil' Haven area. Practice will be held once a week for each student from 4:00pm-5:00pm. They will work on hitting, putting and chipping as well as golf etiquette and the cost to students will be \$25 each. Space is limited to 12 participants for each of the M, T or Th practices, so it will be a "first come, first serve" for registration. Mrs. Schlatter will start collecting registration forms on Wednesday, April 16th and end on Wednesday, April 23rd. Bring in your registration form and money to Mrs. Schlatter or turn them in at the main office (either Middle School or Intermediate). Golf Club lasts approximately **4 weeks with a starting date of Monday, May 5th, Tuesday, May 6th OR Thursday, May 8th**. Coach Kyle waits to start Golf Club into May because the weather is still so unpredictable and he wants the best opportunity for the golfers with the best weather possible. A side note, they do practice in the rain, so make sure you have gear that you can wear in the rain!