



School District of West De Pere

A Vision of Pride and Excellence

Board Update

March 2022

Middle School Spreads Kindness

Kindness. It costs nothing, but means everything! Students and staff stood outside the front of the Middle School to show the students some love.



JA Biztown

Westwood Elementary Fourth graders took a field trip to JA Biz Town, in Appleton. The program allows elementary school students to operate banks, manage restaurants, write checks, and vote for mayor. The program helps students connect the dots between what they learn in school and the real world.



Hemlock Creek Family Math Night

On April 7th from 6-7 pm, Hemlock Creek is hosting Family Math Night! This is for all students in Kindergarten through Grade 4. There will be games and activities that build math skills and incorporate math at home.



Knights of Columbus Knowledge Contest

Recently, Sydney and Sam, two Middle School students, placed in the Knights of Columbus Knowledge Contest. The contest is in the areas of Math and Spelling.



Literacy Night- Westwood

Westwood held a literacy night for students and their families. Staff served walking tacos, and there was even a special guest. Every student was able to choose a book to take home with them. Fun was had by all!



Middle School Ghost Writers

Recently, some members of the Creative Writing Club "GhostWriters" submitted 100 word mysteries to the Young Writers' Unsolved contest. The contest involved writing a mystery in less than 100 words - that's about one paragraph! In



total, over 8,000 entries were submitted. We are proud to announce that all West De Pere entries were selected to be published in "Unsolved-Astonishing Adventures" set to be published in May 2022 and printed in England! We are so proud of our writers, their stories, and the courage to enter a public contest. Way to go Lily, Jocelyn, Leah, Annalise, and Mya!

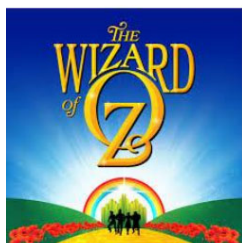
Wigs for Kids

A third grader at Hemlock Creek Elementary, Maverick C., grew out his hair and then donated it to Wigs for Kids which is an organization that takes the donated hair and makes wigs for kids that suffer from hair loss.



Intermediate/Middle School Musical

The Intermediate/Middle Schools musical, *The Wizard of Oz*, will take place in the High School Auditorium. Performances will be at 6:30pm on April 28th, April 29th & April 30th. Tickets will go on sale at the end of March.



Middle School A Cappella

The Middle School A Cappella group sang the National Anthem at the Gambler's hockey game in February. Great job!



Author Baptiste Paul

Hemlock Creek and Westwood Elementary got a visit from author Baptiste Paul, who is a Caribbean-born children's book author. He is a native Creole/Patois speaker who enjoys sharing stories of his experiences with anyone who will listen. His debut picture book, *The Field*, was inspired by his childhood in St Lucia, and received rave reviews. Baptiste's stories are fueled by his passion for diversity, inclusion, and uninhibited play. His high energy presentations were a hit in both buildings!



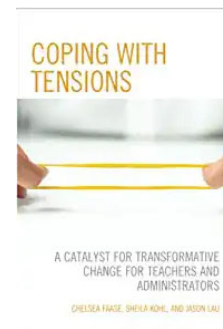
National School Breakfast Week

The week of March 7th was National School Breakfast Week. The Food Nutrition Team was presented with the "Breakfast Hero Award" plaque. We are thankful for all their hard work to ensure that students have a great start to their day.



Published Authors

Congratulations to Dr. Sheila Kohl and Dr. Jason Lau who recently published a book that they co-authored with Dr. Chelsea Faase. The title of the book is *Coping with Tensions: A Catalyst for Transformative Change for Teachers and Administrators*. The book explores the various ways that teachers and administrators deal with tension in the field of education.



PTO Meeting

The Intermediate School has partnered with the Middle School to form a PTO. The first meeting will be held on April 6th at 6:30 pm in the Intermediate School Library.



Spring Election

Don't forget to vote! April 5th is the spring election, and on the ballot are two positions on the West De Pere School Board.

