



Fall 2025

THE 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.

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A Vision of
Pride and Excellence
HOME OF THE
PHANTOMS



Phantom Teamwork



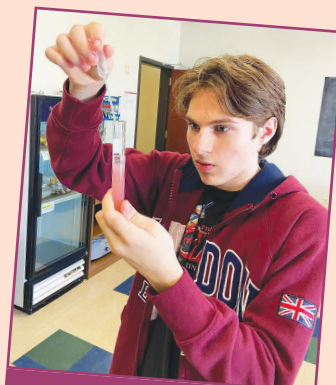
West De Pere Class of 2025 Visits Westwood



Geometry Fun at
West De Pere Intermediate School



Westwood Learners!!



Science Experiments
at Phantom Knight



West De Pere High Drumline



Packer Fans at Hemlock Creek



Middle School Phantom Pride



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CONTINUING EXCELLENCE

A Message from the Superintendent



Dr. Lau

SUPERINTENDENT

School has now been in session for just over a month, and what a great start it has been! Our students are already shining whether competing on the athletic fields, where they continue to demonstrate the value of hard work, commitment, and teamwork, or in the classroom, where their efforts are just as impressive.

At the elementary level, students are engaging with a new literacy resource, Benchmark Advance. Teachers and students alike have found this program both engaging and responsive to student needs. Across the district, all of our schools have been taking important steps to implement Professional Learning Communities. This work, whether through adjusted schedules, identifying essential learning standards, or teachers collaborating in regular professional groups reflects our staff's dedication to ensuring every student has the opportunity to succeed.

We have also strengthened school safety by introducing the Raptor Visitor Aware system in every building and incorporating Raptor into our emergency response protocols. In addition, construction on the new Technology Education Facility at the High School is set to begin this winter and will open for students at the start of the next school year.

I am proud of our students, staff, and administrators for embracing new initiatives with a clear focus on doing what is best for our kids.

While the school year is off to a strong start, challenges remain. Like many districts across the state, West De Pere has been navigating the realities of deficit budgeting. To address this,

our administrative team has implemented several cost-saving measures over the past six months, including:

- Bringing most specialized transportation for students with disabilities in-house, saving \$60,000 annually.
- Relocating all 4K classrooms to Westwood Elementary, saving another \$60,000 annually.
- Having district staff take over salting of parking lots and walkways, saving approximately \$30,000 per year.
- Reducing energy usage, saving \$12,500 in August alone.
- Reassessing staffing needs when employees retire or leave, resulting in \$220,000 in savings this year.

Altogether, these changes represent more than \$384,500 in savings. While we are not there yet, these steps move us forward, and I am deeply grateful to our administrative team for their leadership and collaboration throughout this process.

As we move ahead, we remain committed to allocating resources in ways that put students first and reflect the pride that allows us to say, without hesitation: West is Best!

Wishing you a wonderful fall season, and as always, Go Phantoms!

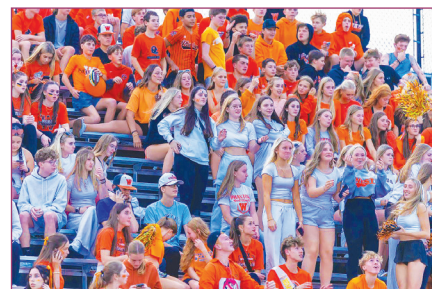
Jason Lau

Superintendent

School District of West De Pere



PBIS Phantastic Phantom Trophy Winners



Phantom Spirit

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 ext8025



Phantastic Phantoms

Middle School Choir Students Visit UW-Milwaukee

Five Middle School Choir Students attended the "Sing Out" festival at UW-Milwaukee.

Great job Alex, Carter, Mateo, Austin and Kaysen!



Pajama Day at Phantom Knight

A student at Phantom Knight researched and taught the school about an initiative from the Kids Cancer First non-profit. She orchestrated a pajama day and card making for children experiencing cancer. The cards will be hand delivered to a local hospital in our community!



The Lemon Market

Submitted by Patti Jo De Villers - West De Pere Middle School

Have you ever been amazed at the "Power of One?" The "Power of 13" Phantoms and their families will stop you in your tracks. Ava Winters, Allison Schlatter, Stella Hall, Gemma Greivell, Sawyer VenHuizen, Violet Doherty, Adele De Vos, Mikayla VandenHeuvel, Claire Thompson, Harper Parrott, Annabelle Schemm, Emmy Hernandez and Izzy Hernandez started "The Lemon Market" in 2024, raising \$14,000 selling homemade bakery and crafts and securing donations to raise money to help those battling cancer. This year they set up their efforts in the Urban Battle parking lot on 8/14/25 and 8/15/25, raising \$20,375 to assist two families in the West De Pere District and to contribute to the Ronald McDonald House and Children's Hospital in Milwaukee. Yes, plans are in the making for year three! We are proud of you and cheer you on! The Power of Phantoms...priceless!



Hemlock Creek Phantom Fun Run



HS Teacher Nominated for the Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize for Teaching Excellence

Congrats to Chris Glinski, Tech Ed Teacher at the High School, for being selected as one of 50 finalists for the 2025 Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize for Teaching Excellence, which honors excellent teaching in skilled trades education in public high schools. Chris is now in the running for one of 25 prizes totaling \$1.5 million, which will be awarded this fall.



Teen Leadership

Six West De Pere High School students were chosen to be members of the Teen Leadership Class of 2025, a program that is part of the Greater Green Bay Chamber. The program mission is to build and strengthen emerging young leaders with skills, knowledge, and experiences that prepare them to be effective partners for positive change in Brown County.

Congratulations to the following students pictured above: Ilaveyini Pandian, Ashley Dunham, Kloe Bartoszek, Julia Whipp, and Maxwell Baker. Not pictured: Andrew Greisen

Grant Awarded



West De Pere High School's SADD Club (Students Against Destructive Decisions) has been awarded the Greater Green Bay Community Foundation's Crime Prevention Grant! This generous funding will help finance SADD's Every 15 Minutes Program, which promotes safe driving choices within the school and community. The program, which takes place every other year, requires extensive planning and is made possible through community support such as this.

Sports

High School Volleyball Champs



Congratulations to the high school volleyball team for winning the championship game against Hortonville!



Phantom Football



2025 Dance Experience

The West De Pere Varsity Dance Team held their 2025 Dance Experience in August. The clinic was open to students 4K-8th grade and included a performance at the home varsity football game!



High School Track and Field



2025 Dance Experience

PHUTURE PHANTOMS SOFTBALL CAMP

STUDENTS GRADES K-8



SATURDAY
MARCH 14, 2026



FOLLOW WEST DE PERE SOFTBALL ON SOCIAL MEDIA.
REGISTRATION WILL BEGIN IN JANUARY 2026



High School Womens golf

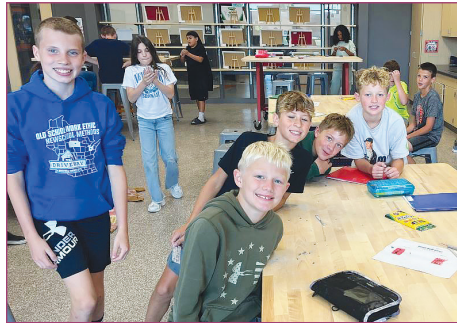
Homecoming



Around the District



Book Lovers at Westwood



Intermediate School Artists



West De Pere Middle School's
A Cappella group performed for residents
at Bellevue Senior Living Center and
Renaissance Assisted Living. Thank you
students for sharing your talent!

Virtual Field Trip



3rd graders at Hemlock Creek took a virtual field trip to
various ecosystems using the virtual reality goggles!



Intermediate School Team Spirit

The 5th annual 'Soup for the Soul' event is being held on November 6. It takes place in the high school commons from 5-6:30pm. This event is a collaboration between the Art and FACE (Family and Consumer Education) department, and it has become a fun community event. Pottery students hand make 400-500 bowls. Culinary students, teachers, parents and more make lots of good soup! Breads are donated from local businesses and students prepare a variety of desserts. When you arrive, you'll walk past the pottery bowls and choose the one you want to keep. They are priced at \$10, \$15 & \$20. Once you purchase the bowl, you will enter the soup buffet where you can try as many soups as you would like. We hope to see you there!



Rehearsals have begun for Matilda, Jr. the
Musical at the West De Pere Intermediate
School. Mark your calendars for December
4-6. Hope to see you there!



Middle School Spirit!



Phantom Fans at
the Intermediate School



Clothesline Math at the High School

Mrs. Olander, Mrs. Canadeo-Van Camp and Mr. Budek have teamed up to enhance learning for math class. Their latest initiative, the clothesline math activity, has sparked lively discussions and deeper engagement among students. Recently, they explored arithmetic and geometric sequences, using the clothesline to visually represent the patterns and further analyze them with a ratio table. The students are eager for more hands-on learning opportunities ahead!



Playground Fun at Westwood

Summer Meals

This summer, our school nutrition team, led by Mike Vandebush, School Nutrition Coordinator, served over 181,174 nutritious meals to children in our district and surrounding areas!



Grad Bash 2025

Submitted by Kelly Suda

On Sunday, June 1, approximately 180 graduates returned to the high school for a Grad Bash celebration that included yard games in the turf facility, a photo booth, pick-up volleyball & basketball games in the fieldhouse, a DJ, board games, inflatable bumper balls, Edge VR, food, a senior send-off video, and many, MANY fabulous prizes. It was the fourth event like this since the pandemic, and it was a huge success due to the help of many parents and local businesses.

The West De Pere High School Class of 2025 would like to thank our generous sponsors whose donations helped to make this Grad Bash a memorable night. We also couldn't have made such an event happen without the help of many class parents & staff. Our evening of food, fun, gifts, and friends was a memorable event thanks to all of you! Please patronize and thank the following businesses:



Bay Heating Service
Bergstrom
Bleu Restaurant/Dillweed, Inc.
BSN
Chili's
De Pere Family Dentistry/Dr. Moira Kraft
De Pere Voyageur Hockey Booster Club
Eagle Eye Power Solutions
Element
Elevate Salon
Essence of Dressage
Edge Salon
Edge VR Arcade
Festival Foods
Hey, Daisy
Jackson Pointe Citgo
Jill & Co Real Estate
Kay Distributing Co.
Kwik Trip

Green Bay Gamblers
Green Bay Packers
Green Bay Blizzard
Impact Sports Academy/ISA
Lakeland Lawn Care
Logos & Promos
Machine Technologies
Mid Valley Golf Course
Milwaukee Brewers
Nat's Permanent Jewelry
Northland Electric
Novak Agency
Odyssey Climbing & Fitness
Orthodontic Specialists of Green Bay
Pepsi-Cola of Green Bay
Plank Road Plate & Pour
Pool Works
Rennes Group
Salon West

Schreiber Foods
Scott's Subs
Security-Luebke Roofing
Stella's Restaurant
Studio 44
Studio Esthetics
Synergy Sports
The Driveway
The Exchange Parlor
The Utech Group
Timber Rattlers Baseball
Tweet Garot
Vintage Rose Bakery
VOS Electric
Walmart
Westein Property Management
Wilke Orthodontic

October is Digital Safety Month! Quick Tips for Keeping Kids Safe Online:

1. Talk Together About Online Rules Set clear expectations for screen time, appropriate sites/apps, and what to do if something feels uncomfortable.

2. Keep Devices in Shared Spaces & Take Devices Away at Bedtime

Encourage kids to use phones, tablets, or computers in common areas like the kitchen or living room. Don't allow devices in the bedroom overnight.

3. Teach the Power of Pause Remind your child not to click links, download files, or respond to messages unless they know who sent them. Encourage them not to respond when they are angry.

4. Protect Personal Information Help your child understand why we don't share addresses, phone numbers, or school names online.

5. Model Safe Habits Kids learn from adults—practice good password habits, think before you post, and unplug at mealtimes.

6. Check Privacy Settings Together & Consider Monitoring Software Go through apps and games as a family to make sure accounts are private and secure. Consider using a monitoring software.

7. Encourage Open Conversations Let your child know they can always come to you if they see something confusing, upsetting, or "off" online.

8. Balance Online & Offline Time Plan family activities that don't involve screens—board games, outdoor play, or reading together.

More Information?

The library team put together a website with more information about monitoring services, popular apps, brain research, and more! Scan the QR code for more information! Contact your child's school librarian if you have any questions.

<https://tinyurl.com/wdpoctober>



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.

Annual Notices

School districts must provide certain annual notices as required by law. Required notices are outlined below and are available on the School District of West De Pere's website (www.wdpsd.com). While we have included all the annual notices that we are aware of on the list below, it may not be all inclusive. When we become aware of additional notices, we will add them to the list. If you would like a paper copy of any of the items listed below, please contact the District Office at (920) 337-1393.

- Student Academic Standards
 - The School District of West De Pere will continue to implement the Wisconsin Academic Standards. Details of these standards can be viewed at <http://dpi.wi.gov/standards>.
- Educational Options
- Student Assessments and Information
- Public Notice of Nondiscrimination
 - Title IX
 - Student Nondiscrimination in Relation to Career and Technical Education
 - All career and technical education opportunities will be offered on a nondiscriminatory basis (without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, disability, etc.).
- Education of Homeless Children and Youths-McKinney-Vento Act-Help for Displaced Families
- Notice of Child Find
- Notice of Student Privacy
- Human Growth and Development Instruction
- Notice of Special Education Referral and Evaluation Procedures
- Notice of Special Needs Scholarship Program

- District and School Accountability
 - The most recent school accountability reports can be found here: <https://apps2.dpi.wi.gov/reportcards/>
 - Parents or guardians of students enrolled in the school district have a right to request a school and/or school district performance report.
- Title I Program - Parent Involvement
 - Parents of students in any of our Title I funded schools may request and obtain information regarding the professional qualifications of their child's classroom teachers, including, at a minimum:
 1. Whether the student's teachers as (a) met state qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction, (b) is teaching under emergency or provisional status through which state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived, and (c) is teaching in the field of discipline of the certification of the teacher; and
 2. Whether the student is provided services by paraprofessionals, and, if so, their qualifications.
- Student Attendance
- Use or Possession of Electronic Communication Devices
- Student Bullying
- Student Records
- Recruiter Access to Students/Records
- Asbestos Management Plan Notification
- Student Religious Accommodations
- Education for Employment/Academic and Career Planning
- Program or Curricular Modifications

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.

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.