

WEST DE PERE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

OFFICIAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2025



MR. MARSDEN'S MESSAGE

Mr. Scott Marsden, Principal

I hope you have all had a wonderful spring break. We didn't plan any trips this year and chose, instead, to enjoy a week together as a family at home doing small things. Sometimes staying home is just as relaxing as going on a trip.

An important thing happening this month is Forward testing. This is the State test that all students need to take each spring. At the Intermediate School, the students will be tested on Reading, Writing, and Math. The dates for that testing are April 2nd, 3rd, and 8th. The students have learned so much this year and this is their chance to show off all that learning! I'm confident they will do great!

It's hard to believe that Mr. Brehm and I are planning visits to the elementary school classrooms to talk about next school year. If you have requests for your child's teacher next year please let us know as soon as possible. If you have questions about anything please reach out to us anytime. We are always learning, growing, and adapting to make this school and ourselves better each day.

Mr. Marsden

IMPORTANT DATES

Wisconsin Forward Testing

April 2nd, 3rd, & 8th

PTO Meeting

April 8th, 6:30 PM @ WDPMS

5th Grade Field Trip - 1000 Islands

Bear House, April 8th

Fox House, April 9th

Turtle House, April 10th

Walleye House, April 11th

Wolf House, April 16th

No School

April 18th

STEAM Night

April 23rd

- 5th Grade, 4:30-5:30 PM
- 6th Grade, 5:45-6:45 PM

FAMILY NIGHT: LANGUAGE & STEAM IN MOTION

Join us on Wednesday, April 23, for an exciting evening of learning and creativity at our Family Night: Language & STEAM in Motion!

5th Grade: 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

6th Grade: 5:45 PM – 6:45 PM

Come explore:

- Art Show & Stop Motion Showcase
- STEM Activities
- Physical Education Stations
- Foreign Language Showcase

Enter through the back doors and get ready for a fun-filled night of hands-on activities and student showcases! We can't wait to see you there!

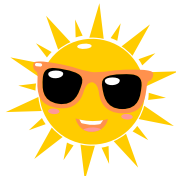
SUMMER SCHOOL REGISTRATION OPENS 4/3!

Get ready for a summer of fun and learning! Summer school registration opens on April 3rd at 2:30 PM. There are tons of exciting classes for students, with most offered at no cost! Classes will run from June 11th to July 1st. Save time by pre-registering your student today.

Check out the course booklet and class descriptions here:

[Summer School Information.](#)

Don't miss out on this great opportunity!



WI FORWARD REMINDER

April 2nd & 3rd

Students should:

- Leave Chromebooks & chargers at school starting on March 31st.
- Come to school well-rested
- Eat a nutritious breakfast at home or at school
- Take their time and try their best!

PHANTOM PHUNDAMENTALS



RESPECT

Phantom Phundamentals are character traits we work to instill and celebrate in our Intermediate School students. Each month, we spend time focusing on a different Phundamental, with the hope of helping our students to develop and recognize that trait in both themselves and others.

Our Phundamental for the month of March was **RESPECT**.

During the month of March, students at the Intermediate School have been focused on the Phantom Phundamental of respect—a simple word with a big impact. Respect means treating others how you want to be treated. Whether it's listening to a teacher, helping a classmate, or using kind words, respect makes our school a better place for everyone. A main focus for us was on making respect a daily habit whether at school, at home, or in our community. Respect also tied in with many of our other Phundamentals and allowed us the opportunity to review them as well.

Our Phundamental for April will be **FAIRNESS**.

Go Phantoms!

– Mr. Chuck Brehm, Associate Principal



LIBRARY NEWS

POETRY MONTH

*Roses are red, April is here,
Time for some poetry—don't run in fear!
Rhyming is fun, I promise, just try...
Or hide in a book till the month passes by!*

April is National Poetry Month!

Poetry isn't just for poets—it's for everyone! This month, celebrate the magic of words by exploring poetry in new and exciting ways. Check out a book of fun and thought-provoking poems, dive into a novel in verse that tells a story through poetry, or grab a book that teaches you how to write your own masterpieces. Try writing a haiku, performing a spoken-word piece, or even creating a blackout poem from an old page of text. Whether you read, write, or listen, let poetry spark your creativity this month!



CHANGE OF ADDRESS/ PHONE NUMBER

Please make sure your address and telephone numbers are up to date in the school office. If your phone number or address has changed, please call the school office at (920) 425-1901 to update this information. If you are moving out of the West De Pere school district but wish to have your child remain at the Intermediate School for the school year, please call the office.

Please join us for the

WDP

5th – 8th Grade

PTO

Tuesday, April 8th @ 6:30 pm
at the Middle School

Meet in the Middle
School Library.

The Intermediate School and Middle School have a combined PTO to support our schools. Meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM. The location rotates between the IS and MS. All families are welcome to join!

2024-2025 MEETING DATES & LOCATIONS

4/8 – 6:30, MS Library
5/13 – 6:30, IS Library

For more information or to suggest a topic for a future PTO meeting, email wdp5.8pto@gmail.com.

Visit the WDP 5-8 PTO page on the district website [HERE!](#)

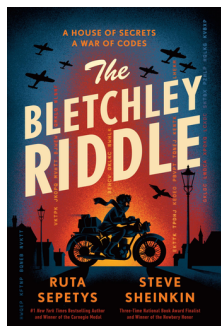
DAILY SCHEDULE

7:20 AM – Breakfast & morning supervision begins
7:40 AM – First bell rings and students enter the building
7:45 AM – Instruction begins
2:50 PM – Final dismissal bell rings

**On early dismissal days, the bell rings at 11:10 AM.*

READING MONTH

We had a blast celebrating Reading Month in March. We had dress-up days, a March Madness-style book tournament, giveaways, contests, and more!



Our March Book Madness winner was *The Bletchley Riddle* by Ruta Sepetys & Steve Sheinkin. This action-packed historical fiction about WWII code breakers is an amazing read!



Ms. Oliver's homeroom won our Doorway to Imagination door decorating contest with their *Wild Robot*-themed door! Way to go, 5th graders!



Raegan H. in 6th grade was the winner of our Step Into a Story shoe design contest. Her Odder-themed sneaker design was the favorite among our 5th and 6th graders, but all entries in the contest were truly fantastic!



We had so much fun during our Spirit Week planned by our Student Council members, especially Decades Day & Staff Look Alike Day!

VISITOR AND VOLUNTEER INFO

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer support is appreciated and encouraged. School-wide opportunities are distributed through the office and classroom support is solicited through the individual teachers. For safety reasons, anyone requesting to volunteer within the school must complete a Background Check Application two weeks prior to the event and be approved prior to volunteering, unless previously approved. Requirements of volunteers vary based on the duties and interactions with students. [Click here](#) to visit the school website for more information about volunteering



VISITORS

All visitors and volunteers are required to check in with the school office. Visitors will be asked to identify themselves and state the purpose of their visit before they will be permitted to enter the building. Upon entry, visitors must sign the visitor/volunteer book and receive an orange visitor badge to wear during their stay. If you come in during the day to drop off a project or a treat, we will be happy to have your child come to the office to pick it up. We keep disruptions to a minimum to ensure that students are able to focus on academic learning time.

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

Are you on Facebook? If so, be sure to follow the West De Pere Intermediate School account! Our video announcements are posted daily, so you'll always be kept up-to-date on school events and other important reminders. We also regularly post pictures and videos of the great things happening with our students and teachers. Our account profile is pictured to the right to help you find it. [Come connect with us today!](#)



West De Pere Intermediate School

5th and 6th Grade Intermediate School located in De Pere, WI.