

WEST DE PERE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

OFFICIAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2025



MR. MARSDEN'S MESSAGE

Mr. Scott Marsden, Principal

Hello Intermediate School Families,

It's hard to believe we are almost finished with the second trimester of the school year already. With the last trimester starting that means we are in the home stretch, but it also means we are approaching the time when students get to show us all they have learned. In the middle of April, our students will have the opportunity to take the Forward Exam. This exam is a state test that all students in Wisconsin will take. We are not changing much here at school, but will do some test prep to help the students be prepared to do their best. When the time comes, please help your student by reminding them to do their best, and helping them get a good night's rest and a good breakfast.

Some upcoming events for us this month are the 6th Grade Activity Night on March 6th from 6:00 to 7:45. Remember to get your permission slip signed and bring \$2 for admission. It's sure to be a great time! March 7th and 21st are also early release days. The bell will ring at 11:10 on those days. Then we wrap up the month with Spring Break the week of March 24th through March 30th.

Have a great March!
Mr. Marsden

IMPORTANT DATES

Read-a-Shirt Dress-Up Day
March 5th

6th Grade Activity Night
March 6th, 6:00–7:45 PM

Early Release Day
March 7th, 11:10 AM

Beginning of Tri 3
March 10th

WDP 5–8 PTO Meeting
March 11th, 6:30 PM @ WDPIS

Wear Slippers Dress-Up Day
March 12th

Wear Green Dress-Up Day
March 17th

Teacher Look Alike Dress-Up Day
March 18th

Hat Day
March 19th

Decades Dress-Up Day
March 20th

Superhero Dress-Up Day
March 21st

Early Release Day
March 21st, 11:10 AM

Spring Break, NO SCHOOL
March 24th–28th

READ BOWL

From Jan. 13- Feb. 7, students at the IS participated in READbowl. READbowl is a reading competition sponsored by Super Bowl champion Malcom Mitchell. Students tracked their reading for four quarters (weeks) and competed in both a schoolwide and international competition. Each week, the winning classroom at the IS received a small prize. As a school, we read 713,969 minutes over the course of the four weeks. The top three classrooms were:

3rd Place: Ms. Smith's Homeroom

2nd Place: Ms. White's 3rd Block

1st Place: Ms. Grant's Homeroom with 48,552 total minutes read... WOW!

READbowl was a great way to motivate our students to read more!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS KNOWLEDGE CONTEST

Congratulations to the Knights of Columbus Knowledge Contest Winners from the Intermediate School! The following students placed in mathematics: Abraham N., Tyson F., Claire V., Gage S., Larence B., and Ryan S.. Students who placed in spelling are: Ella W., Anna M., Jordan W., Ian W., Hannah Y., Hailey N., Alexia C., and Henley K..

Hannah Y. and Hailey N. finished in the top spots and will move on to compete in the Diocesan competition on March 15th. Best of luck, girls!

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

HONESTY

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 February was HONESTY.

Being honest isn't just about telling the truth—it's about being real with yourself and others. It means admitting when you make a mistake, keeping promises, and not pretending to be someone you're not. When you're honest, people trust you more, and trust is the foundation of strong friendships and relationships.

This month we discussed why honesty matters for 5th and 6th graders.

- Honesty Builds Trust – When people know you're honest, they can count on you.
- Honesty Earns Respect – Friends, teachers, and family members respect those who tell the truth.
- Honesty Creates Less Stress – Lying can lead to guilt and stress. Being honest lets you live with a clear conscience.
- Honesty Helps You Grow – Owning up to mistakes allows you to learn from them and become a better person.

Honesty isn't always the easiest choice, but it's always the right one. So, be the kind of person others can trust—someone who speaks the truth with kindness and courage!

Our Phundamental for March will be **RESPECT**.

Go Phantoms!

– Mr. Chuck Brehm, Associate Principal



LIBRARY NEWS

MARCH IS READING MONTH!

The Intermediate School library is beyond excited to celebrate reading month in March. We have activities planned for every day including dress-up days, Masked Reader videos, trivia, prize giveaways, and much more!

Why Celebrate Reading Month?

- Encourages a love of reading by helping students discover books they enjoy
- Makes reading fun through engaging activities and celebrations
- Builds a positive reading culture school-wide
- Connects students and teachers through shared reading experiences

Find the full calendar of events on our [Intermediate School website](#). Dress-up day reminders will be posted on Facebook and in Tuesday Notes.

Let's make this the best Reading Month yet!



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 at the


WDP

5th - 8th Grade
Intermediate & Middle School

PTO

Tuesday, March 11th @ 6:30 pm

Guest Speaker - Dr. Lau - Superintendent



Meet us in the Library of the
Intermediate School.

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

3/11 - 6:30, IS Library
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.*

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL BELLIN RUN TRAINING



The 2025 Bellin Run Training program will begin in April. Fifth and sixth graders will train outdoors at the Intermediate School alongside seventh and eighth graders.

Dr. Kohl and Ms. Pawlowski will lead training runs starting in April. More details will be provided in March Tuesday Notes.

To participate in the Bellin Run Kids for Running program, each runner must have the following forms completed and on file:

- A completed physical
- A parent/student concussion agreement
- An emergency medical information form

Forms can be found here:

<https://www.wdpsd.com/schools/middle/athletics/forms.cfm>.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Kohl at skohl@wdpsd.com.

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.

SPORTS/ACTIVITIES

FRENCH CLUB

French Club students gathered together for an early Mardi Gras party on Thursday, February 13. (The actual date of Mardi Gras this year is March 4.) Students enjoyed eating traditional King's cake (galette des rois), in which a small baby figurine is baked in the cake, and the person who gets the piece of cake with the baby is crowned the king or queen of the party. Students received gold, purple, and green beads and decorated Mardi Gras masks!

The next French Club event will be held on Thursday, March 13 after school until 3:45 p.m. Students will enjoy Francophone Trivia! 6th-grade students should meet after school in Madame VDB's classroom. The group will then head to the Intermediate School cafeteria for a combined 6th-8th grade event. Students should have a ride arranged to pick them up from the parking lot behind the Intermediate School at 3:45 p.m.



BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

This year's Battle of the Books tournament has wrapped up. A huge congratulations to our 5th and 6th grade winning teams! Our 6th grade team will be advancing to the state battle, held online. Best of luck, readers!



6th Grade Winning Team:
Haven, Hannah, Lily, & Aubrey



5th Grade Winning Team:
Gracie, Leah, Rylee, & Emma

BOARD GAME CLUB

The Board Game Club has had some fun playing traditional and non-traditional games for the last two months! Last meeting we did some big group games which were a hit. Every student is welcome and can come whenever they are available. We meet every Tuesday after school at the Learning Stairs balcony until 3:30. Come meet new friends and play some games!

