

WEST DE PERE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

OFFICIAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2024



MR. MARSDEN'S MESSAGE

Mr. Scott Marsden, Principal

Hello Intermediate School Families,

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 this testing are April 11th and 16th. The students have learned so much this year and it is their chance to show off all that learning! I'm confident they will do great!

Mr. Brehm and I are beginning the work now to plan for next 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.

Have a great March!
Mr. Marsden

IMPORTANT DATES

NO SCHOOL

April 1st

**6th GRADE FIELD TRIP - MULVA
CULTURAL CENTER**

April 8th

**SCHOOLWIDE FORWARD
TESTING**

April 11th and April 16th

CAREER DAY

April 19th

FAMILY STEAM NIGHT

5th Grade 4:30-5:30 PM

6th Grade 5:45-6:45 PM

STEAM NIGHT

The Intermediate STEAM in Motion Family Night will be held on Wednesday, April 24th. The student art show, STEM demonstrations, and physical education stations will be set up around the building. Families are welcome to attend with their IS students at the following times:

5th grade 4:30-5:30

6th grade 5:45-6:45

Please enter through the doors by the back parking lot.



CAREER WEEK

The IS students will have Career Week from April 15th to 19th this year. Fifth-grade students will have career exploration activities during this time. We will also have announcements each day, trivia, and dress-up days for this week. Dress-up days are as follows:

Wednesday 4/17 – College Wear/Gear Day

The students can wear any type of high school or college wear for this day. Staff can wear their alma mater clothing.

Thursday 4/18 – Future Career Dress Up Day

Students can dress up as the career they would like to have when they grow up.

Friday 4/19 – School Spirit Day

Students can wear black and orange or Phantom gear on this day.

The Intermediate School will have a Career Day on Friday, April 19. Career Day will be scheduled from 12:55-2:30 PM. Each student will attend four 20-minute presentations. Students will learn about the following concepts: the wide variety of career choices, tools, and technology for various careers, and skills/training needed for different careers.



PHANTOM PHUNDAMENTALS

FAIRNESS

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.

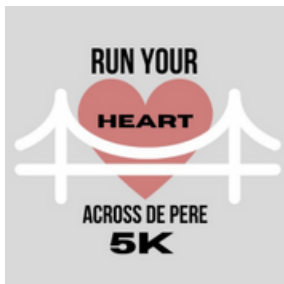
This month we dove into the concept of FAIRNESS. Fairness isn't just about getting what we want; it's about treating everyone equally and making decisions that consider everyone's needs. If we think about a game where everyone plays by the same rules – that's fairness! It's about giving everyone a fair chance to succeed. So, whether it's sharing toys, taking turns, or working together on group projects, we have learned how we should always strive to be fair to one another as fairness makes our world a better place for everyone!

The students in the picture above have focused and displayed this concept on the playground at recess time. They include others in their games and activities and make sure that teams are set up equally each day. Additionally, they win and lose graciously and if a disagreement arises they try to see the other person's side and come to a fair resolution.

Our Phundamental for the month of April will be COURAGE.

– Mr. Chuck Brehm, Associate Principal

RUN YOUR HEART ACROSS DE PERE 5K



**CLICK HERE TO
VIEW THE
EVENT FLYER**

Join us for the 5th annual Run Your Heart Across De Pere 5k. This run for all K-6 graders and their "Running Buddies" raises funds for Hands Across De Pere – our local non-profit assisting De Pere students & their families in times of need.

All runners receive a shirt with paid entry AND to add to the fun, students can participate in our T-Shirt Design Contest, where one student's drawing will become the face of this year's race shirt! Find info on run requirements/restrictions, registration, donations, volunteer opportunities, and more on the run website, accessed by visiting RunSignup.com and searching: Run Your Heart Across De Pere or by clicking [HERE](#).

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.

LIBRARY NEWS



LIBRARY LISTENING STATIONS

We've added some listening stations to our library! The IS library now has two Yoto Players. Yotos are screen-free audiobook players. Students can choose from over 40 different audiobooks including popular fiction titles like *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* and *Big Nate*, as well as intriguing nonfiction books about famous inventors, ancient civilizations, and more! We also have two Storybutton podcast players. The Storybuttons are loaded with tons of kid-friendly podcasts in the areas of music, adventure, science, and others. It has been great to see the students listening and learning together!

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.

STUDENT FEES FOR 2023-2024

School fees are as follows:

Identification Card – \$3.00

5th & 6th Grade School Fee – \$30.00

Technology Fee – \$20.00

You may now pay school fees online! Simply click on the \$ at the top of the district website. [Click here](#) for the 23-24 school fee waiver form.

WDP 5-9 PTO



Join us on April 9th at 6:30 PM at WDP Middle School for our next PTO Meeting!



2023-2024 MEETING DATES & LOCATIONS

4/9, 6:30 PM @ MS

5/14, 6:30 PM @ IS

President – Wendy Schaub, **Vice President** – Nicole Hewitt, **Secretary**– Liz Charles, **Treasurer** – Evelyn Ceesay

[CLICK HERE](#) to find the PTO page on our district website!

DAILY SCHEDULE

7:25 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.*

SPORTS/ACTIVITIES

FRENCH CLUB

French Club students gathered together on March 7 for the French Club Francophone Trivia event! Here were a few trivia questions that students encountered:

Q: Approximately how many French speakers are there in the world?

A: 220 million

Q: The number of calories burned by the racers in the 21-day long Tour de France bike race is equivalent to eating how many McDonald's double cheeseburgers?

A: 252

Q: Covering 323,000 sq ft., the largest church building in the world, the Basilica of Our Lady of Peace, is located in which French-speaking country?

A: Ivory Coast

Q: The Normandy American Cemetery in France is the resting place for how many Americans, most of whom gave their lives during the D-day invasion of WWII?

A: 9,387

The next French Club event will be held on Thursday, April 11 from 2:45–3:45 p.m. We will be celebrating the French holiday Poisson d'avril!

FORENSICS

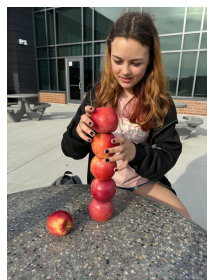
All 14 Intermediate School Forensics team members earned Excellence Awards for their performances at the Level II meet at Edison Middle School February 29. The groups and individuals earned the right to compete in the Level II event by also earning all Excellence Awards in the Level I meet on Feb. 8. Students performed selections ranging from Reader's Theater to Poetry to Prose reading. Congratulations to all our IS Forensics students. They will receive their Blue Ribbons at a celebration pizza party after Spring Break.



BOARD GAME CLUB

Why couldn't the pirate play Uno? Because he was sitting on the deck!

Does your student like to play games? Well, have them come to Board Game Club! We meet every Tuesday from 2:50–3:30 on the learning stairs balcony. Come meet new people and have some fun!



COMPLIMENT CLUB

The Compliment Club has had a busy year, and they are not done yet. Along with putting positive comments on everyone's lockers, running two compliment competitions resulting in prizes and extra gym time, playing Compliment Bingo at Activity Night, and presenting to the School Board, the club is planning to host Compliment Week for the school in May. Students will be challenged to give compliments in various ways to brighten the days of other people they may or may not know. Compliment Club members are currently putting together the itinerary.

