

# WEST DE PERE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

OFFICIAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2025



## MR. MARSDEN'S MESSAGE

Mr. Scott Marsden, Principal

Hello Phantom Families,

February is upon us already! I hope this finds you well and staying warm!

A couple of things happening this month are Parent/Teacher Conferences on the 20th from 4:00 until 8:00 pm and an early release on the 21st. We will have more information coming home in Tuesday Notes about how to sign up for conferences, so be on the lookout for that. These conferences are designed to be for students and families that need a conference with one of their teachers but are not necessary if you do not feel the need to meet.

February is what I like to call the longest shortest month of the year. It's typically cold outside and the students and staff get a bit restless for things to do. Well, our Student Council came through to help break things up a bit. They will be having Student Activity Nights for 5th and 6th graders. The students will have an opportunity to come to school and play games, hang out in the gym, and socialize for a couple of hours. The 5th grade will have their night on February 25th and the 6th grade will have theirs on March 6th. Look for more information about those nights to come out later this month.

Make it an amazing month!  
Mr. Marsden

## IMPORTANT DATES

**5th Grade Human Growth & Development**

Feb. 5th-7th

**PTO Meeting**

Feb. 11th, 6:30 PM @ Middle School

**Harvest House to Fallen Timbers**

Feb. 13th

**Mill House to Fallen Timbers**

Feb. 17th

**Quarry House to Fallen Timbers**

Feb. 18th

**River House to Fallen Timbers**

Feb. 19th

**Parent-Teacher Conferences**

Feb. 20th, 4-8 PM

**Read-a-Thon**

Feb. 21st

**Early Release**

Feb. 21st, 11:10 AM

**5th Grade Activity Night**

Feb. 25th, 6-7:45 PM

## DENTAL CLINIC

**Dental Clinic Coming to West De Pere Schools!  
February 25th & 26th**

No-cost dental care is available for students who are covered under ForwardHealth, Medicaid, and BadgerCare, or who are uninsured.

Please reach out to your school social worker if you are interested in signing your child up for this program.

**Sabrina Esala (920) 639-0519**  
Heather Propson (920) 655-6267

Healthy teeth, healthy kids!

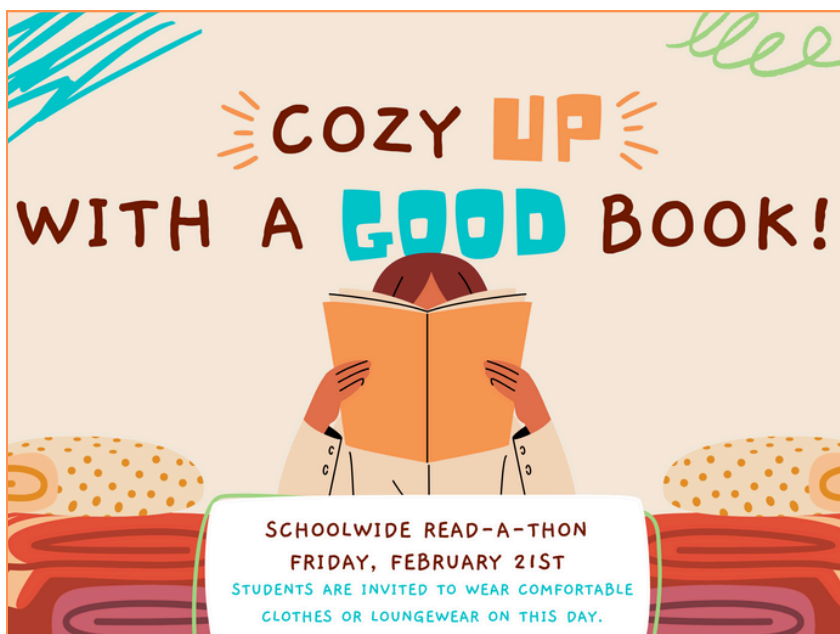
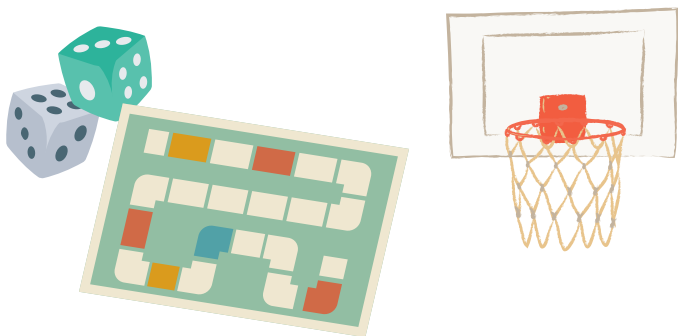


## 5TH & 6TH GRADE ACTIVITY NIGHTS

Student Council is excited to announce our upcoming activity nights for 5th and 6th grade!

The fifth-grade activity night will be held on Tuesday, February 25th. The sixth-grade activity night will be held on Thursday, March 6th. Both will be held at the Intermediate School from 6-7:45 and admission will be \$2 at the door.

Various activities will be held throughout the night such as board games, yard games, and gym games. We look forward to offering our students a fun evening at school to connect with their classmates!



## PHANTOM PHUNDAMENTALS



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.

**COURAGE** was our Phundamental for the month of January. Courage was featured on our daily announcements, talked about in classrooms, and displayed on our bulletin boards throughout the month.

Aspects of courage that were focused on this month include:

- Courage to be yourself
- Trying new things
- Standing up for others
- Learning from mistakes
- Speaking up
- Facing challenges
- Encouraging others
- Having patience
- Dreaming BIG!

Our Phundamental for February will be **HONESTY**.

Go Phantoms!

– Mr. Chuck Brehm, Associate Principal

## WISCONSIN FORWARD TESTING

From March 17 through April 25 Wisconsin students will once again be taking the Wisconsin Forward Exam. The Wisconsin Forward is the test that schools are required to give to students in grades 3-8 and 10. Questions on the Forward Exam will measure each student's achievement relative to grade level expectations in two areas: English language arts and mathematics. In addition, a science test will be given to fourth and eighth-grade students and a social studies test will be administered to fourth, eighth, and tenth-grade students. All testing sessions are online and untimed, so students can take breaks without their scores being impacted.

West De Pere schools will be administering the Forward Exam over the course of the entire window. Our aim is to give students the time and support they need to complete each portion of the test to the best of their ability. Parents and students can be confident that teachers and school personnel will have student welfare as their top priority. Parents seeking to know more about the Forward Exam can visit the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction website (<http://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/forward>). Additional questions about the Wisconsin Forward Exam can be directed to building principals or Joe Feldhausen, Teaching and Learning Coordinator at 337-1393 extension 8035.




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## 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.

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## 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.



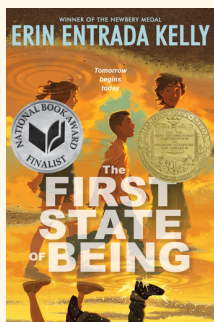


## LIBRARY NEWS

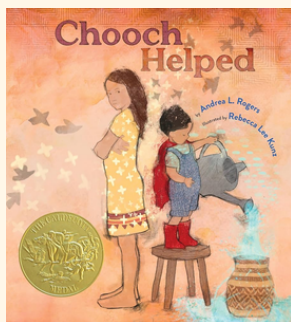
### AWARD WINNING BOOKS!

Excitement fills the library every year when the newest award-winning books are announced! The American Library Association honors outstanding children's literature with two of its most prestigious awards: the Newbery Medal, given to the most notable contribution to children's literature, and the Caldecott Award, celebrating the most distinguished picture book based on its illustrations.

In our library classes, students have been exploring this year's winners (pictured below), as well as the runners-up and other notable books from a variety of categories. We encourage families to check out these incredible stories and discover new favorites together!



Newbery Winner



Caldecott Winner

### 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

5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

# PTO

Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm  
at the Middle School



**Guest Speaker**  
School Resource Officer  
Andy Zietlow

Meet in the MS 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

2/11 - 6:30, MS Library	4/8 - 6:30, MS Library
3/11 - 6:30, IS 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](mailto: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.*

# WE LOVE THE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL!

- How we can do fun activities. - Nirvi
- The lunch - Jameson
- I love that Intermediate School has so many adults that I can trust and rely on. I also love that there are so many extracurricular activities that are available for kids. - Nekelle
- I love how the teachers are nice and very kind. Another reason I love the school are my FRIENDS! - William
- My friends are funny and they cheer me up - Miles
- The students - Chase
- I love that all of the teachers, staff members, and students are all caring and they are always nice to people. - Alexis
- I love all the energy the students and staff bring to the building. It always makes me smile seeing how energetic and happy everybody is to be here! - Ms. Grant
- I love phy. ed. - Mason
- The school makes me feel safe and I like all the teachers - Colt
- EVERYTHING ABOUT IT! - Maddie
- I like the way the school looks. - Tripp
- One thing that I love about the IS is that it is really futuristic compared to the rest of the district. - Tyson
- Getting to hang out with new friends from Westwood - Lidia
- Getting to meet new friends from different schools - Alayna
- I like that all the teachers are nice. and I like the clubs that we have. - Paisley
- I love how welcoming and friendly the staff have been to me in my first year in the district! - Mr. Kaffine
- The teachers and my friends. - Kendall
- All the teachers - Avah
- I love the teachers and how they are so nice, especially my bear house teachers. - Charles
- I love how much food we can get at lunch - Westley
- I love that there are my friends from Hemlock Creek and Westwood. - Jordan
- I love that we can get ala cart - Toby
- I love that we have such good teachers - Levi
- I love that we get to go to more than one teacher in the school day. I love the school. It is so nice. - Jase
- I love how our school has events throughout the year. - Dominic
- I love the amazing teachers and students! - Ava
- The glass doors and the big windows - Kaylee
- I like that we can go out the comfies to learn - Noah
- I love how it looks amazing and how it has more to do and how we have STEM! - Bailey
- I love how we have a huge field & how we have really fun specials - Gerald
- I love that we have the choice to stay inside on the Learning Stairs or you can go outside for recess. - Rylee
- I love that we have locks on are lockers. - Greysin
- I love Related Arts and how nice people are - John
- I love the space outside of the classroom where the comfies are and where I can do my work - Luke
- I love that we have the space outside of the room to sit if we want. - Gracie
- What I love about the Intermediate School is the library - Victoria
- I love that the intermediate school has more choices like band or choir - Kiara
- I really like how there are clubs that we have a choice to be a part of, and how the teachers are really nice. Thanks teachers! - Leah
- The learning stairs, the teachers, the cow trophy, and the library - Emma
- The freedom that every student has - Logan
- Mill House - Zakiya
- I love S.T.E.M because Dr. Khol makes things fun because she jokes around a lot and does fun projects. - Gage
- I love STEM because it has many things to do like doing math when you're also coding a robot to go across the room. The technology is also fun to use if you are careful with it. Also, engineering your plane to fly through the room was also very fun to do. - Sam
- What I love about the Intermediate school is that the whole school cares about you and who you are. They also care how you feel and it makes your day a little bit better when everyone is kind and caring, the school really comes together as one and they care that you are a part of the school. That is one thing I love about the Intermediate school, I could keep going how amazing this school is. - Harper
- I like how we organize lunch and recess groups because I have friends in each house. - Lukas
- What I love about the Intermediate School is the kindness that is in it. Teachers and students are constantly trying to make our school a better place for each one of us. No matter how small the act is, it makes a big difference. That is what I love about the Intermediate school!!! - Kaylee
- I like P.E class mostly cause I am athletic and love sports but it is still great for everyone. I also love recess a lot because we can play football. Mostly I just like everything you can do with friends. - Beckett
- The stem because we got to code on our own - Charity
- All my friends. They always bring a smile to my face. They are the best! - Avery
- I love our gym because on the first day of gym we have to fill out a form where you can put what lesson to do for the year. - Karson
- I love the Intermediate School because for lunch there are many things to choose from and another reason why is that the classmates are really kind and fun. - Sam
- I Love the stem because it gives you change and the stem teacher is nice fun. Also you can have a great time and robots are fun to code. And if you have a problem then she will help you. - Etta
- I love lunch because the food usually tastes really good, we can choose where we sit, and we can get things from the snack cart, I love recess because we can talk to our friends, be a little louder, play games, and do things we can't in class, I love choir because we can sing and I love singing, I love the comfies because they help me focus and make me feel more comfortable, I like the design because I think it looks so pretty, I like the teachers because they are so nice, and lastly, I love the library because I really enjoy reading. - Aishwarya
- Everyone is so kind and caring. If you need help with an equation, or question, or maybe just a hug, everyone will be there for you. - Raegan
- I love that the intermediate school has so many opportunities and you get to experience so many thing - Emery
- All the opportunities to grow and learn. - Frankie
- Teachers, how safe the school feels, staff, and how nice the teachers are. - Vanna
- I love the teachers because they always greet me with a big, bright smile every morning. They are also always uplifting. I also love the intermediate school because there are so many clubs you can join. I love this because it lets students find what they love and get involved in things. - Aubrey
- How we can have optional indoor/outdoor recess. - Josie

# WE LOVE THE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL!

- STEM – Hailey
- I really like all the windows. – Hailey
- Being able to see my friends – Mya
- Everything – Maggie
- I love our system. Other schools sometimes give TONS of homework for when children go home and get to have some fun. On the other hand we're over here getting rewards and having fun. We may not get these rewards often, but they are VERY fun when we get them. The entire district is an amazing district so basically I love our schools/districts' way of doing things. Plus, our lessons are sometimes fun and there is never a time when you REALLY want to go home. Also, since we start in 5th grade here 5th graders get to do activities early for their age! (Like the play which I was in as a lead) – Abraham
- I love the teachers because they always have fun activities and they are always in a good mood!!! – Natalie
- the teachers – Aaron
- My Friends – Matthew
- Recess – Jax
- The couches and pillows – Elijah
- Phy Ed, my teachers, my friends, library, and the 2:50P.M. bell – Mason
- Everything – Zachary
- You get a choice to stay inside or go outside for recess – Mia
- The design of the building – Jackson
- That anyone can do something and not be judged but encouraged and celebrated – Amelia
- friends – Liam
- Recess and friends – Bentley
- All the nice teachers and kids and fun occasions, gym, and choir – Demerious
- Gym – Lou
- The gym – Graham
- I love that I feel safe here and I am able to make friends without being scared. I also love the new smartpass system! It makes it really fun and easy to take a trip outside of the classroom. I'm very grateful for what this school offers me. – Leni
- That I get to see my friends. – Claire
- My friends – Quinn
- My friends, recess, Friday's, early release days, snowday's, no school, PE, French, Spanish, and days when we do nothing but fun. – Everett
- my friends i love playing the clarinet doing band is my fav thing to do – Aiyana
- I love how modern and bright it is, and all of the freedom we as students get here like our options for recess. – Sloane
- Friends – Josh
- The schedule – Tiesen
- All of it – Aden
- The design with the huge windows, the sliding doors, the seats in the hallway, and the courtyard. Also the lunch choices and fruit/veggie bar – Anna
- The freedom of working such as working in the hallways, or choosing who would be best to work for you. – Brady
- All the friendly people. – Claire
- The bright and open spaces, i also like the teachers, and last is the learning stairs. – Joe
- All the windows so we have natural light – Clara
- The windows. They are very shiny – Henry
- How the teachers are always nice and help me learn – Alexander
- I love the community that we have built at the Intermediate school, where there is a place for everyone. Students have the opportunity to express themselves in many different ways and let their individuality shine through! – Ms. Oliver
- It is a very welcoming place and it is cozy. – Cora
- That we get both Spanish and French – Jayden
- Hanging out with my friends in recess. – Ximmenda
- My friends – Jackson
- We have indoor recess in the gym and we get to play basketball – C.J.
- My friends – Zeke
- I like how we get to go to the gym sometimes when it's indoor recess. – Jaylynn
- My friends and that I can be comfortable sometimes – Charlotte
- The sports programs – William
- It's a really nice school and looks nice – Summer
- The library at recess – Anna
- I love the Intermediate School because of my students. I get to witness their incredible growth every day. Whether it's the moment when a student finally masters a challenging math concept or when they confidently present their ideas in front of the class, their perseverance makes my job so rewarding. – Mrs. Tanner
- Friends, cross country, Mrs. Lisowe, track, and Mr. Abaray – Vicki
- Library – Liam
- I love that the Intermediate School lets us choose if we want to go outside for recess or stay inside. And another thing I love about the Intermediate School is that they have 2 choices for lunch. – Gabriella





**WDP 5-8 PTO**

# PHANTOM APPAREL SALE

Stock up on your West De Pere gear! The West De Pere 5-8 PTO is partnering with Crafty Chaos for a flash sale. The online store will be open from February 3 - February 17. Items will be distributed at the schools. Questions? Please contact the PTO at [wdp5.8@gmail.com](mailto:wdp5.8@gmail.com). \_\_\_\_\_



## ITEMS ON SALE:

- SWEATSHIRTS
- SWEATPANTS
- T-SHIRTS
- HATS

[Click Here for the Shopping Link](#)

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