

WEST DE PERE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

OFFICIAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2024



MR. MARSDEN'S MESSAGE

Mr. Scott Marsden, Principal

November is one of my favorite months at the Intermediate School. The seasons are changing, there is the anticipation of the upcoming holidays, and we are really rocking and rolling with learning.

We have some special guests with us for most of this month. St. Norbert College has asked to partner with us as they prepare the next generation of teachers. So, we have 13 students from St. Norbert College who will be doing a mini-student teaching placement with us until the 22nd. They will be helping out in classrooms, teaching a lesson, and getting a feel for what it will be like to be a teacher. They are so excited to be here and we love the energy they bring. They are assigned to specific classes, but will also spend some time observing around the building, so all of our students will probably interact with them at some point.

November also marks the end of our first trimester. I know, I can't believe how quickly time is flying either. Remember that we use a Standards-Based report card to let you know how your child is doing. This is the same format that you were used to at our elementary schools. Letter grades will start for students when they move to the Middle School in 7th grade.

Our first choir concert will be coming in December as well as our school musical, "The Grunch," so be sure to be looking for information about those as we get closer to December.

Have a wonderful month of November.

- Mr. Marsden

IMPORTANT DATES

**Knights of Columbus Free
Throw Contest - 5th Gr**

Nov. 8th

**Read-a-Thon: Wild About
Reading**

Nov. 8th

Early Release

Nov. 8th, 11:10 AM

PTO Meeting

Nov. 19th, 6:30 PM @ IS

Early Release

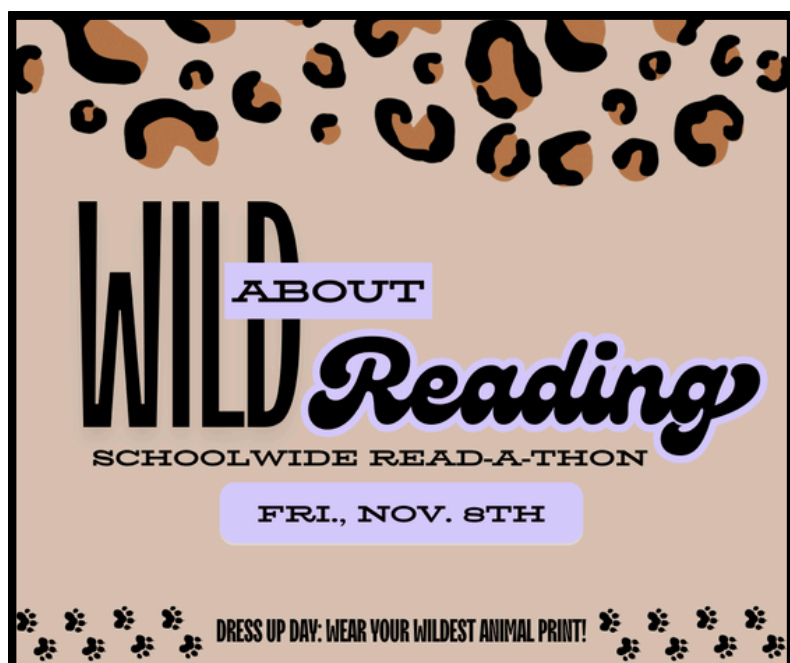
Nov. 27th, 11:10 AM

No School

Nov. 28th & 29th

AUTHOR VISIT

We had an AMAZING visit with author Mat Heagerty on October 24th. Mat is a published author of graphic novels. During his presentations to students, Mat shared about the collaborative process of creating a graphic novel, stressing the importance of working together, accepting and celebrating the ideas of others, and having the confidence to share your art. We had a blast creating characters with Mat, putting all of our great ideas together in the process. Students also had the chance to ask Mat about his writing process, where he gets his ideas, and what accomplishments he is most proud of. What a fantastic day!



PHANTOM PHUNDAMENTALS

RESPONSIBILITY

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 past month, our Phantom Phundamental was **RESPONSIBILITY!** Being responsible means taking charge of our actions, words, and choices. Each day on the announcements we focused on a way to be responsible at school and at home.

AT SCHOOL

- Completing homework on time
- Preparing for tests
- Bringing necessary materials
- Helping a classmate
- Respecting school rules
- Attending school every day
- Cleaning up at themselves
- Taking initiative in group work
- Admitting mistakes
- Respecting teachers and classmates

AT HOME

- Cleaning their room
- Completing chores
- Doing homework
- Feeding pets
- Helping with younger siblings
- Managing screen time
- Keeping track of personal items
- Setting the table for meals
- Taking care of personal hygiene
- Waking up on time

The Phundamental for November will be **PRIDE**.

– Mr. Chuck Brehm, Associate Principal

CHRISTMAS STORE

The De Pere Christian Outreach is putting on its annual Christmas Store! The Christmas Store helps homeless and at-risk families in De Pere and West De Pere have a joyous and stress-free Christmas experience. Identified families are invited to shop for brand new items at rummage sale prices (or free of charge). We need your help to make Christmas magical for about 200 families from both sides of the river, including Syble Hopp. We are accepting donations in the form of checks, made out to "DPCO Christmas Store" or any items from the list - [LINKED HERE](#). All donations go directly towards buying gifts and other essentials for these families. Donations can be dropped off in the main office at any of the school buildings. The deadline for the donations is Thursday, November 28th.



Please help us spread the word and thank you in advance for all your kindness, support, and generosity! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the district School Social Worker, Sabrina Esala at (920) 639-0519.

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

RECESS IN THE LIBRARY

Did you know that students have the option to visit the library during their daily recess? We love seeing the students during this time of the day. We have many activity options beyond just checking out and reading books. Some of these options include playing games, drawing/writing, building with LEGO sets, or creating designs on our LEGO wall. We also have a featured activity each month. The featured activity for October was giant board games. Students could play with giant decks of cards, giant Sorry!, and more! It is great to see the students playing together during this time of the day.



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, November 19th @ 6:30 pm

Guest Speakers

IS/MS Reading

Interventionists

Meet us in the Intermediate
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

11/19 – 6:30, IS Library	3/11 – 6:30, IS Library
12/10 – 6:30, MS Library	4/8 – 6:30, MS Library
1/14 – 6:30, IS Library	5/13 – 6:30, IS Library
2/11 – 6:30, MS 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.*

SPORTS/ACTIVITIES

MUSICAL

The cast of our school musical, *The Grunch*, has been working hard to prepare for December's performances. Based on the story "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas," *The Grunch* musical tells the story of a grumpy 6th-grade student, Rudy Grunch, who decides to ruin the school musical. We have almost 140 students involved in the show this year! Performances will take place on December 5th through 7th at West De Pere High School. [CLICK HERE](https://west-de-pere-intermediate-school.ticketleap.com/the-grunch/) or visit <https://west-de-pere-intermediate-school.ticketleap.com/the-grunch/> to get your tickets today!



B.A.S.H.



Did you know that the Intermediate School has a wonderful program called B.A.S.H. (Band At School Help) available exclusively for our 6th graders? This program takes place during the first lunch recess on Wednesdays. It's a fantastic opportunity for students to receive assistance or enjoy practice time with their band friends from other classes. We encourage all 6th-grade band students to take advantage of this great opportunity!

SPELLING BEE

It's Spelling Bee season at the Intermediate School! Students will be studying spelling words this month in preparation for Classroom Spelling Bees before Thanksgiving. Though participation is voluntary, studying spelling words can only help students in their writing so encourage your child to study those words and join in the fun. ELA classrooms will send two students each to a grade level bee, and winners from there will go to the District Bee in January. Good luck spellers!

Screenagers Film Series

for K-12 WDP Parents/Guardians and the De Pere Community

2024 - 2025 SCHOOL YEAR

JOIN US	SCREENAGERS FILM SERIES Join the West De Pere School District Library Team for one, two, or all three of the Screenagers films. A discussion will be held after each film is shown.
OCT 21	SCREENAGERS: GROWING UP IN THE DIGITAL AGE 6:00PM WDPHS AUDITORIUM
JAN 15	SCREENAGERS: ADDRESSING YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH 6:00PM WDPHS AUDITORIUM
MARCH 03	SCREENAGERS: UNDER THE INFLUENCE 6:00PM WDPHS AUDITORIUM

tinyurl.com/wdpscreenagers

