



Middle School Newsletter

October, 2024



WEST DE PERE SCHOOL DISTRICT

West De Pere Schools Mission Statement:

The mission of the School District of West De Pere is to create a comprehensive educational and social environment for students, and staff which will produce life-long learners with the capacity to succeed in a global community.

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Dear WDP Middle School Families,

Lots to share this month so let's get right to it...

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Conferences will be held on **Thursday, October 17, 1:00pm-8:00pm**. Individual conference sessions will be 10 minutes in length and offered as an in-person event. Please follow the directions below to register. The window of time to access conference scheduling on our website will start at **6:00am on Wednesday, October 9** and will remain open until **noon on Wednesday, October 16**. To register follow these directions:

1. Go to www.wdpsd.com, then click on Middle School → Parent Info → Conferences.
2. Follow the directions for scheduling a conference as a parent through Conference Manager.
 - a. First, you will need to register for an account. After that, you will be able to sign in with the email address and password you created.
 - b. When you register, add the names of all your children and the school in which they attend.
 - c. If your child has changed schools since last year (moved to grade 7 from grade 6), make sure the correct school is aligned with your child. Changes like this can be made under "my profile."
 - d. Select the conference that you wish to attend.
 - e. Select the teachers you would like to meet with.
 - f. Select the time slot you would like for each teacher.
 - g. Click on the **My Conferences** tab to review, edit, or print your schedule.
3. Once you register, you should receive an email from Conference Manager.

Dress Code

Page 15 of the 2024 student handbook describes our student dress code. On some occasions (not often), students who are in violation of the dress code may be required to rectify the issue immediately with a change of clothes. We recognize that sometimes can cause an inconvenience for parents, who may have to bring a change of clothes to school for their child. In other situations (more commonly), the student may be allowed to finish out the day as dressed, but reminded not to wear those clothing articles to school again. These determinations will be made by the administration on case-by-case basis. Should you have questions about the dress code, certainly feel free to contact me.

PowerSchool and Google Classroom

Parents seeking to stay abreast of their child's academic progress will find these two tools useful. Additional information can be found on our school website at this web address:
<https://www.wdpsd.com/schools/middle/parents/index.cfm>

Teacher of the Year Recognition

Bethany Counard, 8th grade ELA teacher, was formally recognized as one of five Wisconsin Teachers of the Year for 2025 at the State Capitol on Thursday, September 26. What an honor for West De Pere! Way to go Bethany!



Sincerely,

James Finley, PhD

Phantom Phundamentals Update

September – Unity

The month of September was filled with exciting reports of our students demonstrating strong character. I am encouraged as I read the teachers nominations and felt you would enjoy reading a few as well.

Caiden Rosner, Grade 7 – UNITY. Caiden took the initiative to invite a new student to eat lunch with him. He welcomed him to school.

Adyson Sampe, Grade 8 – COMPASSION/RESPONSIBILITY. Adyson was very helpful to a new volleyball player, guiding and encouraging her on the court. Excellent leadership!

Archery 2024-2025

Welcome back to the 2024-2025 school year. The Archery Team is excited to get the season started. Sign up will open October 1 and close October 31. You can use the following link to sign up.

[2024-2025 IS/MS Archery Signup](#)

Archery practice starts in mid-November for new archers and early December for returning archers. The season runs through late March. Practices will be on Wednesdays and Fridays and tournaments are usually on Saturdays. The team usually participates in 7-9 tournaments. Participating in tournaments is not a requirement of the Archers, however, if they want to shoot in the state tournament they need to have shot in two regular tournaments first. We look forward to another amazing season and would love for you to join us. If you have any questions please email us at msarchery@wdpsd.com.



French Club News

The French Club kicked off its start to the new school year with its first meeting on September 20. Félicitations to the students who were elected French Club officers! Sixth grade representatives are Nirvi Agrawal and Lily Reps. Seventh grade representatives are Kylie Schurer and Claire Thompson. Eighth grade representatives are James Elst and Gavin Her. French Club is open to all students grades 6-8 who have French this school year, and students are still invited to join! Students can look forward to one French Club event per month throughout the school year. The next French Club event will be a French Game Night held on Thursday, October 10 from 2:55-3:45 p.m. Students are asked to make a one-time \$5 contribution to help cover the cost of the treats and activities that the French Club provides. If your child has not yet turned in their \$5, please have them turn it in to Madame VDB or Monsieur Hanna.

Art Corner

The De Pere Lion's Club is offering an art contest for 11-13 year olds. They want students to design a peace poster that shows the theme: "Peace Without Limits." There are specific rules and paper size for this contest, so please see Mrs. Schlatter in room 306 for more information and paper. Posters are due to Mrs. Schlatter by Tuesday, October 15th.

Do you enjoy watching the Wisconsin Herd play basketball? You could win 4 tickets to a game and a \$100 gift card to buy merchandise. They are offering a saucer/disk (circle) design contest to 10 of our middle school students! They want to see designs that show: **What the Wisconsin Herd means to you.** Circle saucers are in Mrs. Schlatter's room (306). Students that are interested, need to see Mrs. Schlatter for sketch paper so she can see that the student has a plan before handing out the saucer disk. Once the student has completed their designs, families will need to upload their design to the website (so families will need to do some of the work). All of the uploading needs to be complete by October 11th, in just 2 weeks.

Art Club will be starting later this month! If you like art and crafty projects, this club is for you! Our first meeting will be on Monday, October 21st, after school in Mrs. Schlatter's art room (306). Art Club will run every Monday, after school until 3:30pm. If you can't make every meeting, that's not a problem, just come when you can! We create crafts and help decorate the school. If you enjoy doing these types of activities, come check out Art Club! Have your ride here by 3:30pm. For more information, please contact: Terri Schlatter at: tschlatter@wdpsd.com

"Art is something that makes you breathe with a different kind of happiness." - Anni Alber

Important Middle School Dates

October 4	Picture Re-Take Day
October 7	Practice begins for 7th & 8 th Grade Girls' Basketball 3-4:30 MS Gym
October 8	PTO Meeting @ MS 6:30 p.m.
October 10	Athletic Grade Check
October 16	Athletic Picture Day Girls' Basketball
October 17	Early Release @ 11:10 a.m.
October 17	Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:00—8:00 p.m.
October 18	No School
October 24	Athletic Grade Check
November 1	MS Dance
November 6	Last Day of 1st Quarter
November 7	Athletic Grade Check
November 8	Early Release @ 11:10 a.m.
November 11	7/8 Practice begins for Boys' Basketball
November 12	PTO Meeting @ IS 6:30 p.m.
November 14	Athletic Grade Check
November 22	Athletic Picture Day Boys' Basketball
November 26	Athletic Grade Check
November 27	Early Release @ 11:10 a.m.
November 28 & 29	No School
December 1	End of Trimester 1
December 2-6	Fall Spirit Week
December 6	Fall Pep Assembly
December 10	PTO Meeting @ MS 6:30 p.m.
December 10	MS Winter Choir Concert at HS 7:00 p.m.
December 12	Athletic Grade Check
December 17	MS Winter Band Concert at HS 7:00 p.m.
Dec. 23—31	No School (Winter Break)
January 1	No School
January 2	Practice begins for 5-8 th Gr. Wrestling @ IS
January 9	Athletic Grade Check
January 9	Athletic Picture Day Wrestling
January 14	PTO Meeting @ IS 6:30 p.m.
January 20	No School
January 22	Last Day of 2nd Quarter
January 22	Last Day of Semester 1
January 23	Athletic Grade Check

January 24	MS Dance
February 6	Athletic Grade Check
February 11	PTO Meeting @ MS 6:30 p.m.
February 17	6 th Boys & Girls Basketball Begins
February 18	5 th Boys & Girls Basketball Begins
February 20	Athletic Grade Check
February 20	Parent Teacher Conferences 4-8 p.m.
February 21	Early Release @ 11:10 a.m.
March 7	Early Release @ 11:10 a.m.
March 9	End of Trimester 2
March 11	PTO Meeting @ IS 6:30 p.m.
March 14	MS Dance
March 18	MS Art Show 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
March 21	Early Release @ 11:10 a.m.
March 24—March 28	No School (Spring Vacation)
April 2	Last Day of 3rd Quarter
April 7	Practice begins for 7/8 Track 3:00-4:15 p.m.
April 8	PTO Meeting @ MS 6:30 p.m.
April 9	Practice begins for 6th Track 3:00-4:15 p.m.
April 10-12	MS Spring Musical
April 16	Athletic Picture Day Track
April 17	Athletic Grade Check
April 18	No School
May 1	Athletic Grade Check
May 2	Early Release @ 11:10 a.m.
May 2	MS Talent Show 7 p.m.
May 5-9	Spring Spirit Week
May 9	Spring Pep Assembly
May 13	PTO Meeting @ IS 6:30 p.m.
May 15	Athletic Grade Check
May 19	Spring Band Concert @ HS 7th & 8th Gr. @ 7 p.m.
May 22	Spring Choir Concert @ HS 7th & 8th Gr. @ 7 p.m.
May 26	No School (Memorial Day)
May 26	Memorial Day Parade—7 th & 8 th Gr. Band
June 4	8th Gr. Promotion – 7 p.m.
June 6	Last Day of School/Early Release @ 11:10 a.m.

Please join us at the

WDP

5th – 8th Grade

PTO

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

Guest Speaker
Members of the WDP library team to share internet and AI safety tips.

Meet in the MS Library.

WDP 5th-8th Grade Intermediate & Middle School PTO

WDP 5-8 PTO CASH and CARRY Pizza Sale: Refrigerated pizza truck will be here - Thursday, October 17th 5 pm - 7 pm in the Intermediate School Front Parking lot (9th street). This is a cash only event. We will be selling pizzas made with the original recipe from the Green Bay Hansen's Dairy and Deli stores. Championship Cheese = \$6; Packed Pepperoni, Stadium Sausage or Carnivore Sausage & Pepperoni = \$7; Stadium Supreme = \$8. Families can buy a single pizza's or multiple cases - no limit!! Proceeds will help fund end of year field trips for our 5th - 8th grade classes. We are looking to get 4-6 volunteers to help unload/carry orders to families' vehicles. Please use this [signup sheet](#) to volunteer.



Made with the original recipe from the Hansen's
Dairy and Deli stores from Green Bay

CHAMPIONSHIP CHEESE	\$6
PACKED PEPPERONI	\$7
STADIUM SAUSAGE	\$7
CARNIVORE SAUSAGE & PEPPERONI	\$7
STADIUM SUPREME	\$8

Athletic Information for 2024-2025 School Year

In preparation for the 2024-2025 school year, please be advised of the following information regarding participation in athletic activities in grades 5 – 8.



Sport Offerings:

5th Grade: Boys & Girls Cross Country (Fall)

Boys & Girls Intramural Basketball & Wrestling (Winter)

6th Grade: Soccer & Cross Country (Fall)

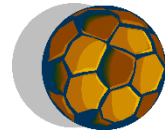
Boys & Girls Intramural Basketball & Wrestling (Winter)

Boys & Girls Track & Field (Spring)

7th & 8th Grade: Football, Volleyball, Soccer, & Cross Country (Fall)

Boys & Girls Basketball & Wrestling (Winter)

Boys & Girls Track & Field (Spring)



To participate in sports for the 2024-2025 school year, all athletes (grades 5-8) must complete the following **before** they can practice:

- **CURRENT PHYSICAL** (No less than every other year with April 1st as the earliest date) on or after April 1st of 2023. This is the only paper form that will be received.
https://www.wdpsd.com/cms_files/resources/Physical.pdf Return this doc to the IS or MS office.

The remaining forms must be completed by the parent in your PowerSchool account, under the forms tab, enrollment category: **No paper copies will be accepted.**

- Indicate in Section 6, Co-curricular Activities, of your intent to participate in “sports” and check the box of each activity accordingly. This is how you “sign up” for a particular activity.
- **EMERGENCY MEDICAL INFORMATION AGREEMENT** – Medical Insurance Required (must be updated yearly)
- **CONCUSSION FORM** (must be updated yearly)
- **CODE AND RULES VIDEO** (done individually by **each** athlete in the family AND a parent/legal guardian), ONE TIME while a student is enrolled at the Intermediate or Middle School. **Note: If you completed a Code & Rules video previously, you do not need to complete again!**

Important Dates for the 2024-2025 Athletic Year:

October 7	7/8 Girls Basketball Begins, 3-4:30, MS Gym
October 17	Parent Teacher Conference Night
November 11	7/8th Boys Basketball Begins, 3-4:30, 7th (IS Gym), 8th (MS Gym)
January 2	5-8th Wrestling Begins, 3:00-5:00, IS Gym
February 17	6th Boys & Girls Basketball Begins, 3-4:30, Boys (MS Gym), Girls (IS Gym)
February 18	5th Boys & Girls Basketball Begins, 3-4:30, Boys (MS Gym), Girls (WW Gym)
February 20	Parent Teacher Conference Night
April 7	7/8 (co-ed) Track Practice Begins – at MS gym 3:00-4:15 pm
April 9	6th (co-ed) Track Practice Begins – at IS gym 3:00-4:15 pm



Parents of Athletes: Contact information: Please make sure the school’s office has updated contact information on file. The information that is in PowerSchool will be used to contact you for events and notifications. Text Messages: Due to FCC regulation changes, in order to receive text messages on your mobile device each device will need to text "Y" or "Yes" to 68453. This will enable your device to receive important messages from your child’s school. If you wish to stop receiving messages at any time simply text "Stop" to 68453. Go to www.wdpsd.com, Parents, Parent Notification and follow instructions.

PLEASE GO TO WWW.BAYCONFERENCE.ORG FOR PRACTICE/GAME SCHEDULES.
SIGN UP ON “NOTIFY ME” TO RECEIVE ANY CHANGES MADE TO THE SCHEDULE

For a tutorial on bayconference.org, go to www.wdpsd.com, click on Middle School then Athletics, then Bay Conference Tutorial Sheet.

Meet Maverick

Therapy Dog with School
Counselor Mrs. Karlen

Certified by the Alliance of Therapy Dogs



4 ½ Years Old (birthday: March 11, 2020)
**Male Golden Bernedoodle (mix of Golden
Retriever, Poodle, and Bernese Mountain Dog)**

The Healing Power of Animals

Research has shown that therapy dogs support psychological and academic growth while increasing social skills and self-esteem in children and adolescents. Therapy dogs have been trained to provide emotional support which positively impacts academic skills, emotional functioning and communication skills. In addition, the use of therapy dogs may decrease anxiety, improve self-esteem and increase overall academic achievement in students.

Ways We Can Use Maverick at WDPMS

- Positive presence on campus
- Work with students 1-1 having a hard day, working through grief, anxiety, life changes
- Work with students in a group counseling experience
- Sit with students while they read/work
- Come into classrooms

Procedures for Interacting with Maverick

- Maverick loves to be pet and get ear rubs
- Students can pet him 1 student at a time and approach him calmly
- Maverick will always be with Mrs. Karlen on a leash
- Maverick has a very sensitive tummy and can not be given any food, except for his regular food or any treats that Mrs. Karlen has on hand.

If you have questions...

If you have questions about your student working with Maverick please contact Mrs. Karlen at Lkarlen@wdpsd.com or call at 920-337-1099 ext. 2127

Digital Safety Month

October is Digital Safety Month! Join our library team to watch and discuss the first installment of the [Screenagers film series](#) on **October 21, 2024 from 6-8PM in the WDPHS Auditorium.**

Film Description: Are you watching kids become too accustomed to using technology? Physician and filmmaker Delaney Ruston wondered about the impact of all this screen time and the friction occurring in homes and schools.

Let's join together as a De Pere community to discuss the impact of technology on our children. Questions? Contact Jen Wathke at jwathke@wdpsd.com

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

More Info?



tinyurl.com/wdpscreenagers