

WEST DE PERE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

OFFICIAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2023



MR. MARSDEN'S MESSAGE

Mr. Scott Marsden, Principal

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! We are so excited to welcome everyone to West De Pere Intermediate School on August 30th for Open House. We cannot wait to show all of the incredible and unique things that make our school special. You'll see our amazing learning stairs, lockers organized in banks instead of on the hallway walls, sliding glass doors to the classrooms, and don't forget about the amount of natural light that almost every space in the school has. It truly is a beautiful and amazing place! The only things missing are all of the staff and students. It's one thing to have a beautiful building, but it is not truly a school until it is filled with the voices and energy of a great staff and wonderful students.

5th-grade and new families to West De Pere, we will have two opportunities for an orientation on August 8th. Feel free to attend either at 2:00 or at 4:30. You'll have the opportunity to learn about our school, pay fees, get a lock for your child's locker, and take a tour of the building.

At the Intermediate School, we use the Phantom Fundamentals to guide us as we learn, grow, and develop into productive citizens. We will introduce one word each month. The nine words are Citizenship, Compassion, Courage, Fairness, Honesty, Pride, Respect, Responsibility, and Unity.

We also have the classrooms grouped into "Houses." You'll see the 5th-grade houses are all animals that are either local or have ties to Oneida and the 6th-grade houses reflect an industry or geographic feature important to our community. The house names give identity to the classrooms and make the school year more fun and memorable for everyone.

We look forward to making 2023-24 an amazing year for the students, the staff, and all of the families!

Mr. Scott Marsden

IMPORTANT DATES

5th Grade/New Student Orientation

August 8th, 2:30-4:00PM
OR

August 8th, 4:30-6:00PM

Open House

August 30th, 5:00-7:00PM

First Day of School

September 5th

Picture Day

September 6th

WDPIS 5-8 PTO Meeting

September 12th, 6:30PM

Intermediate School

Early Release Day

September 22nd, 11:10AM

ONLINE ENROLLMENT

Yearly enrollment forms must be completed online. Directions will be emailed out from the school office regularly between now and the start of the school year. Complete the online forms at your earliest convenience if you haven't done so already. School-issued Chromebooks cannot be distributed to students until all yearly online enrollment forms are completed. Please visit the school website or contact the office if you have any questions.



5TH GRADE/NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

We invite all 5th graders and their families to attend 5th-grade Orientation on August 8th. The event will begin with a formal greeting by the administration and teachers. Guests will then have the opportunity to move around the building on a self-guided tour before meeting back for a question-and-answer session. Light refreshments will be provided, as well. Families can choose to attend either of the times below.

August 8th from 2:30–4:00 PM

August 8th from 4:30 – 6:00 PM



OPEN HOUSE

The Intermediate School Open House will be held on **Wednesday, August 30th from 5:00 – 7:00 PM**. During this time, students can drop off their school supplies and meet their teachers.



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.

– **Mr. Chuck Brehm, Associate Principal**



PICTURE DAY

Wednesday, September 6th

TUESDAY NOTES

Notes will be EMAILED every Tuesday with important information. Please make sure we have your correct email address on file. You can also check these notes on the Intermediate School website by clicking on the Parent Info tab and then choosing Tuesday Notes. [Click here](#) for a direct link.

BUSING INFORMATION

If you live two or more miles from school, your child's name will automatically go on the bus list. Parents must call Lamers Bus Lines at (920) 336-0656 if they will not be riding the bus this school year. Bus numbers and times for pickup will be sent home at the end of August.

[2023-2024 Bus Rules](#)



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

WELCOME BACK!

We are excited to have students back in our library for this school year. We have added many new titles to our library over the summer including:



See you soon, readers!

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

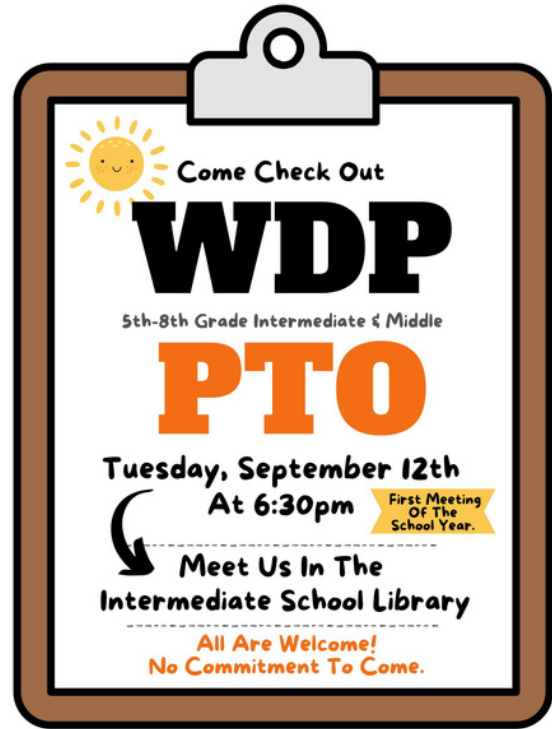
School fees are as follows:

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.



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 libraries. All families are welcome to join!

2023-2024 MEETING DATES & LOCATIONS

9/12, 6:30 PM @ IS	2/13, 6:30 PM @ MS
10/10, 6:30 PM @ MS	3/12, 6:30 PM @ IS
11/14, 6:30 PM @ IS	4/9, 6:30 PM @ MS
12/12, 6:30 PM @ MS	5/14, 6:30 PM @ IS
1/9, 6:30 PM @ IS	

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

For more information email wdp5.8pto@gmail.com

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.*

SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAM

BREAKFAST

Breakfast will be served daily from 7:20-7:35AM. Students who want to have breakfast will be invited to enter the building using door #10 to go to the cafeteria for a nutritious start to their day. When finished, they will be able to go outside until the bell rings at 7:40 AM. Only students eating breakfast will be allowed into the lunchroom at this time.



LUNCH

Lunch will be served at the following times:

Grade 6: 11:06-11:28 AM OR 11:28-11:50 AM

Grade 5: 11:55-12:17 PM OR 12:17-12:39 PM

MEAL PRICES

Breakfast - \$2.10

Lunch - \$3.50

MEDICATION

Medication to be administered at school is to be kept in the nurse's office except for students who have written parental/physician permission to carry an asthma inhaler. When a student requires any prescription or nonprescription medication at school, the parent/guardian must complete the following:

1. Prescription Medication

- The parent/guardian of the student must submit yearly the Medication Consent Form or an Action Plan/Treatment and Authorization Form for each student needing medication dispensed at school. **The form must be signed by a parent and healthcare provider.**
- The medication must be in its original pharmacy-labeled package.
- The container must clearly state the student's name, medication prescription number, medication name, prescriber's name, dosage, times of dispensing, effective date, and the directions in a legible format.

2. Non-Prescription (Over-the-Counter) Medication

- The parent/guardian must submit the Medication Consent Form. Specific directions for dispensing the medication and the parent/guardian's signature must be received before any medication will be dispensed to the student.
- The medication must be in the original manufacturer's package, and the package must list ingredients and recommended therapeutic dose, in a legible format.
- A student may be administered a nonprescription drug product in a dosage other than the recommended therapeutic dose only if the request to do so is accompanied by the written approval of the student's healthcare provider.



All medications will be dispensed by designated office personnel. Phone instructions or handwritten notes will not be accepted to dispense medication at school. The West De Pere School District will not supply medication. Forms are located in the school office or on the Health Services page of the district website to download.

SPORTS/ACTIVITIES

FALL SPORTS



CROSS COUNTRY

- Open to 5th & 6th graders
- More information can be found on the IS website.
[Click here](#) to check it out!



SOCCER

- Open to 6th graders
- More information can be found on the IS website.
[Click here](#) to check it out!

To participate in sports for the 23-24 school year, athletes can sign up through PowerSchool. Indicate in Section 6, Co-curricular Activities, your intent to participate in "sports" and check the box of each activity accordingly. This is how you "sign up" for a particular activity

All athletes must complete the following before they can practice:

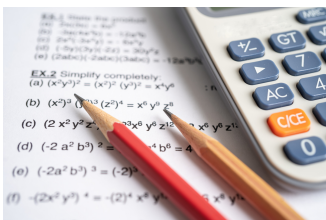
- Current physical
- Athletic forms (in PowerSchool)
 - Emergency Medical Agreement
 - Concussion Form
 - Code & Rules Video

ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

Interested in getting involved during your time at the Intermediate School? Look for more information in Tuesday notes and on our website about the variety of activities and clubs offered for students.



- ARCHERY CLUB**
- ART CLUB**
- BAND AFTER SCHOOL HELP (B.A.S.H.)**
- BATTLE OF THE BOOKS**
- BELLIN RUN**
- BOARD GAME CLUB**
- BOOK CLUB**
- CREATIVE WRITING CLUB**
- DESTINATION IMAGINATION**
- FORENSICS**
- FRENCH CLUB**
- GOLF CLUB**
- LEADERSHIP CLUB**
- MATH CLUB**
- MATH CHALLENGE CLUB**
- MUSICAL**
- SCIENCE CLUB**
- SPANISH CLUB**
- SPELLING BEE**
- STUDENT COUNCIL**
- TALENT SHOW**
- YEARBOOK**



[CLICK HERE](#) TO VISIT THE ACTIVITIES & CLUBS PAGE ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE!