

WEST DE PERE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

OFFICIAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2024



MR. MARSDEN'S MESSAGE

Mr. Scott Marsden, Principal

February is upon us already. I hope this finds you well!

A couple of things happening this month are Parent/Teacher Conferences on the 22nd from 4:00 until 8:00 pm and an early release on March 1st. 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 for students and families needing a conference with one of their teachers but are not necessary if you do not feel the need to meet. It may also be an opportunity for you to meet with all of the teachers in your child's house, so it can be very beneficial to meet.

We will also have some 5th and 6th-grade activity nights coming up this month. We plan these in February to break up the winter and give the students something to look forward to. 5th-grade will have their night on February 15th from 6:00-7:45 and 6th-grade will have their night on February 27th from 6:00-7:45. The students can play in the gym, watch a movie in the commons, enjoy some games and activities on the Learning Stairs, and can just enjoy hanging out with their friends. It's sure to be a ton of fun!

Is your child involved in any activities, clubs, or sports in West De Pere? Be sure to check out our website to see all of the things your child can try. Click the link below and look for the activities tab. There is something for everyone!

<https://www.wdpsd.com/schools/intermediate/>

Make it an amazing month!
Mr. Marsden

IMPORTANT DATES

HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT - GRADE 5

February 5th, 6th, & 8th

5TH GRADE ACTIVITY NIGHT

February 15th, 6-7:45 PM

6TH GRADE FALLEN TIMBERS FIELD TRIPS

Harvest House - February 19th

Quarry House - February 20th

Mill House - February 21st

River House - February 23rd

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

February 22nd, 4-8 PM

6TH GRADE ACTIVITY NIGHT

February 27th, 6-7:45 PM

WISCONSIN FORWARD EXAM

From March 18 through April 26 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 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 score 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](#).

Additional questions about the Wisconsin Forward Exam can be directed to building principals or Joe Feldhausen, Teaching and Learning Coordinator at 337-1393 ext 8035.



ACTIVITY NIGHTS

Student council will once again be sponsoring 5th and 6th grade activity nights. These events will be held at the Intermediate School on the following dates:

Grade 5 - February 15, 2024 from 6:00-7:45 PM
 Grade 6 - February 27, 2024 from 6:00-7:45 PM

Admission is \$2.00 at the door. The event will include the following activities:

- Organized gym games and basketball in the gym
- Board games on the Learning Stairs
- Cornhole between the Learning Stairs
- Snack and activities in the Commons

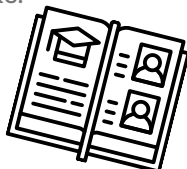


Staff Members will be in attendance to supervise students. Flyers will go home with students in early February with more information, but be sure to mark your calendars for this fun event!

YEARBOOK ORDERS

It is time to place your orders for the 2023-2024 school yearbook! Orders can be placed online by visiting AmbrosiusStudios.com and clicking "Yearbooks."

You'll need our school code **WDPISYB2324** to place your order. The order deadline is March 1st, so be sure to get your order placed ASAP!



PHANTOM PHUNDAMENTALS UNITY

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.

UNITY was our Phundamental of the month of January. As a school we learned about the power of unity and dove into the amazing world of working together, supporting one another, and creating strong bonds. From collaborating on group projects to cheering for our classmates in sports, unity is all about coming together as a team. Imagine a world where everyone appreciates each other's unique qualities and works hand in hand to achieve common goals. When we stand together, there's nothing we can't accomplish!

Pictured this month are our students grouped in the bleachers together during one of our mornings when the weather did not allow us to be outside. One of our students just made an amazing half-court shot and the gym erupted in celebration and support. It was truly a UNIFIED moment at the Intermediate School!

Our Phundamental for the month of February will be HONESTY.

- Mr. Chuck Brehm, Associate Principal

MISSED TIME ADDS UP!

School attendance matters! Consider the following facts:

If your child misses 1 day of school every two weeks, that equals about 20 days or 4 weeks per year. This could result in the loss of nearly 1 1/2 years over the 13 years they are in school! Missing 1 day a week could ultimately lead to over 2 1/2 years of lost time throughout their education.

Running late? If your child misses 10 minutes a day, that equals 50 minutes per week or 1 1/2 weeks per year. This could result in the loss of nearly 1/2 a year of school over the 13 years they are in school! One hour of lost time per day could lead to over 2 1/2 years throughout your child's schooling!



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

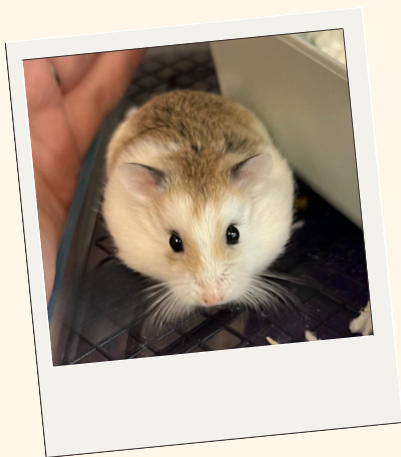
Are you on Facebook? If so, be sure to follow the West De Pere Intermediate School account! Our video announcements are posted daily, so you'll always be kept up to date on school events and other important reminders. We also regularly post pictures and videos of the great things happening with our students 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



NEW LIBRARY PET

Meet our new library hamster. He arrived in the library on Tuesday, January 2nd. Students were able to submit possible names for our new friend. We received over 280 great suggestions and had the hard task of narrowing it down to four finalists. After a schoolwide vote, we have chosen the name Auggie, which is inspired by the book *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio. Auggie has already brought a lot of excitement and joy in the library. If you are ever at the Intermediate School, be sure to stop by and welcome our new friend!

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:

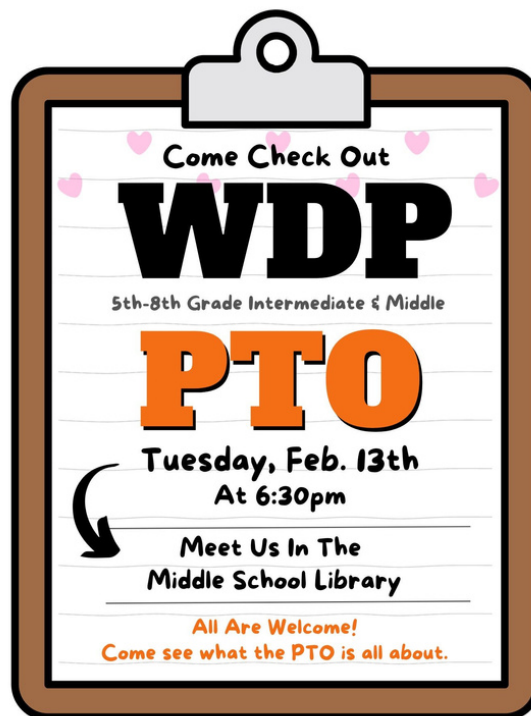
Identification Card - \$3.00

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



Volunteers
needed

PTO is looking for volunteers to provide sides, desserts, and drinks to go with pizza for parent-teacher conferences on 2/22. Contact wdp5.8pto@gmail.com if interested!

2023-2024 MEETING DATES & LOCATIONS

3/12, 6:30 PM @ IS
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.*

WE THE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Students were invited to share what they love about the Intermediate School. More student and teacher responses will be posted to our school's Facebook account, so be sure to keep an eye out for those posts, as well!

"The teachers" - Landon

"That the staff are kind and caring" - Addy

"Whenever you need help, there is always a friendly face there to help you" - Emma

"The teachers and staff are all really nice to everybody and they do fun and nice things for us" - Adalynn

"The staff is very friendly and helpful" - Helena

"I love how nice the teachers are and how they will help you with anything" - Emmalyn

"I love that you can stay inside for recess and I love the learning stairs and all my friends" - Cecelia

"How everybody here cares about each other and is willing to lend a helping hand when needed" - Keegan

"I love how everyone is very fun and enjoyable and funny, too" - Claire

"How nice it is and the people" - Sawyer

"I love all of the teachers and kids here at the IS. It is so awesome how everyone is kind to everyone. The teachers are patient with all of the students and it is just overall a loving patient community" - Maliyah

"How it looks and all the teachers how nice they are" - Anna

"All of the nice teachers that help teach us" - Raegan

"All the staff is really nice and is a well-organized school" - Taryn

"The openness of the windows" - Reese

"I LOVE how the IS has clubs. It allows the students to have fun, but still inside of school! Clubs are enjoyable things that are so much fun to join! Other schools like the elementary school do not have clubs. This was one reason why I LOVE the Intermediate School!" - Leni

"I love how modern and spacious the whole building is, also I love the big library and the comfies in the hallway" - Vicki

"The Spanish teacher because she is really sweet" - Sami

"The teachers and the staff and my friends" - Levi

"I love the staff and much of the structure. For example, I love the learning stairs, balcony, elevators for the disabled, and I love that we have indoor recess" - Stella

"The teachers" - Rylee

"The Club opportunities. I love doing clubs like theater or writing club. it really makes a very fun experience" - Juniper

"What I love about the intermediate school is that the staff are super nice and supportive" - Claire

"The teachers and the people" - Izzy

"How it makes a great learning environment and it's a great place to be" - Natalie

"The classes" - Nolan

"I love how this school has so many nice things and also has a courtyard which is so cool. One funny thing is the school has a weird shape like a doughnut. One awesome thing is that it has a school pet hamster" - Celina

"How cool the library is" - Lawson

"All the recess options" - Anna

"What I love about the Intermediate School is the recess choices" - Evelyn

"It's huge and easy to get used to" - Adam

"I love how nice the people are. I am glad we moved here to De Pere" - Amelia

"That everyone is kind" - Violet

"I love that I get to see all my friends when I come to school and I also love the wide selection of books!" - Myla

"The people" - Jackson

"How nice it is in the building" - Brooklyn

"That it is a nice school" - Blake

"I love that it is really big and modern" - Francesco

"I love all the windows. All the light in the school makes it such a happy place. I feel like it sets the mood to more refreshed when you have all this light" - Ellah

"I love the intermediate school because of all of the kind teachers that are always willing to help, I also love having more freedom during the day, this school has such a cool setup and I am so lucky to be in this school for six and fifth grade!" - Nora

"Mrs Pawlowski" - Kahree

"I love the nice teachers at the intermediate school" - Ari

"I love how there are a bunch of different clubs and opportunities to be involved in our school" - Sophia

"Getting to see my friends every day" - Brayden

"I love the teachers and how much fun they are" - Makenna

"How the building has many windows and lots of places to view the outdoors" - Victoria

"It has a new take on being respectful and responsible. The teachers inspire us to do better and that doing simple or small things can make a big difference. We have the freedom to do things other schools can't" - Allison



Phantom Phundraiser

Raising money for
Outdoor Playground Equipment
for the Intermediate and Middle Schools

February 23rd - March 8th



Watch for an email on February 23rd with details on how your child can help their school and have a chance to win prizes!

Here are the details:

Each student who registers for the Phundraiser by Feb. 27th will receive a special treat at school!

Every **\$10 donation** will receive a ticket to be entered into a drawing for a chance to WIN prizes!

On Friday, March 15th, during school hours, there will be a virtual assembly to announce the winners!



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GRAND PRIZE!

ONE (1) TV GIVEN AWAY AT EACH SCHOOL

And many more prizes!



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