

WEST DE PERE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

OFFICIAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2024



MR. MARSDEN'S MESSAGE

Mr. Scott Marsden, Principal

Hello Intermediate School Families,

It's hard to believe we have finished the second trimester of the school year already. With the last trimester starting that means we are in the home stretch, but it also means we are approaching the time when students get to show us all they have learned. In the middle of April, our students will have the opportunity to take the Forward Exam. This exam is a state test that all students in Wisconsin will take. We are not changing much here at school but will do some test prep to help the students be prepared to do their best. When the time comes, please help your student by reminding them to do their best, and helping them get a good night's rest and a good breakfast.

Some upcoming events for us this month are the 5-8 Talent Show which will be at 7:00 pm on March 15th at the High School Auditorium. We have so many talented students who can't wait to show us their incredible abilities. We hope you can join us! We will also be wrapping up our Phantom Phundraiser this month. We are raising money to help purchase some playground equipment for the Intermediate and Middle Schools. The students also have the opportunity to win prizes in a raffle based on the donations they can secure. It has been fun so far and we appreciate everyone who has already donated. One more event this month is the 6th Grade Science Fair which will be from 5:00-6:00 pm on March 7th. If you are free, come and check out the great projects the students have been working on.

Remember that we will have Spring Break the week of March 25th through April 1st.

Have a great March!
Mr. Marsden

IMPORTANT DATES

EARLY DISMISSAL

March 1st, 11:10 AM

LAST DAY OF TRIMESTER 2

March 1st

FIRST DAY OF TRIMESTER 3

March 4th

6TH GRADE SCIENCE FAIR

March 7th, 5-6 PM

TALENT SHOW

March 15th, 7 PM

5TH GRADE PHUTURE PHOENIX

FIELD TRIP TO UWGB

March 20th

EARLY DISMISSAL

March 22nd, 11:10 AM

SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL

March 25th-April 1st

NO IDLING CLEAN AIR INITIATIVE

The **No Idling Clean Air Initiative** was implemented at the beginning of the school year with the support of Superintendent Krueger and Superintendent Thompson. We ask drivers to turn off their engines when waiting more than 10 seconds (weather permitting) while picking up children. We would love you to commit to No Idling. The positive effects are great for our schools, students, community, and the environment!

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information.



6TH GRADE SCIENCE FAIR



The 6th graders have been working on their science fair projects since November. Students worked through the scientific process by choosing a topic, researching, planning an experiment, collecting data, and forming a conclusion based on their experiment.

Students will present projects to the student body during the day on March 6th.

Presentations for families will be held on March 7th from 5:00-6:00. We are excited to see you there!

TALENT SHOW

Join us for the Intermediate and Middle School Talent Show on Friday, March 15th at the West De Pere High School Auditorium. It is sure to be a great time watching our students share their talents! Students had to audition for their spot in the show and have been practicing for weeks to make sure their talents are honed and ready for the big performance. We can't wait to see this show!

SPRING BREAK

The Intermediate School will be on spring break at the end of the month. There is an early release on Friday, March 22nd. There will be no school on Monday, March 25th through Friday, March 29th, or on Monday, April 1st. School resumes on Tuesday, April 2nd!



PHANTOM PHUNDAMENTALS

HONESTY

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.

Our Phantom Phundamental for the month of February was HONESTY. Honesty is a fundamental value that plays a crucial role in our personal and social lives. Being honest means telling the truth, keeping promises, and admitting our mistakes. It is the cornerstone of trust and integrity, and it helps to build stronger relationships with others. Honesty also enables us to live with a clear conscience and maintain our self-respect. Without honesty, there can be no trust, and without trust, relationships and communities can quickly fall apart. Therefore, honesty is essential in all aspects of our lives, whether in our personal relationships, our professional endeavors, or our interactions with society at large. By helping kids understand the importance of honesty, we can help them develop strong character traits that will serve them well throughout their lives.

Our Phundamental for the month of March will be FAIRNESS.

- Mr. Chuck Brehm, Associate Principal

MARCH IS READING MONTH

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
4 MASKED READER #1	5 TRIVIA QUESTION #1	6 DRESS UP DAY NEON DAY <i>Dress bright, read right! Wear neon-colored clothing today!</i>	7 MARCH MADNESS ELITE 8	8 FIRST LINE FRIDAY & BEANSTACK READER DRAWING
11 MASKED READER #2	12 TRIVIA QUESTION #2	13 DRESS UP DAY HAT DAY <i>Tip your hat to great books! Wear a hat today!</i>	14 MARCH MADNESS FINAL 4	15 FIRST LINE FRIDAY & BEANSTACK READER DRAWING
18 MASKED READER #3	19 TRIVIA QUESTION #3	20 DRESS UP DAY SILLY SOCK DAY <i>Step into stories! Wear silly socks today!</i>	21 MARCH MADNESS CHAMPIONSHIP VOTING	22 READ-A-THON SCORE BIG WITH READING

The IS will be celebrating Reading Month with a variety of fun activities and events. While most of these will take place during the school day and won't require any at-home support, please note the following dress-up days:

- 3/6 - Neon Day
- 3/13 - Hat Day
- 3/20 - Silly Sock Day
- 3/22 - Wear sports/athletic apparel for the Score Big with Reading Read-a-Thon

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



BEANSTACK READING CHALLENGE

All students are invited to participate in the Read Across America reading challenge on our Beanstack reading app. The challenge encourages students to read 300 minutes during the month of March. All students who are registered and actively logging their reading minutes will be entered into two prize drawings on Friday, March 8th and Friday, March 15th. All students who complete the challenge by March 31st will receive a prize. Students can access the Beanstack app through Clever, linked on our library website.

See Mrs. Goodman with any questions!

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:

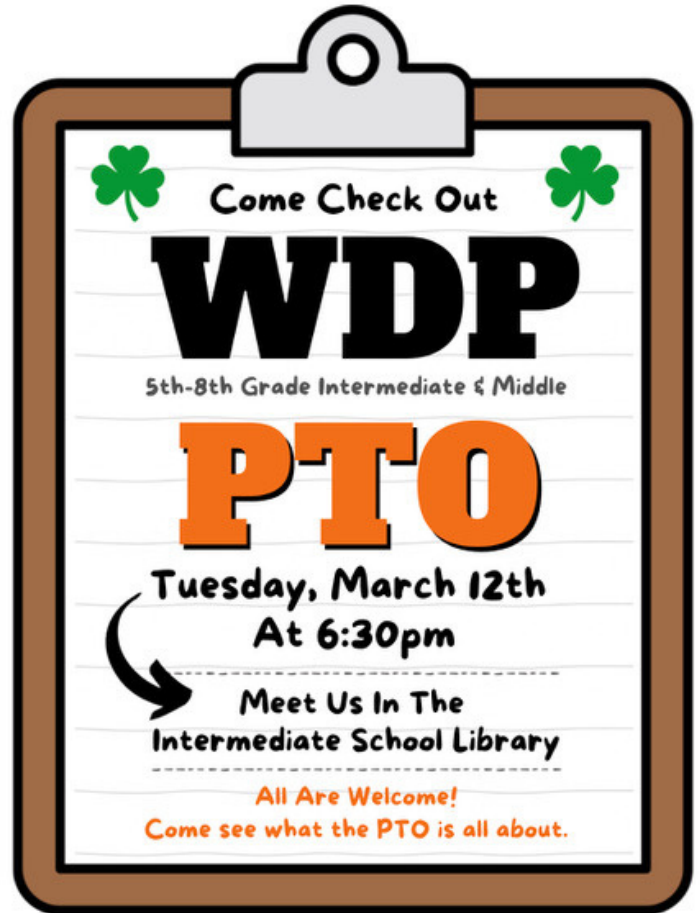
Identification Card - \$3.00

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



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.*

SPORTS/ACTIVITIES

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL BELLIN RUN TRAINING

The 2024 Bellin Run Training program will be starting after Spring Break. 5th and 6th graders will train outdoors at the Intermediate School with 7th and 8th grade. Dr. Kohl and Ms. Pawlowski offer training runs or walks on Mondays and Wednesdays immediately after school starting in April. More information will come in the Tuesday Notes sometime in March, but to participate in the Bellin Run Kids for Running program each runner will need to have the following forms completed and on file: a completed physical, a parent/student concussion agreement, and an emergency medical information form. [CLICK HERE](#) for a printable form. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Kohl at skohl@wdpsd.com.



BATTLE OF THE BOOKS



Congratulations to our championship team from this year's Battle of the Books tournament! 5th graders Kylie, Nessa, Allie, and Whitney battled our top 6th grade team to take the winning spot. They also had the chance to battle the top teacher team after school on February 15th. Congratulations to all readers on a fun and successful tournament!

5TH & 6TH GRADE ACTIVITY NIGHTS

We had a blast at 5th and 6th grade Activity Nights last month! Check out some great pictures of these events below!





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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