

# WEST DE PERE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

OFFICIAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2024



## MR. MARSDEN'S MESSAGE

Mr. Scott Marsden, Principal

Hello West De Pere Intermediate School Families,

As we move into the second month of the school year, the students and staff have settled in and the amount of learning and growing is easy to see. Hopefully, you and your children are feeling the same way.

October brings a couple of important outreach nights. The first is that we will have Parent Teacher Conferences on October 17th. Look for more information about that afternoon and evening in this newsletter and in Tuesday Notes. We look forward to having you come and visit the Intermediate School to discuss the important things going on with your child at school. Our second event is a parent outreach night because October is Online Safety Month. The district has organized a parent event at the high school auditorium on October 21st from 6:00-8:00 pm. You can also find more information about that night in the newsletter.

We are wrapping our September Phantom Phundamental word "Unity" and will be focusing on "Responsibility" for the month of October. The students learned a lot of ways that being unified makes a difference this month. It was fun to help them make connections between the animal kingdom and our lives. Being unified really does make life better and more productive!

We end our announcements every day with this saying, "Make it an amazing day!" So, in that spirit, I hope you all have an amazing month of October!

## IMPORTANT DATES

### Red Ribbon Week

Sept. 30th - Oct. 4th

### WDP 5-8 PTO Meeting

Oct. 8th, 6:30 @ WDPMS

### Picture Retake Day

Oct. 9th

### Board of Education Meeting

Oct. 16th, 5:30 PM @ WDPHS

### Early Release Day

Oct. 17th, 11:10 AM

### Parent-Teacher Conferences

Oct. 17th, 1:00-8:00 PM

### Screenagers Film Event

Oct. 21st, 6:00 PM @ WDPMSD

### Author Visit - Mat Heagerty

Oct. 24th

## PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent-teacher conferences will be held this month on Thursday, October 17th from 1:00 - 8:00 PM. Parents/guardians are encouraged to use this opportunity to meet with their student's homeroom teacher to discuss the start of the year and to get updates on their student's progress both academically and socially. There will be an early dismissal for students to allow for this event. More information will be coming in Tuesday Notes about conferences, and information can also be found on our Intermediate School website under the "Parent Info" tab.

## DIGITAL SAFETY MONTH: SCREENAGERS FILM VIEWING

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](mailto:jwathke@wdpsd.com)



## AUTHOR VISIT

We are excited to announce that author Mat Heagerty will be visiting our school on Oct. 24th! During his engaging session, Mat will walk students through the intricate process of making graphic novels, highlighting the various roles involved and the importance of collaboration in producing the best possible book. In addition, Mat will guide students in creating their very own single-panel comic, allowing them to explore their creativity and storytelling skills.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to learn from a professional in the field and gain insight into the world of graphic storytelling. We look forward to a fun and inspiring day!



## 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.

We began our school year with UNITY being our Phantom Phundamental of the month. Throughout the month UNITY was explored in our daily announcements and practiced throughout school as we focused on the power of teamwork, strengthening friendships, creating new friendships, and becoming unified as a classroom, house, grade level, and school.

We also explored examples of unity in the animal kingdom. Ant colonies, wolf packs, elephant herds, dolphin pods, and geese flocks to name a few were all examples used to show the power of UNITY!

Our Phundamental for the month of October will be RESPONSIBILITY.

– Mr. Chuck Brehm, Associate Principal

## RED RIBBON WEEK

The Intermediate School will celebrate Red Ribbon Week from September 30th through October 4th. There will be dress up days on Tuesday through Friday. Red Ribbon Week is designed for drug awareness and prevention. Classes will also take part in drug awareness and prevention lessons. The theme of each day of the week is listed to the right.



### Monday 9/30

You can write your own future when you are drug-free. Students will receive a multicolor pen on this day.

### Tuesday 10/1

Wear the color red to kick off the Red Ribbon Week dress-up days.

### Wednesday 10/2

Being drug-free means the "future is so bright, you gotta wear shades. Wear sunglasses to school on this day.

### Thursday 10/3

With an election year this year, you can elect to be drug-free. Wear red, white, and blue on this day.

### Friday 10/4

Show your school spirit and help say no to drugs by wearing Phantom orange & black on this day.

## 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.



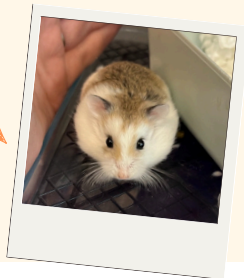


## LIBRARY NEWS

### MEET AUGGIE!

We have a special member of our library staff, a hamster named Auggie. The students love checking in on Auggie each day. Hamsters are nocturnal, so he is often napping during the school day, but he comes out to run in his hamster ball during recess from time to time.

*I'm a Roborovski dwarf hamster!*



Please join us at the

# WDP

5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

# PTO

Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> @ 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.

**CLICK HERE**  
to learn more about our pizza fundraiser!



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

10/8 - 6:30, MS Library	2/11 - 6:30, MS Library
11/12 - 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

For more information or to suggest a topic for a future PTO meeting, email [wdp5.8pto@gmail.com](mailto:wdp5.8pto@gmail.com).

Visit the WDP 5-8 PTO page on the district website [HERE!](#)

### 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.

### 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: GET READY FOR A FUNTASTIC OCTOBER!

**National School Lunch Week (October 14-16):** Join us for a week of celebrations featuring music, costumes, and delicious food! This week is meant to highlight the importance of school lunches and how they fuel our students for success.

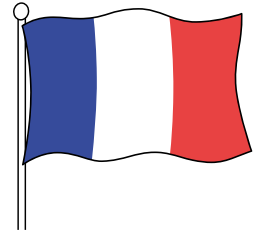
**Apple Crunch Day (October 10):** Every student will have the chance to enjoy a delicious apple from a local orchard. We'll all crunch together at the same time during lunch to show our support for healthy eating and local farmers.

Don't miss out on these exciting events!

# SPORTS/ACTIVITIES

## FRENCH CLUB

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 A. and Lily R. 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.



## BATTLE OF THE BOOKS



Fall is Battle of the Books season! What better time to curl up with a good book, then when the weather becomes cooler. The statewide Battle of the Books program is designed to promote a love of reading among our students. It encourages students to read a variety of books and remember information about the plots, characters, and settings of the books. Every question asked in a battle is answered by the title and author of the book and takes the form of: Name the book in which a horse and a boy are stranded on an island. It is a fun, academic-based competition that has been very successful in school districts throughout the state in encouraging students to read. Students can visit the library for the list of books and should pay attention to announcements for the first meeting.

## CROSS COUNTRY

Our cross country runners have been doing an amazing job so far this season!

Girls' team results:

Green Bay City Meet- 2nd Place out of 12

Wrightstown Meet- 1st Place out of 6

Bay View Meet- 3rd Place out of 19

Boys' team results:

Green Bay City Meet- 1st Place out of 12

Wrightstown Meet- 1st Place out of 6

Bay View Meet- 4th Place out of 19

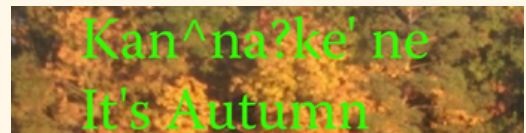


## MUSICAL

Musical practices kick off this month. This year's production of *The Grunch* will take place December 5th through 7th. We are so excited to see our students share their talents on stage!



## ONEIDA COMMUNITY EVENTS



Click the links below for more information about some wonderful Oneida community events!

[National Treasures 2024 Banquet](#)

[Community Library](#)

[Witness the Fitness](#)

[Harvest & Husking Bee](#)