

WEST DE PERE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

OFFICIAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

MAY/JUNE 2024



MR. MARSDEN'S MESSAGE

Mr. Scott Marsden, Principal

Dear Families,

As we approach the end of the school year, we want to encourage our students to finish strong and make the most of their remaining time in class. This year has presented unique challenges and we are proud of our students for persevering through them. Here are some tips to help your child finish the school year on a high note:

Stay Organized: Help your child stay organized by creating a schedule and a to-do list for each day. This will help them keep track of their assignments and deadlines, and make sure they are staying on top of their work.

Participate: Encourage your child to participate actively in class. This will help them stay engaged with the material and avoid falling behind. Participating in class discussions will also help them learn more and build stronger connections with their classmates and teachers.

Seek Help When Needed: Encourage your child to ask for help when they need it. If they are struggling with a particular subject or assignment, they should reach out to their teacher or a tutor for assistance.

Take Breaks and Stay Healthy: Remind your child to take breaks and prioritize their health. Encourage them to get enough sleep, eat nutritious meals, and engage in physical activity. This will help them stay focused and energized throughout the day.

We believe that with your support and encouragement, your child can finish the school year on a high note. We are proud of their hard work and determination and look forward to celebrating their accomplishments.

We also have some events coming up this month. We will have our 5th and 6th grade band concerts on May 16th. The 5th grade will be at 6:00 pm and the 6th grade will begin at 7:30. Both will be at the Intermediate School Gym. The choir concert will be the following week on May 21st at the High School Auditorium. The 5th grade is at 6:00 and the 6th grade at 7:30. We hope to see you there.

Have a great May!
Mr. Marsden

IMPORTANT DATES

EARLY RELEASE

May 3rd, 11:10 AM

SCREEN-FREE DAY

May 7th

BAND CONCERTS

May 16th

5th grade, 6-7 PM

6th grade, 7:30-8:30 PM

7TH GRADE ORIENTATION

Harvest & Mill Houses - May 23rd

Quarry & River Houses - May 24th

CHOIR CONCERTS

May 21st

5th grade, 6-7 PM

6th grade, 7:30-8:30 PM

NO SCHOOL - MEMORIAL DAY

May 27th

6TH GRADE TRIP TO TIMBER

RATTLERS GAME

May 29th

5TH BOWLING TRIP

May 30th

CHROMEBOOK COLLECTION

June 3rd

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL/EARLY RELEASE

June 5th, 11:10 AM

FRENCH PLAY: LES TROIS OURS

Sixth-grade French students are busy preparing for their upcoming *Les Trois Ours* performances. Students will have a dress rehearsal and then a family member performance. If you would like to attend the family member performance, please RSVP, so that we know how many people to expect. We hope to see you there!

DERNBACH

Dress Rehearsal - Mon., May 20 from 2:13-2:48

Family Member Performance - Tues., May 21 from 1:38-2:13

[Google Form RSVP](#)

ABARAY

Dress Rehearsal - Wed., May 22 from 12:32-1:07

Family Member Performance - Thurs., May 23 from 12:32-1:07

[Google Form RSVP](#)

LEWIS

Dress Rehearsal - Fri., May 17 from 12:32-1:07

Family Member Performance - Thurs., May 23 from 11:57-12:32

[Google Form RSVP](#)

WELLER

Dress Rehearsal - Fri., May 17 from 1:38-2:13

Family Member Performance - Fri., May 24 from 2:13-2:48

[Google Form RSVP](#)

METZLER

Dress Rehearsal - Wed., May 22 from 11:57-12:32

Family Member Performance - Thurs., May 30 from 12:32-1:07

[Google Form RSVP](#)

PHANTOM PHUNDAMENTALS

COURAGE

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.

Personal Responsibility In Daily Effort! That was our motivation this month as we focused on the Phantom Phundamental of PRIDE. Highlighting our focus was a Round Robin Locker Bank Cleaning Competition that was held and led by a group of 5th-grade students in the Leadership Club at the IS. Two times each week houses matched up against one another to see who could have the cleanest locker bank. While we competed against each other the focus was always on showing pride in our school and it is our hope that through the competition that pride in our locker banks also extended into the effort we put into our school work and furthermore the effort our students put into their personal lives outside of school.

Leadership Club students took the lead in running the competition this past month. They created bulletin boards, judged the locker areas, and updated the leaderboard on a daily basis. We are very proud of them and all of our students for their efforts this past month!

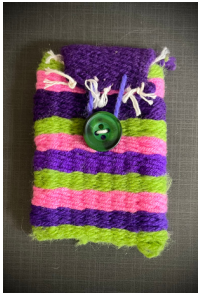
Our Phundamental for the month of May will be COURAGE.

- Mr. Chuck Brehm, Associate Principal



ART SHOW WINNERS

Congratulations to the students who won Best in Show ribbons at the art show last week!



Austin F.
grade 6

Addy F.
grade 6



Whitney G.
grade 5

Gwyn C.
grade 5



Leni P.
grade 5

Zeina S.
grade 6



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



LIBRARY BOOK TASTINGS

The 5th graders participated in book tastings in library class at the end of April. We transformed the library into a restaurant and each student got to "taste test" three books. There was quiet music, artificial candlelight, and even some after-dinner mints! After each taste test, students wrote a few words to describe the part they read and rated the book. They could mark whether or not they were interested in checking the book out to read the rest. We were so excited to see many students finding books to check out that they might not have normally seen on the shelves. Be sure to ask your 5th graders about the books they tried!

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.

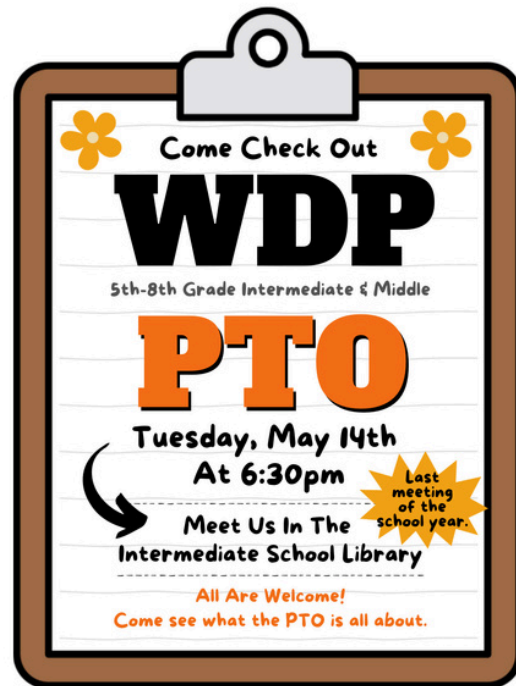
PTO CORNER

PTO is looking for volunteers to help with:

- Staff appreciation event the week of May 6th
- Student appreciation event May 31st
- 8th-grade promotion festivities set up, supervision, and clean up shifts on June 4th (shifts available from 3-10 pm)

Please email wdp5.8pto@gmail.com if interested.

Volunteers
needed



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

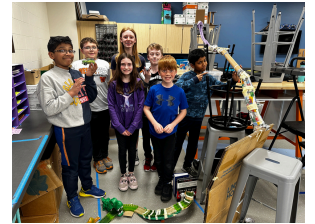
STUDENT COUNCIL



Student Council members used the money raised from this year's activity nights to provide weighted shoulder wraps for each class in the school. The wraps help students deal with stress and anxiety during their day. Thank you, Student Council!

RUBE GOLDBERG CLUB

The Rube Goldberg Group has been designing and engineering a contraption that puts toothpaste on a toothbrush for the Rube Goldberg Machine Contest. Their design included pool noodles, marble runs, and various recycled materials. It was a true team effort to imagine and create the design.



FRENCH CLUB

French Club students gathered on Thursday, April 11 to celebrate the French holiday, Poisson d'avril. Poisson d'avril occurs every year on April 1 and is the French version of April Fool's Day. The April Fool's Day tradition stems from the 16th century when King Charles XIV switched France to the new Gregorian calendar. Prior to this, New Year's had been celebrated from March 25 to April 1, according to the Roman calendar. Those who hadn't heard about the move or who chose to continue to celebrate New Year's on April 1 were made fun of as 'fools'. In France, the common practical joke is to place a paper fish on the back of an unsuspecting 'fool' and yell "Poisson d'avril!" when the fish is discovered. At the French Club event, students decorated paper fish to display in the French classroom throughout the month of April, and they enjoyed goldfish crackers and Swedish fish as a treat. Several students also got "fished" and later discovered fish stickers on their backs! Our final French Club event of the year will be an end-of-the-year ice cream social held on Thursday, May 9 after school until 3:30 p.m. Students who need a ride home after the event should plan to meet their ride at the Circle Drive in front of the Middle School. Students are asked to sign up in advance if they plan to attend!

ONEIDA COMMUNITY EVENTS

Navigating College

COLLEGE PLANNING WORKSHOP

Virtual format: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 5pm to 6pm RSVP Please

In-Person format: Thursday, May 9, 2024 5pm to 6pm RSVP Please
Ridgeview Plaza, Suite 3 3759 W. Mason Street Oneida, WI 54155

We will talk about:

- *Picking Colleges
- *The Oneida Higher Education Grant
- *Financial Aid
- *The 2024/2025 FAFSA
- *Scholarship Searches
- (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

Please contact Misty Herzog (920) 869-4471 or mherzog@oneidanation.org to RSVP or with any questions

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Do you want to better understand the art of storytelling?

Then join our

STORY-MAKING CLUB

We discuss topics such as genres, the writing process, and visual storytelling!

NEXT DATE:

May 20th @4:30pm

Topic: Gaining the Confidence to Start Writing

Oneida Community Library
201 Elm St, Oneida, WI 54155
920-869-2210

ADULTING 101

Yukwatoyáku? (We are grown-ups)

Free Giveaway Magnet! 1st Thursday of Every Month

May 2

Topic: Cooking: Preparing Meat

@4:30 PM

Come learn real-life skills for living as an adult! We cover a wide variety of topics, and we welcome suggestions!

MUST REGISTER!
920-869-2210

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