

WEST DE PERE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

OFFICIAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

MAY/JUNE 2023



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.

Have a great May!
Mr. Marsden

IMPORTANT DATES

Early Dismissal

May 5th, 11:10 AM

PTO Meeting

May 9th, 6:30 PM @ WDPMS

Choir Concerts

May 18th

6:00-7:00 PM - 5th Grade

7:30-8:30 PM - 6th Grade

Band Concert

May 23rd, 6:30-7:30

Bowling Field Trip - 5th Grade

May 24th

EOY Field Trip - 6th Grade

May 31st

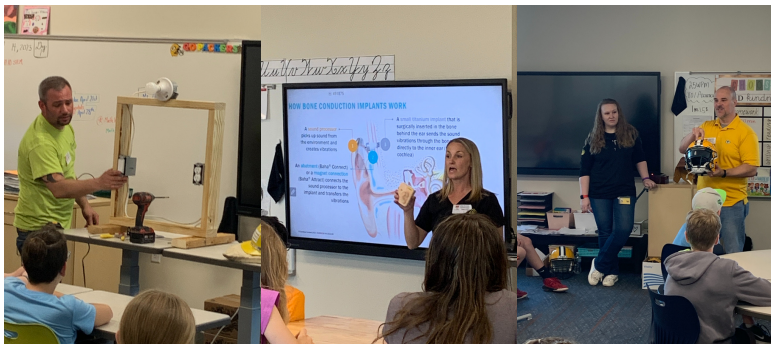
STEAM NIGHT

WDPIS's first STEAM Night was a success! Artwork was displayed and ribbons were given. STEM stations were set up and led by student volunteers. Families were able to view the artwork and do hands-on activities. Thank you to all who attended!



CAREER WEEK

We had Career Week at the IS. Students and staff participated in theme days and learned about a variety of new careers during a Friday afternoon Career Day event. We can't wait to see what the future has in store for these Phantoms!



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 April 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.

The picture above is from our Board Game Club at the Intermediate School. In many board games, players are required to follow specific rules and adhere to certain codes of conduct. Cheating or breaking the rules can result in penalties, or even disqualification from the game. This can create a sense of accountability and encourage players to be honest and play fairly.

Our Phundamental for the month of May will be CITIZENSHIP.

- Mr. Chuck Brehm, Associate Principal

THERAPY DOG VISITS

We have been fortunate to have a special visitor throughout the year. Tucker, a therapy dog, has brightened the day of many of our IS students. A special thank you to Mrs. Gossen, the Hemlock Creek Library Media Specialist, for bringing Tucker to visit.



LEMONADE SALE

Some of our Intermediate School students had a lemonade sale in order to raise money to buy baby gifts for their teachers having babies this school year. They prepared a video to tell staff about the sale, sharing about the different lemonade options they would be selling and the cost. They sold lemonade throughout the week, bringing their cart around to the different classrooms each day. It was such a great way for them to share their appreciation for their teachers and learn in the process!



VISITOR & VOLUNTEERS

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are welcome at school. The West De Pere School District requires a background check on all adults who work with our children. You will not be able to work or volunteer at our school until your background check is approved. Once a background check is approved, it will be valid for 3 years. The volunteer handbook can be found on the Intermediate School website under the Parent Info tab.

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.

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!



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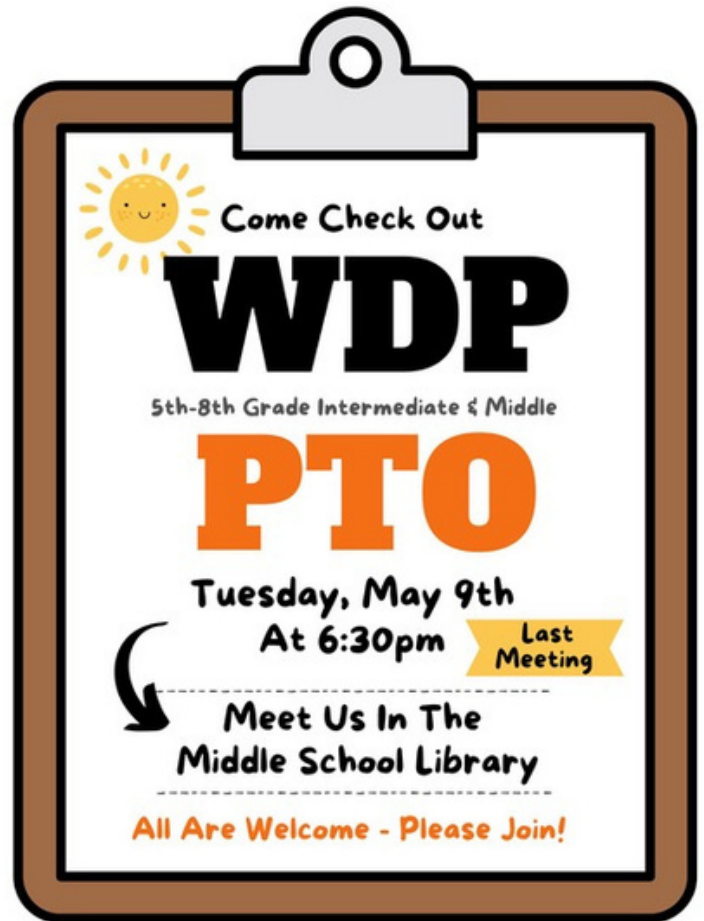
5th and 6th Grade Intermediate School located in De Pere, WI.



LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK TASTINGS

Our library was transformed into the Phantom Café last month. 5th graders participated in book tastings during library classes. During each of three courses, they explored a book from the library, looking at the cover, reading the blurb, as well as checking out the first few pages. They were able to check out any of the books they enjoyed that day.



UPCOMING CONCERTS

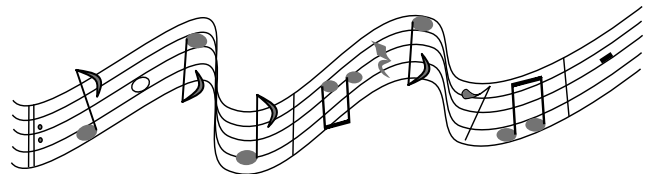
We have music concerts coming up this month! Be sure to mark your calendars for the following events:

Choir: A Spring Sing!

Thursday, May 18th, WDP High School Auditorium
 5th Grade - 6:00 PM
 6th Grade - 7:30 PM

Spring Band Concert

Tuesday, May 23rd, WDP Intermediate School Gym
 5th & 6th Grades - 6:30 PM



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.*

STUDENT FEES FOR 2022-2023

School fees are as follows: Identification Card - \$3.00, 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. Applications for a fee waiver were included in student packets.

SPORTS/ACTIVITIES UPDATES

GIRLS INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL



We had lots of fun this girls basketball season! The girls worked on developing their basketball skills, as well as teamwork. As the season went on, we introduced them to new drills and games. Great job, girls!

- Coach Michaelis & Coach Semenak

FRENCH CLUB

French Club students gathered on Thursday, April 6 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 4 after school until 3:30 p.m. Students who need a ride home after the event should plan to meet their ride in the parking lot behind the Intermediate School. Students are asked to sign up in advance if they plan to attend!



END OF YEAR NOTES FROM THE NURSE

As another school year is coming to a close I wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone for a great year. Here are a few reminders for the rest of the year and planning for next year:

- 1** Letters will be going out over the summer to those families that had students with emergency action plans in place the previous year.

 - If your student continues to need an emergency action plan, please fill out the forms that are sent and return to the school office prior to the start of the school year. We do need a new, updated, plan each school year.
 - If your student's health concern has been resolved or you wish to decline an emergency action plan for any reason, please select that option on the letter and return to school.
 - If you have a student that did not have a plan in place this year, or expected one in the mail and did not receive it, and need one for next year please visit our health services website at <https://www.wdpsd.com/district/health-services.cfm> for our district action plan forms. If you do not find what you are looking for please reach out to me or the office staff as needed.
- 2** Medications at school: Medication forms can be found on our district website. All medications (prescription and OTC) given at school need to have a consent on file and updated every year. Whenever possible, a student's medication should be scheduled outside of the school day. However, when medication is needed at school the following is required:

 - It is important to have our district's medication consent form completed and signed. Having our forms signed versus a doctor's letter/note helps us keep things uniform and prevent errors from occurring. There are some circumstances where we would need a doctor's letter but for most, having our forms filled out gives us the information we need. We appreciate your help with this.
 - All prescription medications taken at school need to have a medication form filled out and signed by the parent/guardian and the doctor.
 - All OTC medications taken at school must have a medication consent completed and signed by a parent/guardian. If the medication is taken in any way different from the package directions then a doctor must sign as well.
 - All medications must be kept in the main school office/nurses office unless noted on medication consent. If a student is to carry or administer any prescription or OTC medication themselves we must still have a consent on file and a doctor's signature stating ok to self administer.
 - We do not keep medications over summer while students are not in school. **Please pick up any unused medication at the end of the school year/summer school.** Any medications that are not picked up will be disposed of.
- 3** Immunizations: Wisconsin law requires all students to show that they have received the required immunizations or have a signed waiver on file.

 - If your student has any immunizations updated over the summer or throughout the school year please make sure a copy is provided.
 - All students entering 7th grade are required to receive a dose of Tdap or sign a waiver. Helpful information regarding immunizations and school requirements can be found on the following website: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/immunization/reqs.htm>
- 4** When to keep students home from school:

 - If your student has vomiting, fever, or diarrhea they will be asked to stay home until symptoms have resolved for 24 hours
 - If your student has any symptoms that would be disruptive to learning please keep home.
 - If your student has any unexplained rash that is open or oozing that cannot be covered by clothing
 - Keep home if they have a contagious illness such as chicken pox, pink eye (conjunctivitis), impetigo, scabies, live head lice, or any other illness as determined by your healthcare provider.
- 5** Vision Screenings: Vision screenings are done in the fall each year for grades 4k-2. Additional information including opt-out forms are shared closer to the screening date. We do have the ability to screen any student that may need it. If you feel your student needs a vision screen and is not in the selected grades, please reach out as needed and we can accommodate this request.

Enjoy the rest of the school year and summer! Feel free to reach out to me with any questions.

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