

WEST DE PERE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

OFFICIAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2023



MR. MARSDEN'S MESSAGE

Mr. Scott Marsden, Principal

Happy November! It is amazing to me how quickly the first two months have gone by.

Thank you to everyone who was able to come and meet with the teachers during Parent/Teacher conferences. If you were unable to attend that night, remember you can contact a teacher anytime with questions or concerns you may have regarding your child.

Our November Phantom Phundamental is Respect. There are so many ways we can show respect, so count on us covering this word a lot in the coming weeks. Respect can be given to self, others, even places and things. We'll try and give the students a taste of all of these throughout the month.

November also marks the end of our first trimester. Remember that we are using a standards-based report card to let you know how your child is doing. This is the same format that you were used to at our elementary schools. Letter grades will start for students when they move to the Middle School in 7th grade.

Our first band and choir concerts will be coming in December, too, as well as our school musical, "Finding Nemo," so be sure to be looking for information about those as we get closer to December.

Have a wonderful month of November.

Mr. Marsden

IMPORTANT DATES

WDP 5-8 PTO

November 22nd

Read-a-thon: Pages & Plaid

November 22nd

Early Dismissal

November 22nd, 11:10 AM

No School

November 23rd & 24th

PTO BASKETBALL FUNDRAISER

The WDP 5-8 PTO is hosting BADL games on November 11th at the middle school and is in need of volunteers to work admission and concessions. Please consider volunteering your time to support WDP Middle & Intermediate Schools. Proceeds will go towards field trips, meals for parent-teacher conferences, student service scholarships, 8th-grade promotion, and more!

[HERE](#) is the link to sign up!



SWEDISH VISITORS

The Intermediate School hosted three educators from Sweden in October as part of the Sister Cities organization, which sends delegations back and forth from De Pere to Amal, Sweden. They toured the school, met students and staff, and learned about a typical day at the Intermediate School. One of the teachers who visited, Maria Nilsson, is pen pals with students in Mrs. Lutz's ELA classes. She brought back letters from IS students in the Fox House, as well as Ms. Lang's ELA students in the Bear House. We were also able to have a short Google Meet with Maria's students back in Sweden and learn about Maria's school and culture.



TAKE A WALK WITH MR. MARSDEN

Each week, Mr. Marsden films a video for his *Take a Walk with Mr. Marsden* video series. In these videos he reflects on things going on in his life, both at school and at home. While reflecting on these experiences, he shares lessons he's learned with our students and their families. You can find these videos on our school Facebook page, as well as linked [HERE](#) on our website. Be sure to check them out!



PHANTOM PHUNDAMENTALS RESPONSIBILITY

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.

This past month, our Phantom Phundamental was RESPONSIBILITY. Being responsible means taking charge of our actions, words, and choices. It's like being a superhero in our own lives! Whether it's remembering to do our homework, cleaning up our room, or taking care of our pets, we can show responsibility by doing the things we're supposed to do and doing them well.

This past month the students in the Bear House were superheroes of responsibility by keeping their locker banks clean, walking appropriately in the hallway, and spreading kindness through their "Bear Shares". Their efforts truly made our school a better place one responsible action at a time!

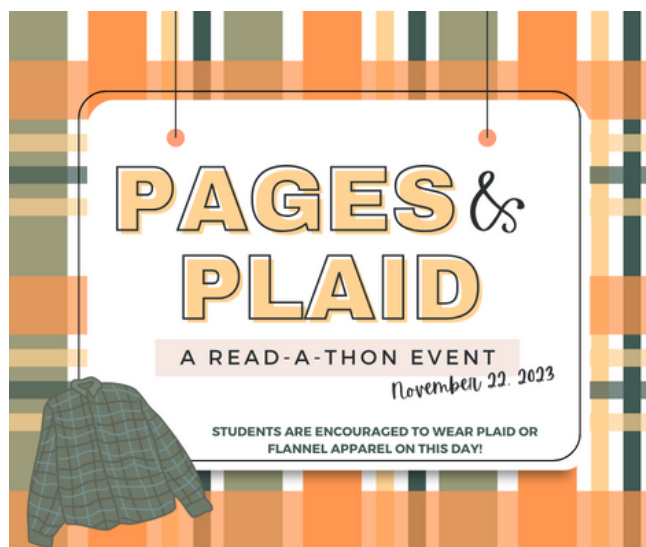
Our Phundamental for November will be RESPECT.

- Mr. Chuck Brehm, Associate Principal

CHRISTMAS STORE

Christmas is right around the corner! The De Pere Christian Outreach Christmas Store will be providing an amazing Christmas experience for De Pere families for the 5th year in a row! The goal of the Christmas Store is to help 175 families from both sides of the river this holiday season. Families that are financially struggling will be invited to shop at the Christmas Store for BRAND NEW items sold at rummage sale prices or at no cost at all!

For more information, [click here](#). You can find a list of needed items [here](#).



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

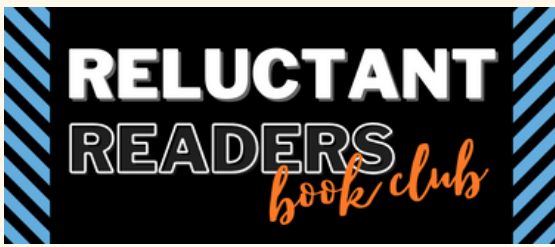
Are you on Facebook? If so, be sure to follow the West De Pere Intermediate School account! Our video announcements are posted daily, so you'll always be kept up to date on school events and other important reminders. We also regularly post pictures and videos of the great things happening with our students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



RELUCTANT READERS BOOK CLUB

Intermediate School students had the opportunity to sign up for the Reluctant Readers book club that will be kicking off this month. This club is specifically designed for students who wish they liked to read, but just don't. We'll be talking about how to match ourselves with the right books. We'll also address barriers that prevent us from sticking with books until the end. This club will run for approximately 8 weeks. We hope to continue the club with new students throughout the school year.

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

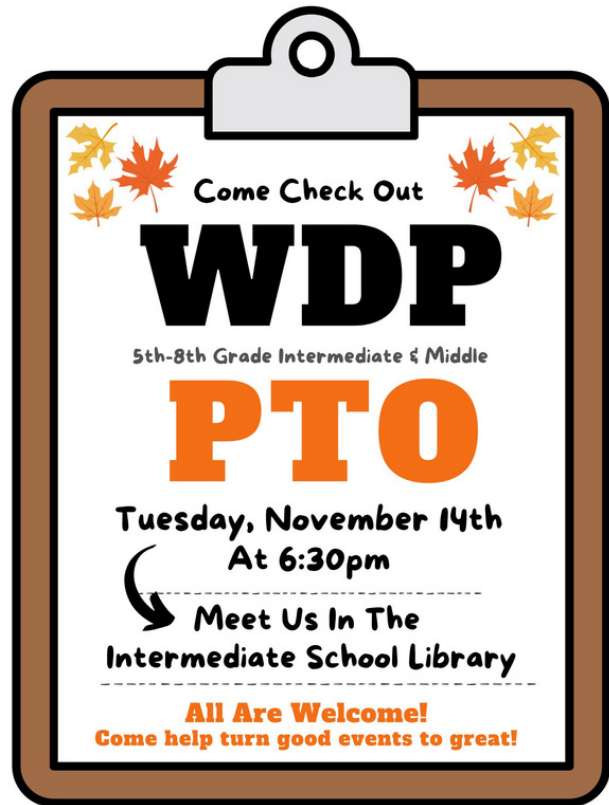
School fees are as follows:

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.



Show your school spirit with a Phantom yard sign or window cling! Yard signs are \$10 and window clings are \$5. Both can be purchased in the Intermediate School office.

2023-2024 MEETING DATES & LOCATIONS

12/12, 6:30 PM @ MS

1/9, 6:30 PM @ IS

2/13, 6:30 PM @ MS

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

B.A.S.H.

A reminder to 6th grade band students that Ms. Czachor is available on Wednesdays during lunch/recess for any students who want extra help and practice.

COMPLIMENT CLUB

The Compliment Club has started meeting. The purpose of the club is to find unique ways to compliment Intermediate School students and help them start their day off in a positive way. Compliments were recently put on 5th-grade lockers.

Any 5th-grade or 6th-grade student is welcome to join- students should email Mrs. Kohl if interested at skohl@wdpsd.com.



FRENCH CLUB

French Club students met on Thursday, October 12 after school for the French Club Game Event! Students enjoyed French cookies and played a variety of familiar games in French or authentic French games. Some examples include Milles Bornes, Clue, and Guess Who. 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. November's event will be getting ready for National French



Week! It will be held on Thursday, November 2 after school until 3:45 p.m. Students will meet in Madame VDB's classroom and will walk together to join the French 7/8 students at the Middle School. Students who need a ride home are asked to have their ride pick them up from the Circle Drive in front of the Middle School at 3:45 p.m.

MUSICAL

Musical students have been working hard at practice learning their lines, songs, and staging for Finding Nemo Jr. and are so excited to be able to show off their hard work soon! Tickets are available now for our three public performances on **Thursday, December 7th at 6:30 PM, Friday, December 8th at 6:30 PM, and Saturday, December 9th at 1:30 PM.** [Click here](#) to purchase your tickets today! Families of students involved should keep a close eye on the Google Classroom as we will be holding longer rehearsals this month. We will also begin rehearsing at the high school starting on November 20th.

NATIVE AMERICAN LUNCH GROUPS

Students in our Native American lunch groups have been learning about the Tree of Peace and Oneida words. We love seeing the beautiful artwork and proud smiles in the photos to the right.



STUDENT COUNCIL

Our 2023-2024 Student Council representatives have been chosen! These students will meet throughout the year to plan service activities,

