

Hemlock Creek Elementary School Headlines

March 2019

Mrs. Kathleen Held, Principal

Mr. Michael Kowalczyk, Associate Principal



Principal's News

March is Reading Month!



In March we celebrate reading. There are many events the teachers have planned as special activities for the month of March. Planned are some special dress days, book voting, a Fly Guy visit and masked readers to solve. The theme centers around MYSTERY.

Today and every day, we have the Reading Workshop in the classrooms. As you know it is a structure that starts with a mini-lesson, followed by work time and then a share. Teachers also infuse other components of balanced literacy to include read alouds and shared readings at the K-2 level. For students, it means that there is choice in reading, access to high-interest books, a focus on reading engagement, opportunity to learn from their peers through partnerships, a focus on reading enjoyment and reading for academics. We are working to build a love of reading for a lifetime. As parents, ask your children what they are reading and watch to see if they are reading at home. This will increase fluency, comprehension, and stamina. Did you know that the volume of reading is the single most important factor to increase reading achievement?

Kathleen Held, Proud Principal

Seesaw Stats for Hemlock Creek

Submitted by: Mrs. Gossen

This year Seesaw has been very successful in connecting parents to what is happening in their child's classroom. During the week of February 17th there were 778 parent visits to Seesaw! Overall, 40,825 items have been uploaded to Seesaw by the students! Seesaw has been a powerful tool as a portfolio of student work and for parent communication. As a parent, you can celebrate your child's successes and encourage the progress of their skills by commenting on their work. Several classes have learned about the TAG feedback model to learn how to write comments and give better feedback. Parents can use this model too! Try commenting on your child's Seesaw post by:

T - tell me something you like. Give me details.

A - ask a question

G - give me a suggestion. Use "I wonder . . ."

Hemlock Creek's Grades K-3 Family Activity Night "Come and Play!"

Thursday, March 21st, 2019, 6:00-7:30 p.m.



Parents and kids, wear your tennis shoes and come ready to play! Games and activity stations will be set up in the Hemlock Creek gym and multipurpose room. Come try out the many activity stations including Starz gymnastics, Gnome Games, climbing wall, hula hooping, relays, dancing, board games, and more! Students and parents will be eligible for prizes throughout the night! Bring the whole family for a night of fun. Come and go as you please - no sign-ups required. Hope to see you there!

**Early Dismissal @ 11:50 on March 22nd - No Lunch or 4K
No School, March 25th - March 29th, School Resumes Monday, April 1st**

Hemlock Creek PTO

Thank you to everyone who attended our February meeting, and a special thank you to Mrs. Dawn Schaefer for your presentation! It was the perfect time of year to be reminded of which symptoms parents should watch out for during the flu season. This might be a good time of year for parents to look over the Hemlock Creek Elementary handbook to review our guidelines of what to do when an illness occurs. As parents, we all want to do our part to keep our kids healthy!

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 5th** at 6:30 pm. We are working on a guest presenter, so stay tuned! As always, we will meet upstairs in the school library. There is free babysitting provided at all of our meetings.

Lastly, if you have not "liked" the Hemlock Creek Elementary PTO page, please do so! It's a great place for up to date information on meetings, school events, and fun ways to get involved!

- Sarah Lisowe, PTO President

SCRIP: SCRIP is a great easy way to earn money for the PTO. By purchasing gift cards (SCRIP) to places you already shop, a percentage comes back to your school! You should have received an order form recently in your child's take-home folder. You may also place an order any time by emailing Dee Dee Zwicky at ddzwicky@yahoo.com. Cards are also available at PTO meetings.

Box Tops: Please keep clipping and saving your box tops! The box top competition ends on March 1st! Each box top collected is ten cents to the school - easy money!

PTO contact: For questions, information, or inquiries about ways to get involved, please contact Sarah Lisowe at slisowe@gmail.com.

Report Cards

Five Year Old Kindergarten Registration 2019-2020

The School District of West De Pere recently held Kindergarten registration for children who are planning to attend Kindergarten in the Fall of 2019. If you missed the registration, and your child does not attend our 4K Program, please register your child as soon as possible at your school of residence: Hemlock Creek Elementary School or Westwood Elementary School. To be eligible for enrollment, your child must turn 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2019, and live in the West De Pere School District. Please bring proof of residency, birth certificate, and immunization records to enroll. Your confirmed registration helps us in planning for staff.

Report cards for Tri 2 will be going out via School Messenger on Tuesday, March 19th after school. We have tried to simplify the process for parents to view the report card. You will receive an email and now you should just be able to click on that link to view your child's report card. This process should be similar to that used at the high school and middle school.

Hemlock Creek Class Planning 2019-2020

Parent requests for classroom placements for the 2019-2020 school year will be considered based on your child's educational needs. Parent requests need to be submitted in writing to Mrs. Held by Friday, April 19th. Please do not put your child's current teacher in the position of being asked to recommend a specific teacher. Requests will be taken into consideration, but are not guaranteed. We work to make sure our classrooms are balanced as much as possible. A letter will be coming home in Tuesday notes. Please refer to that letter for the process and guidelines.

2019 Bellin Run

There will be a Kids for Running informational session on Tuesday, March 12th at 6:15 p.m. in the Hemlock Creek commons area for parents and students in grades 3-5. During this session, you will learn more about the program and the registration process. You will also meet the coaches and find out how you can help as a parent. If you have any questions, please contact Christine Noskowiak at cnoskowiak@wdpsd.com.

NOTES FROM THE COUNSELOR

Personal Safety

In kindergarten and first grade classes we will be discussing personal safety. Please take a few moments to review with your children (K-5) some safety strategies to remember.

- Never go anywhere with a stranger.
- What to do if they get lost in a store, park, etc.
- Always get permission from a parent if going somewhere with a friend, relative, etc. (The "always ask first" rule).
- Secrets about touching or personal space are never OK.
- Give the child 2-3 safe adults they can trust. (Safe Side adults)
- Never answer the door without a safe adult with you.
- Don't tell strangers personal information (name, phone number, etc.)



Hemlock Creek Career Fair

Grades two through five will have a Career Fair this year on Friday, April 26th. The Career Fair will take place from 12:40- 2:15 p.m. Each student will attend four- 20 minute presentations. Students will be learning about the following concepts: the wide variety of career choices, tools and technology for various careers, and how reading plays a part in each presenter's career.

We would love to hear from any interested parents. Please contact Mr. Johnson at 425-1900 ext. 3228 or email at jjohnson@wdpsd.com if you are interested in presenting.

Change of Address

Please keep address and telephone numbers up to date in the school office at all times. You may notify us of a change in information by sending a note with your child or calling the front office. In case of emergency, it is vital that we are able to contact you.

Junior Achievement Opportunity

Parents...would you like to help out at Hemlock Creek in one of the 2nd grade, 4th grade or 5th grade classrooms? Junior Achievement is in need of volunteers to teach a pre-designed program in those classes. Days and times are flexible and can be worked out with the teachers. Commitment is low, you would visit the classroom once a week for 45 minutes for 5 weeks. We supply the materials. You don't need to be a teacher to teach our programs, we recruit business volunteers and stay at home parents and the guide you use spells out everything. You will receive far more than you give and the students love their "JA person"! Please consider helping, contact lbelter@javis.org or call the office at 336-1444.

Wisconsin Forward Exam Window Opens in March

From March 18 through May 3, Wisconsin students will once again be taking the Wisconsin Forward Exam. The Wisconsin Forward is the test that schools are required to give to students in grades 3-8 and 10. Questions on the Forward Exam will measure each student's achievement relative to grade level in two areas: English language arts and mathematics. In addition, a science test will be given to fourth and eighth grade students and a social studies test will be administered to fourth, eighth and tenth grade students. All testing sessions are online and untimed, so students can take breaks without their score being impacted.

West De Pere schools will be administering the Forward over the course of the entire window. Our aim is to give students the time and support they need to complete each portion of the test to the best of their ability. Parents and students can be confident that teachers and school personnel will have student welfare as their top priority. Parents seeking to know more about the Forward Exam can visit the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction website (<http://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/forward>). Additional questions about the Wisconsin Forward Exam can be directed to building principals or Joe Feldhausen, Teaching and Learning Coordinator at 337-1393 extension 8035.

Phantastic Phantom Traveling Trophy Results

February brought below zero temperatures. Students were given the opportunity to display their "How to play inside for indoor recess" skills. Students needed to leave the center of the hallway open so others could walk through, use the games and materials correctly and pick up after themselves, and include others. Below are the Phantastic Phantom Traveling Trophy Recipients:

K- Mrs. Lynn	1- Mrs. Kussow	2- Mrs. Schoenwalder	3- Mrs. Madala	4- Mrs. Brossard	5- Mrs. VanBoxel
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Students then focused on "Cleaning your table area at lunch." They were to remove their own lunch items, check the floor and pick up any items found (even if it's not theirs), and walk the waste items to the trash cans. The following six rooms were recognized.

K- Mrs. Herlache	1- Mrs. Bain	2- Ms. Weber	3- Mrs. Hebl	4- Mrs. Dernbach	5- Mrs. Melichar
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The final lesson for this newsletter was on "Eyes forward when walking in line". Students needed to give space, walk, and look forward.

K- Mrs. Rohr	1- Mrs. Lang	2- Ms. Weber	3- Mr. Prebelski	4- Ms. Schwanke	5- Mrs. Smith
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Hemlock Creek on Facebook

We invite you to like and follow [Hemlock Creek Elementary](#) on our Facebook page for reminders, upcoming events, and to see what learning is happening in the classrooms. Hemlock Creek PTO also has a Facebook page to follow!



**SAVE THE DATE:
Spring Picture Day
March 13th, 2019**

Library News

Technology Club

The first ever Hemlock Creek Technology Club meeting took place in February. 5th grade students were invited to apply to be in the club and are excited to take part in this new experience. At the first meeting the kids coded Dash robots to follow the path of the maze they created. They have future plans to create green screen projects at their next meeting!

March is Reading Month!

Our theme this year is Mysteries! We have many fun activities planned to celebrate this month! Look for information in the Tuesday notes to find out about the dress up days and masked reader family activity. We have other activities planned at school, such as a visit from Fly Guy for K-2 and a March Madness style book bracket to determine Hemlock Creek's favorite book.



Summer School 2019

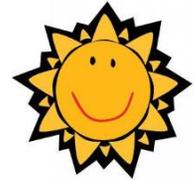
Getting Ready for Kindergarten has Changed- Please Read On

It is hard to believe that we are already in the planning process for this year's Summer School program. Due to changes within this year's program it has been determined that Getting Ready for Kindergarten will go from one- 4 hour offering to multiple 2 hour offerings. Our staff has worked hard to put together new and exciting offerings that will benefit incoming kindergartners. These courses include Get Lost in a Book, Kindergarten Creations, and Full STEAM Ahead to name a few. These courses will be offered at 8:00 am and/or 10:00 am at Hemlock Creek and/or WDP High School during our Summer School session June 12-July 2.

Due to the referendum, students that will be attending Westwood Elementary in the Fall of 2019 will attend summer school at WDP High School.

Course booklet will be online beginning April 2nd on the district website. Registration will open at 3:30 p.m. on April 9th and will remain open until 3:30 p.m. on April 18th. All registrations and payments will be done online.

Please see the District website, www.wdpsd.com, click on About the District and then Summer School for program information and how to register. **No late registrations will be accepted.**



SUMMER SCHOOL 2019

The dates for the West De Pere 2019 Summer School Program are:

Wednesday, June 12th - Tuesday, July 2nd

Classes will be held at Hemlock Creek and West De Pere High School this summer due to the referendum construction and upgrades.

Course offerings and registration information will be available online April 2nd.

Registration will open at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 9th and remain open till 3:30 p.m. Thursday, April 18th.

All registrations and payments will be processed online & no late registrations will be accepted.

Go to www.wdpsd.com click on About the District, then Summer School tab for additional information and registration.

Volunteer Background Checks

If you would like to be a volunteer in the classrooms or go on fieldtrips, please complete a volunteer application form that includes a background check. These are available in the school office. An approved background check must be on file before you can work with students. Any background checks approved in 2015-2018 are still valid. You do not need to apply again for this year. Volunteer background forms for this year will not be processed after **March 15, 2019**. Parent volunteers help to make Hemlock Creek a great place for our students each day.

Knights of Columbus Knowledge Contest

Pictured left to right are the 5th grade students that placed in the Knights of Columbus knowledge contest!

Math- Avani (5th place), Spelling- Justice (4th place)
Spelling- Adrienne (3rd place), Math- Sam (2nd place)



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Snow Day Update

As of February 26, 2019, Hemlock Creek Elementary School does NOT need to make up any snow days. Our calendar is still solid with regard to the last student day being a full day.

