

# Hemlock Creek Headlines

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## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

OCTOBER 2019

### IMPORTANT DATES

- Oct 1 PTO Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- Oct 4 WDP Homecoming Parade @ 5:45 p.m.
- Oct 7-11 Red Ribbon Week
- Oct 11 Early Dismissal @ 11:50 p.m. – No 4K or lunch
- Oct 16 Parent/Teacher Conference Sign-up opens – 6:00 a.m.
- Oct 17 Math Night – 6 p.m.
- Oct 23 Parent/Teacher Conference Sign-up closes @ Noon
- Oct 24 K-5 Parent/Teacher Conferences, 1:00-8:00 p.m.
- Oct 24 Early Dismissal @ 11:50 p.m. – No 4K or lunch
- Oct 25 NO SCHOOL

Hemlock Creek classes celebrate the fall harvest and fall season.

We will NOT be wearing costumes to school for Halloween.



Dear Families,

In October we will be having our annual Hemlock Creek Math Night for K-5 students on Thursday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6 PM. We hope that you will be able to join us.



One area that we talk about with math is number sense or concepts of numbers. It is the idea that kids see connections or relationships between numbers. Number sense is important because it encourages students to think flexibly and promotes confidence with numbers. It is a foundational skill for more complex math later.

Too many kids can instantly tell you that  $30 \times 4 = 120$ , but then you give them  $29 \times 4$  right after it and it's a whole new problem...and it's a problem they aren't quite sure how to solve (same goes for young kiddos with  $6 + 6$  and  $6 + 7$ ). No matter what the age, students need help developing that number sense.

To build number sense particularly with younger students, try some of these activities:

1. **Build Number Sense Through Counting** - Repeated oral counting helps kids hear what numbers sound like and to learn their order. Use objects to help count.
2. **Build Number Sense by Matching Numbers to Quantities** - By using objects, kids can see that numbers are more than words. Children can see numbers have different representations such as fingers, dots, ten frames, cookies. You could match number cards from a card deck or game of Uno with dots on a domino.
3. **Use ten frames to organize numbers so they can easily be counted** - Show the picture and the written numeral.
4. **Estimation** - Give kids opportunities to guess how many things they see. Estimates don't need to be exact but rather they are guesses. With practice, estimations should become closer to the actual number of objects.

Hemlock Creek is on social media to share best practices, provide an authentic audience for student work and use it to build a more connected school community. We are excited to share what students and staff are doing at Hemlock Creek.



We also realize that some families have chosen to opt-out of any sharing. We suggest that families respect their request and do not post pictures or information to your personal accounts unless you have permission. For example, if you attend an HC activity and take a picture of your child with their friends, this should not be on social media without proper consent. We appreciate your consideration and attention to this matter.

October is also conference time. Parent/Teacher conferences provide a time when teachers have an opportunity to meet with each family about your amazing children. Be sure to come to conferences with questions and/or concerns. Don't miss the opportunity to ask questions about the curriculum, classroom expectations and your child's progress and profile as a learner. A parent/teacher conference is a time for you, your child and the teacher to work together to support your child's learning and achievement. We have online registration for conferences. There will be a Tuesday note coming home today with directions on how to schedule your child's conference.

*Kathleen Held, Proud Principal*

## PTO NEWS

Thank you to everyone who attended our first meeting of the year! It was wonderful to see some new faces and I'm looking forward to another wonderful school year!

If you couldn't make the first meeting, we'd love for you to join us in October! Our next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>** at 6:30 pm. We will meet upstairs in the school library. Our guest will be Mr. Dennis Krueger, the district's new superintendent. Remember that there is free babysitting provided at all of our meetings!

As you read about some of our upcoming events, please consider volunteering if you're able.  
- Sarah Lisowe, PTO President



### Upcoming Events

**Hansen's Fundraiser:** The pick-up for the Hansen's fundraiser is **October 23<sup>rd</sup>** from 3:30 - 5:00. Volunteers are needed to help unload the products at 1:15 that same day. Volunteers are also needed the morning of **October 24<sup>th</sup>** from 8:45 - 11:00 to help monitor the prize machine for those students who sold ten or more items. There is a link on the PTO Facebook page to sign up if you can volunteer. If you have any questions, please contact Christina Syring at [csyring@wdpsd.com](mailto:csyring@wdpsd.com). We are also looking for a new chair for this fundraiser. If you are interested in taking on that position, please contact Sarah Lisowe at [slisowe@gmail.com](mailto:slisowe@gmail.com).

**Book Fair:** We will be hosting a book fair on **October 24<sup>th</sup>** (Conference Day) from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm. Please stop by and treat your child to a new book! Proceeds will go to the Hemlock Creek PTO. If you have an hour or two available to volunteer, please contact Nicole Hewitt at [nicolehewitt44@gmail.com](mailto:nicolehewitt44@gmail.com). Help is especially needed during the "clean up" hours.

**PTO Sponsored Teachers Conference Potluck:** We will once again be showing our appreciation to teachers by treating them to a potluck style dinner on conference night, **October 24<sup>th</sup>** from 12:30 pm - 7:00 pm. If you can make a dish to pass (regular size), please drop it off at school that day by 12:00 pm. PTO will be providing the main dish, but with a staff of over 70, we need plenty of sides! We appreciate anything you can bring (salad, dessert, chips, fruit, vegetables, etc.) We are also looking for 2 or 3 volunteers to help set up from 12:00 - 1:00 pm. and clean up from 7:00 - 8:00 pm. If you are able to help at either of these times, please contact Z Abbott at [gnjazzy@aol.com](mailto:gnjazzy@aol.com).

**Amazon Smile:** Do you shop Amazon? If so, you can be giving back to our school just by shopping! If you choose to support Hemlock Creek Elementary PTO your eligible purchases will give back a percentage to the school. Visit [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) for details or email Wendy Schaub at [wjschaub@yahoo.com](mailto:wjschaub@yahoo.com) for questions. Program details can be found at <http://www.wdpsd.com/hemlock/parents/pto>

**SCRIP:** SCRIP is another great way to earn money for the PTO. By purchasing gift cards (SCRIP) to places you already shop, a percentage comes back to us! Below are some of our businesses: Festival Foods: \$25, \$50 and \$100 cards Shell: \$25, \$50 and \$100 cards Kwik Trip: \$25 and \$50 cards. An order form will go out once a month with Tuesday notes or you can place an order any time by emailing Dee Dee Zwicky at [ddzwicky@yahoo.com](mailto:ddzwicky@yahoo.com). Cards are also available at PTO meetings.

**PTO contact:** For questions, information, or inquiries about ways to get involved, please contact Sarah Lisowe at [slisowe@gmail.com](mailto:slisowe@gmail.com).

## BOX TOP COMPETITION

Last year Box Tops brought in \$2,559.80 for our school. It's that time of year again to submit those Box Tops.

Please send your Box Tops in by Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. Send up to 50 box tops per baggie with students & teachers names and count into teacher by Oct 11<sup>th</sup>. Use the new Box Top App! You can give credit by clicking the credit button before submitting. ALL entries count towards a class prize (so send them in!)

Contact Nicole Frank, [nicolefrank@me.com](mailto:nicolefrank@me.com) or Crystal Natzke, [cgnatzke@live.com](mailto:cgnatzke@live.com) if interested in helping out.

Go to [BTFE.com](http://BTFE.com) for a complete listing of participating products.



## A NOTE FROM THE LITERACY COACH

With September already nearing its end, I find myself reflecting on routines. This past month at school, teachers and students have been working feverishly to establish clear routines that foster a strong learning environment. While this is an essential aspect of a classroom, it is also important when establishing reading habits at home.

Routines and structure help build good habits. To become a lifelong reader, making a habit of reading at home is an essential practice. Take time to reflect as a family. Ask yourselves when would be the best time for us to read together? Where are we most comfortable reading and in what type of book would we find the greatest enjoyment? Then really make a conscious effort to build in daily routines around reading. Establishing reading routines will translate into strong reading habits and becoming a lifelong reader.

Erin Cutler, Literacy Coach at Hemlock Creek  
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## HEMLOCK CREEK ELEMENTARY IS ON TWITTER!

Follow us at

[www.twitter.com/WDPHemlockCreek](http://www.twitter.com/WDPHemlockCreek)

**What is Twitter?** - Twitter is a FREE social networking and micro-blogging service that enables users to send and read messages known as "tweets."

**Why should I follow?** - The Hemlock Creek Twitter account will be providing updates about school closings, PTO meetings, school events, and much more!!!

**Getting Started!** - Go to [www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com) and create an account! Then, just go to *WDPHemlockCreek* and follow us! If you do not wish to create an account, you can still follow us at the web address listed above!

**#wdphc**

## RECEIVE HEMLOCK CREEK'S TWITTER UPDATES ON YOUR PHONE!

**Directions:** Just follow the easy steps below to receive Hemlock Creek's Twitter updates as a text message on your phone.

1. Send the following text message: "On WDPHemlockCreek" to 40404
2. You will receive a text message back from Twitter.
3. Reply with "signup"
4. You will receive another text message back from Twitter asking for an existing account or for you to create a username.
5. Reply with a username that you'll create for yourself.
6. Now you will receive all of Hemlock Creek's Twitter updates via text message!

Also follow us on Facebook and share our posts with family members – Hemlock Creek Elementary School



## PBIS NEWS

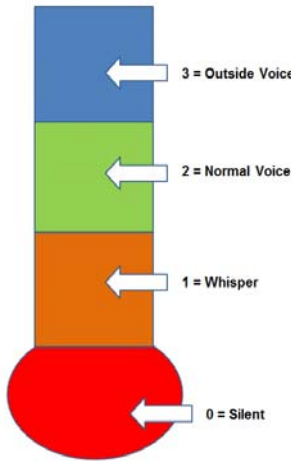
Hemlock Creek Elementary is a PBIS school. PBIS stands for Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports. PBIS is a school-wide systems of support that include proactive strategies for defining, teaching, and supporting appropriate student behaviors to create positive school environments. For our first week, the school worked on transitioning between lunch and recess. Students demonstrated this skill by using a voice volume of 0 & 1, keeping their hands to themselves, and walking straight to their destination. For the second week, students focused on transitioning from recess at a voice level 0 and keeping their hands and feet to themselves. At the end of each week, we recognize six classrooms that demonstrated these skills the most often with the Phantastic Phantom Traveling Trophy and their class picture displayed in the school and tweeted out. Congratulations to the following classrooms for:

### Transitioning between lunch and recess.

K – Sands	1 <sup>st</sup> – Erdmann	2 <sup>nd</sup> – Clarke	3 <sup>rd</sup> – Madala	4 <sup>th</sup> – Velicer	5 <sup>th</sup> - Smith
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### Transitioning from recess at a voice volume level 0 and keeping hands and feet to themselves.

K – Rohr	1 <sup>st</sup> – Lambrecht	2 <sup>nd</sup> – Catlin	3 <sup>rd</sup> – Prebelski	4 <sup>th</sup> – Brossard	5 <sup>th</sup> - Melichar
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Grade 2 – Mrs. Clarke



Grade 5 – Mrs. Melichar

## RED RIBBON WEEK

**Monday, October 7 through Friday, October 11**

Hemlock Creek will celebrate Red Ribbon Week in October this year. There will be dress up days on Monday through Friday during the week of the 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>. Red Ribbon Week is designed for drug awareness and prevention. The classes will also take part in drug awareness and prevention lessons. Below are the dress-up days to help celebrate Red Ribbon week.

**10-7: Monday- Everyone wears Red.** Red Ribbon Week kick-off is today. Help us celebrate and be sure to wear your red clothing.

**10-8: Tuesday- Crazy Socks Day.** Let's "Sock" it to drugs and be sure to wear your most outrageous socks on this day.

**10-9: Wednesday- "Spring" into action with smart choices!** Students will receive a mini slinky spring on this day.

**10-10: Thursday- Hat Day.** Tip your hat to staying drug free and making healthy choices and please wear a hat.

**10-11: Friday- Packer Day/Sports Team Day.** Team up against drugs and wear your favorite sports team clothing. This is also a Fuel Up to Play 60 Event Day and we will pledge to exercise and make healthy choices.

## OCTOBER CONFERENCES

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-8:00 p.m. The end of our first trimester will be Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Report cards will be emailed home on Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Information about scheduling a conference will be in Tuesday notes on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Conferences will be an opportunity to give you a progress update of your child's learning and to share information about their areas of strengths and areas that may still need to be addressed. We look forward to meeting with you to set goals for this school year.

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE POLICY (#5113)

According to state law and district policy, a student can be excused from school up to 10 times per year by a parent or guardian. Once a student has reached 10 excused absences the school can require a physician's excuse for absences beyond 10 days. If one cannot be provided, the school can determine that the absence is not excused. Unexcused absences can lead to truancy, which can eventually lead to a citation from law enforcement. We do understand that medical appointments may occur during school hours. These appointments may not count against your child's attendance record if a written notice from your medical provider is provided.

Under the revised policy, an elementary student who arrives at school more than 15 minutes late or misses more than 15 minutes of the day without a physician's excuse will be marked absent. We know that things come up which can lead to a student being late, but it is vitally important that a student is here for the entire day. Teaching a student how important school is by getting them there on time will pay off when the student is responsible to get themselves to school in middle and high school. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Mr. Michael Kowalczyk at 425-1900 ext 3327.

## BREAKFAST PROGRAM AT SCHOOL

Mornings can be very hectic...the alarm doesn't go off...the kids don't want to get up...there's no time to eat breakfast before the bus comes...or the kids are just not ready to eat. If this sounds like some days at your house, we have good news for you!! We offer BREAKFAST to students in grades K-5. Breakfast is served daily from 8:20-8:40 a.m. Students who want to have breakfast are invited to enter the building as they arrive to school and go to the cafeteria for a nutritious start to their day. When finished, they may go outside until the bell rings at 8:40 a.m. If you are dropping your child off at school and want them to have breakfast, please try and have them here by 8:20 a.m.

If you qualify for free and reduced price meals, you also qualify for the breakfast program, with no additional paperwork.

### Ten Reasons Why We Should All Start Our Day With Breakfast

10. Provides your body with the energy you need to start your day
9. Helps achieve and maintain a healthy weight; may decrease your risk of being overweight
8. Improves the quality of your diet
7. Helps meet recommended levels for some important nutrients like calcium, vitamin A and other vitamins and minerals
6. Prevents you from overeating at other meals
5. Helps you do better in mathematical tests and matching activities
4. Provides your brain with the energy you need to stay alert
3. Improves behavior
2. Helps you concentrate and do better in tasks involving memory
1. Increases your ability to learn!



## WINTER CONCERTS

We invite you to mark your calendar for these important upcoming dates.

Mrs. Loch & Mrs. Winter's program

December 9<sup>th</sup> @ 2:30 p.m.

Mrs. Raschke & Mrs. Sands' program

December 10<sup>th</sup> @ 2:30 p.m.

Mrs. Lynn & Mrs. Rohr's program

December 11<sup>th</sup> @ 2:30 p.m.

Mrs. Herlache & Mrs. Neuens program

December 12<sup>th</sup> @ 2:30 p.m.



Grade 1 Winter Concert Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> @ 2:30 p.m.

Grade 4 Winter Concert Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 a.m.

Grade 2 Winter Concert Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> @ 2:30 p.m.

Grade 5 Winter Concert Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m.

Grade 3 Winter Concert Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 a.m.

## END OF DAY PICK-UP

REMINDER: If you are planning on picking up your child at the end of the day, please make sure they have a note with them. Without a note, your child will be put on the bus.



## PLEASE USE THE DESIGNATED CROSSWALKS FOR EVERYONE'S SAFETY

For your safety, your child's safety, and the safety of the bus drivers, please use the designated crosswalk areas when picking up your child at the end of the day. Thank you for your cooperation with this issue.

## BIRTHDAY TREATS

Dear Families: Due to loss academic time of students delivering treats to other teachers and the disruption to the classrooms both coming and going, the staff has decided that birthday treats will only be shared in your child's classroom. The kids no longer will be leaving to pass them out to other teachers, the office, etc. We appreciate your understanding in this matter.

## ART DEPT HELP WANTED!

The Art Department is looking for parent volunteers to help upload artwork to Artsonia. Volunteers would need to come into the art room during the school day to photograph student artwork and upload it using the Artsonia App. Mrs. Janssen will provide more information to those interested. Please contact her by email at [kjanssen2@wdpsd.com](mailto:kjanssen2@wdpsd.com).



## SMART WATCHES/PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Students are wearing watches that have the capability to phone, message and play games. This device at school falls under board policy 5129 and 5130. We expect that these smart watches worn by our students do not disrupt the learning environment. Please review with your child if needed. A few reminders from the policy:

- We would ask that such devices do not become a distraction at school and disrupt the learning environment.
- The Acceptable Use Policy of the School District of West De Pere applies to personal devices brought to school.
- Students who bring in devices do so at their own risk. The district is not responsible for the safety, security, loss or damage of personal electronic devices that students choose to bring to school.
- If a device is confiscated for disruptive use, it will be held by school officials for return to parent(s)/guardian(s) of the student, retained for disciplinary reasons, or turned over to law enforcement officers. Students will be disciplined in accordance with procedures specified in relevant District policies, school handbooks, and State and Federal Statutes.

# HEMLOCK CREEK PHANTOM FUN RUN/WALK FOLLOW-UP

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Hemlock Creek Phantom Fun Run/Walk took place on Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019. Over 200 participants took part in the 2-mile run/walk to raise money for new playground equipment at Hemlock Creek Elementary School. After the run/walk, families enjoyed snacks and chocolate milk donated by area businesses followed by a variety of after activities including: a WDP Dance Team performance, a Town of Lawrence fire truck, Hobart/Lawrence police car, Green Bay CrossFit Kids, PTO and Fuel Up to Play 60 stations, hula hooping, music, and raffle prizes. Hemlock Creek was able to raise approximately \$4,500.00 for new playground equipment! A new piece of playground equipment was purchased this past summer using the proceeds from past Fun Runs. We would like to thank everyone who came out to support the event including all participants and volunteers. In addition, thank you to the following businesses and families who sponsored the event:

Advanced Roofing & Siding  
Ambrosius Sales & Services  
Ambrosius Studios  
Bellin Health  
BeSt Machine  
Bullet Liner of Green Bay  
C.H. Robinson  
Delta Dental

De Pere Smiles S.C.  
Drift Inn  
Green Bay Packers Give Back  
Impact Sports Academy  
Kiddie College  
Logos & Promos  
Orthodontic Specialists of GB  
Pink Flamingo Classic

Pool Works  
Scott's Subs & Pizza  
Sgambati's Pizza  
Sidekicks Bar & Grill  
Synergy Sports Performance  
VOS Electric  
Wagg Inn Pet Hotel  
WEA Trust  
Werys Blossom Creek - Suamico

Abbott Family  
Brehm Family



Thank you to the following businesses who made donations to help at our event:

Big Apple Bagels  
C.H. Robinson  
Crest & Oral B  
Cutting Edge Technology  
Dairy Farmers of America  
Dalke Family  
De Pere Greenhouse

The Driveway  
Festival Foods  
Get Air  
GLK Foods  
Hansen's Foods  
Highland Ridge Golf Club  
Hilly Haven Golf Course

Hockers Plumbing  
Kwik Trip  
Mid Vallee Golf Club  
Nicolet National Bank  
Northeast Asphalt  
Plank Road Pub & Grill  
River City Ice

Sam's Club  
Schreiber Foods  
Sports Emporium  
Wal-Mart  
Wisconsin Timber Rattlers Baseball  
Xperience Fitness

Be on the lookout for our 5<sup>th</sup> annual event date coming out later this school year!



## MATH NIGHT

Please join us for our annual **Family Math Night** at Hemlock Creek Elementary on Thursday, **October 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:30 PM**. This is for all students in Kindergarten through Grade 5. The evening will give you and your child creative ways to work math into your play at home and give parents a better understanding of how math is taught at school through parent presentations. Please come with your school age children to this exciting event to experience games and activities that build math skills. We look forward to seeing you! Please register using the link provided.



## LIBRARY NEWS



We are so excited to welcome Jerry Pallotta to Hemlock Creek on October 15th! He is the author of the popular Who Would Win series. Jerry is from Massachusetts and has written over 90 books! On the day of his visit he will be doing three presentations so all the kids at Hemlock Creek will have the chance to hear him speak. If you are interested in learning more about this author you can visit his website at [jerrypallotta.com](http://jerrypallotta.com).

The Hemlock Creek library welcomes a new library aide this year. Mrs. VanDuyse has taken a new position in the district so we welcome Mrs. Holly Fey to our school. Mrs. Fey is working mostly with grades 1, 2, 4, and 5 when they come to the library.

Our students are loving the new tables and chairs in the library. We continuously work to make the library an inviting place for our students.



If you have any questions, please contact me!  
Jennifer Gossen, Library Media/ Instructional Technology Specialist  
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## Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student "A"  
reads **20 minutes**  
each day

3600 minutes in  
a school year

**1,800,000 words**



*90<sup>th</sup> percentile*

Student "B"  
reads **5 minutes**  
each day

900 minutes in  
a school year

**282,000 words**



*50<sup>th</sup> percentile*

Student "C"  
reads **1 minute**  
each day

180 minutes in  
a school year

**8,000 words**



*10<sup>th</sup> percentile*

By the end of 6<sup>th</sup> grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)