WEST BEND SCHOOL DISTRICT
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WBSD Libraries are Places for Learning and Exploring; National Library Week, April 6-12, 2025

April 6-12 is National Library Week, and we are celebrating the wonderful libraries and library aides in the West Bend Schools. The school libraries spark creativity, fuel imagination, and inspire

lifelong learning, all while offering a space where students can explore new ideas and connect to learning, technology, and resources. In fact, there are 149,481 total materials available for students and staff in the libraries of the WBSD.

Among all WBSD school libraries, as of April 2, 2025:

- Total checkouts for 2024-2025 school year: 130,161
- Total individual student library visits at Badger and high schools libraries outside of regular class visits: 34,428
- Total number of K-8 library lessons facilitated: 2,497

The library aides teach library lessons, check in/out books, support technology needs, troubleshoot technology, support staff curriculum needs, develop passive and active programming opportunities, and more. They include:
Decorah: Jessica Garrett
Fair Park: Long-term subs Jill Mahlberg, Jean Schroeder, Marie Vorpahl
Green Tree: Mallory Walters
Jackson: Carmen McDonnell
McLane: Christine O'Connor
Silverbrook: Annie Fichtner and Tracy Gergetz
Badger: Karen Zenner, Amy Cook, and Jayne Hughes
East/West: Marietta Bailey, Stacie Kozlowski, Kay Laatsch, and Maggie Miller

We welcome Pamela Mumm, who is in her first year as the WBSD library coordinator. Pamela supervises library aides, develops lessons and programming, collaborates with stakeholders, and processes new materials.

Advanced Vape Detectors in Schools

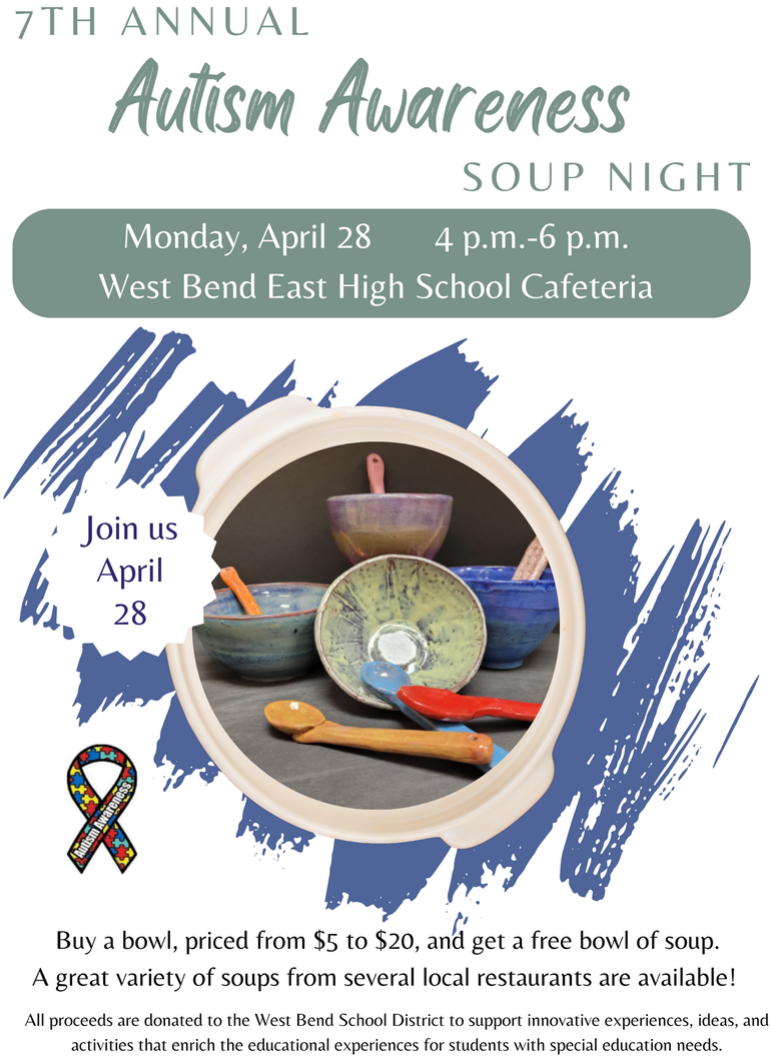
As part of our ongoing commitment to maintaining a safe and drug-free environment for students, the WBSD has installed advanced vape detectors throughout the district. These detectors use an array of sensors to monitor and assess potential vaping activities. They assess the likelihood of vaping and send an automatic alert to school staff. Our administrators will promptly follow up on any alerts and investigate the situation.

We request families strongly remind students that school policies strictly prohibit drugs, alcohol, and tobacco, including vaping, in the schools and on school grounds. This measure is part of our broader effort to protect the health and well-being of our students and staff.

Fundraiser Supports Student Activities

In addition to National Library Week, April is Autism Awareness Month. Celebrate with soup! Join us for the 7th Annual Autism Awareness Soup Night on Monday, April 28 from 4-6 p.m. at the East High School cafeteria. This popular event raises additional funds to support the WBSD special

education program. The bowls are made by students and the soup is from more than 20 area restaurants.



Update on Summer School Transportation

The Summer School bus routes have been updated for efficiency and to balance ridership. **Please go to the Summer School Website to review the UPDATED routes and maps.**

Most of the summer school bus routes are nearing capacity. At this time, to avoid overloading any routes, families that have not already signed up for busing must contact Linda Dzibinski at 262-335-5418 to request a spot. Linda will inform people if space exists on the desired route.

Dolphins Shows in April

“Roll out the Red Carpet” is the theme for the 2025 Dolphins Synchronized Swim team performances at East and West High Schools. One of the very few high school synchronized swim teams in Wisconsin, the Dolphins provide an entertaining event. Performances will be at 7 p.m. on April 24, 25, and 26, and a matinee at 1 p.m. on April 26. Scan the QR code below for tickets.



Student and Staff Achievements

Several Qualify for National Future Business Leaders of America Conference



High school students in Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) competed at the State Leadership Conference in Green Bay against 174 other schools and more than 2,000 students from across Wisconsin.

Overall, the chapter took 18th place in the state. Four students qualified for the National Leadership Conference taking place this summer in Anaheim, California.

- First place in Financial Math: Emma Betz
- First place in Future Business Leader: Elyse Reedell
- Second place in Public Speaking: Khya Jimmerson
- Third place in Data Analysis: Saanvi Tripathi

Receiving honorable mentions were Caleb Garrison in Cybersecurity; Emmory Kleiss in Agribusiness; Ayla Abraham in Word Processing; and Anthony Gonnering in Insurance and Risk

Management. During the conference, students explored career pathways through business tours—including a visit to Lambeau Field.

East/West to be Represented at National SkillsUSA Event



Competing as groups and individuals, the West Bend East and West High Schools SkillsUSA chapter came away with seven total medals at the recent Wisconsin State and Skills Leadership Conference.

In addition, the students who placed first will attend the national SkillsUSA competition this summer in Atlanta.

- First place in Extemporaneous Speaking: Noah Mintie
- First place in Digital Cinema Production: Ryder Margelowsky and Emerson Papendorf
- First place in Video News Production: Rowan Bonlender, Olivia Friedemann, Kristen Nelson, and Ella Boyle
- First place in Photography: Alex Lukaszewicz
- Second place in Automated Manufacturing Technology: Brady Schaumberg, Collin Schaumberg, and Declan Cira
- Second place in Screen Printing Technology: Iliana Iniguez
- Second place in Video Production: Traynor Gieryn and Devin Sinjakovic

Three Place at State Indoor Track Meet

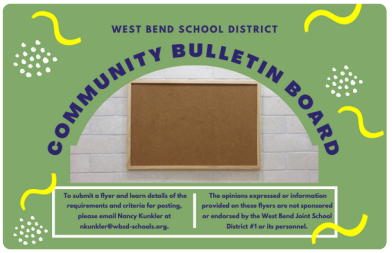


Three West High School students placed at the Wisconsin State Indoor Track & Field Championships on April 5. Josephine Mesa took third in the triple jump, Avah Banks took fourth in the triple jump, and Rylee Faehling took sixth in the 400 meter dash.



Community Connections

Community Bulletin Board



There are various events and activities available on the WBSD's Community Bulletin Board!

Current:
Dolphins Synchronized Swim Team Performances
West Bend High Schools Comic Con
Chasin' The Chill West Booster Club Fundraiser
Free Swim Lessons for Third and Fourth Grade Students at YMCA
Forte Bank Shred Fest
East Dance Team Tryouts
Kids Free Fishing Clinic
All Around the Bend Business Showcase
FC Wisconsin Minis Spring Program (soccer)
Try Hockey for Free
Kettle Moraine Symphony Concert
Volunteer Center Taste and Learn Nonprofit Fairs
West Bend Children's Theatre: How to be a Pirate

YMCA Spring Programs
YMCA Special Programs for Spring
YMCA Before and After School Programs
Friend's Inc. 5K Run/Walk
Girl Scouts Meeting/Event for 4K and 5K
Youth and Family Project Christmas in July Event
Friends Inc: Coasters for a Cause
Friends Inc: Denim Painting Event
Friends Inc: What Were You Wearing Exhibit
Wisconsin Shares Child Care Subsidies

Summer 2025:
West Volleyball Camp
MOWA Summer Programs for Kids
NAMI Washington County Summer Art Therapy Groups
Volunteer Center Camp Superhero and Team Leaders for Camp Superhero
EAA Summer Air Camp for Kids
YMCA Summer Day Camp Registration (now in Jackson too)
West Bend High Schools Summer Track Camp
Champions at Fair Park Champ Camp