

WEST SALEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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It is amazing how quickly this school year has gone! As we come to the end of another school year it is important to reflect upon the service provided to our children by our staff. The week of May 7th is National Teacher Appreciation Week. The reason why our school is such a great place is because of our staff. Our staff work tirelessly to bring their best daily for your child.

Many of our children begin their day with members of our transportation department as they journey to school on a bus. We expect a safe delivery of our children and that goal is met everyday by our transportation staff. Once the children arrive at school, many enjoy a nutritious breakfast, and later in the day a lunch provided by our food service department that knows your child on a first name basis and knows their likes and dislikes. Our paraprofessionals work with individual and groups of students to meet their needs and provide supervision in the lunchroom, playground, and in the classroom. One of the busiest places in our school that serves the student population of 890 plus children is our nurse's office. Staffed by our nursing staff who not only help with bumps and scrapes, but also provide daily medication to students as well. Our custodians/ maintenance staff provide our children with a safe, clean, and inviting building to enter everyday. Our secretaries coordinate all of the demands of the office and support of all the rest of us, and teachers meet their students' needs everyday. Last but certainly not least is our teaching staff. Our teachers, guidance, and pupil service staff work tirelessly all hours of the day and all days of the week to ensure that your child is getting the best possible education and intervention possible. Together, our staff has lead our building to national recognition in receiving the 2017 Blue Ribbon Award. Our staff in West Salem truly cares about helping kids to be the best they can be!

Please take some time over this month of May to reach out and thank our staff members for doing so much for our most precious resources. We appreciate all of your help and support, and our success is also in large part to all of our students first teachers, you! Thank you for all that you do for your child, and we are happy to work in partnership!

-Ryan Rieber, Principal

West Salem Elementary school celebrated it's annual Environment Day on April 4th. We would like to thank the following people for presenting to our students:

Kindergarten Presenters:

Heidi Masters & UWL students: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
Heidi Keuler & Gretchen Newberry-US Fish and Wildlife Service: Watershed Wonders
Lisa Jones: Egg Carton Creatures
Brian Baker & MS Ecology Students: Reptiles

First Grade Presenters:

Lindy Meyers, Amy Tischler, & Makenzie Becker: Movin' Like Animals
Eric Pederson & Viterbo students: Earth Day the Fun Way!
Steph Sharp: Environment Day Art
Kelly Rueckheim & HS Ecology students: The Listening Walk

Second Grade Presenters:

Mary Callen: Water Filtration
Nick Schloesser: USGS Upper Midwest Environmental Sciences Center: Sea Lamprey in the Great Lakes
Erin Johnson: Genoa National Fish Hatchery: Life at the Genoa Fish Hatchery
Hallie Rasmussen: Upper Mississippi River National Fish and Wildlife Refuge: Mammals of the Mississippi

Third Grade Presenters:

Jim Kerkman: Fort McCoy Forester: Forest Animals
Roxy Gerard: Necedah National Wildlife Refuge: Birding
Mary Callen: Fishing Around

Fourth Grade Presenters:

Kathy Frise-Groth: Mississippi Valley Conservancy: Mysteries of the Driftless
Bryce Richardson & Chris Pappenfuss: Monroe & La Crosse County Land Conservation: Fun with Soils
Nick Schloesser: USGS Upper Midwest Environmental Sciences Center: Sea Lamprey in the Great Lakes

Fifth Grade Presenters:

Shawn Giblin: WI Department of Natural Resources: Wonders of the Mississippi
Loren Schwier & Andrew Aslesen: Village of WS Water & WI Rurals: Our Drinking Water
Pat Hofer: Trees and Forests in Wisconsin

We would also like to thank our PTO for sponsoring singer/songwriter, Randy Peterson's visit. Randy performed for all of our K-5 students, as well as our 4K pm students.

If you have any questions about Environment Day, or have an expertise you'd like to share next spring, please contact Lisa Jones at the elementary school.



We are looking for van and bus drivers!

We will train if you have no prior experience! Hours typically range from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, see below or our posting on WECAN at <https://wecan.education.wisc.edu/#/Vacancy/30955>



You may also contact HR Director Barb Buswell at buswell.barb@wsalem.k12.wi.us

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

- 1 - GRADE 5 TO OEC (BUR, KING, ADAMS)
- 2 - GRADE 5 TO CRANE FOUNDATION
- 3 - GRADE 5 TO OEC (CZ, KJOS, FINK)
- 8 - GRADE 2 TO OEC (HESSE, PEARSON, SKAAR)
- 9 - EARLY RELEASE
(STUDENTS DISMISSED AT 12:20, BUSES LEAVE AT 12:30)
- 10 - GRADE 2 TO OEC (CROW, SERVIAS, FLOTT)
- 15 - GRADE 1 TO OEC
- 16 - GRADE 1 TO OEC
GRADE 3 TO ERICKSON FIELD/MYRICK PARK
- 17 - GRADE 1 TO OEC
GRADE 1 TO SMITH VALLEY SCHOOL (CHAMBERS, REEDY, ANTONY) 8:30-11:30AM
- 18 - GRADE 1 TO SMITH VALLEY SCHOOL (BRODSKY, CHRISTIANSON, PERZ) 8:30-11:30AM
- 28 - NO SCHOOL - MEMORIAL DAY
- 29 - GRADE K TO OEC (HICKEY, RANZENBERGER)
- 30 - GRADE K TO OEC (WHEELER, GRAMS)
- 31 - GRADE K TO OEC (MACDONALD, WAGNER, SCHAMS)

JUNE

- 4 - GRADE 4 TO PRAIRIE DU CHIEN
GRADE 5 TO FISH HATCHERY & LA CROSSE QUEEN
- 5 - GRADE 1 TO MYRICK PARK
GRADE 5 TO FISH HATCHERY & LA CROSSE QUEEN
- 6 - GRADE K TO MYRICK PARK
- 7 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
(STUDENTS DISMISSED AT 12:20, BUSES LEAVE AT 12:30)

JULY 23 - AUGUST 10 - K-8 SUMMER SCHOOL

West Salem School District Summer School Opportunity Learning Outdoors

Grades 3-4 (Incoming)

June 18 - 21, 2018

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Grades 5-6(Incoming)

June 25 - 28, 2018

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Are you interested in learning at the Outdoor Education Center this summer? If so, this class is for you! Students will be experiencing and exploring the school forest while integrating reading, writing, science, art, music, and movement into school forest activities.

Busing will be provided to/from the school forest only. Parents are responsible for transportation To/from School. If interested, fill out the permission slip and return to the elementary school by **May 18, 2018**. Class size is limited.

Student Name: _____ **Grade:** _____ **Teacher:** _____

Parent Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Home #: _____ **Cell #:** _____ **Work #:** _____

Emergency Contact: Name/Relationship: _____ **Phone #:** _____

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PLEASE LIST ANY HEALTH CONDITIONS INCLUDING PRESCRIBED MEDICATIONS AND AMOUNTS TAKEN:

(e.g. diabetes/heart/asthma/ADHD/seizures/etc)

My child carries an inhaler to use as needed for asthma: _____yes _____no

Family Dr/Clinic _____ Phone: _____

Family Dentist _____ Phone: _____

Hospital _____ Phone: _____

In case of accident or serious illness, I request the school to contact me. If the school is unable to reach me, I hereby authorize the school to call the physician indicated above and to follow his/her instructions. If it is impossible to contact this physician, the school may make emergency care decisions for my child.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date: _____

Are you Moving? If you know that you will be moving out of the West Salem School District and your student will not be attending West Salem Schools during the 2018-2019 school year, please contact the office as soon as possible.



2018-2019 Registration

We will again have online registration through Skyward Family Access for West Salem Elementary 4K through 4th grade students.

Online registration will open up August 1st. If you are unable to register online, an in-house registration will be held on Tuesday, August 14th from Noon-7pm. Computers will be available to complete your online registration.

Also on August 14th Lifetouch will be here to take students pictures. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending.

HOMEROOM PLACEMENT

We are beginning the process of homeroom placements using information from teacher and district assessments. Teachers, pertinent staff and principals work together to create these lists. Teachers provide: academic ability, behavior, social skill development, special programming and any other information to assist in homeroom placement for the upcoming school year. We know our students well (academically, behaviorally, socially, emotionally) but, if there is other information you think we should consider when making homeroom placement (family situation, health concerns, separation from other students) please fill out the student information form. This can be obtained in the office or on our website. We welcome pertinent information about your child in an effort for teachers and administration to better understand him/her. Parent requests for a specific homeroom will not be accepted.

On August 1st, each family can begin online registration, which will include homeroom teacher.