

# WEST SALEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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April is a very busy month for the students here at West Salem Elementary. We are excited about our annual upcoming Environment Day, which will be Wednesday, April 3rd. During this day of learning, students will attend a variety of environmental education workshops.

Students in third and fourth grade will begin taking the Wisconsin Forward Exam. Fourth-grade students will test the week of April 9th, while the third grade will test the week of April 16. Our teachers have been working hard all year to prepare our students and we are excited to see how well they do on the exam. This provides all of us an opportunity to see how your child has grown and continues to grow through their education at West Salem Elementary School.

Spring is here, however that still means unstable weather. Please send your child with long pants along with jackets and/or sweatshirts in the morning. Legs and arms need to be covered, preferably with a coat, until temperatures are above 50 degrees. Thank you for your help and support in making sure that your children come properly dressed to school!

I would like to thank the parents who attended the presentation by Dr. Justin Patchin on Monday, March 25th. Dr. Patchin had some great advice for parents in an effort to keep our children safe while utilizing technology. We are partners in educating our kids and are happy to help! You can find more information on Dr. Patchin and his teams work by visiting [www.cyberbullying.org](http://www.cyberbullying.org).

Now that it seems that spring has finally arrived after a record-setting winter, we are all ready to get out and be active outdoors. It is important to role model these active behaviors for our kids. As we are approaching the summer months, we would like to share out this quick video about being physically active with our kids. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=95ZkY9EbF7k>

April 2nd is an important day for our school district. Please take the time and vote on April 2nd. For more information, please visit the following site to become more informed: <http://www.wsalem.k12.wi.us/content/our-district/referendum>.

Thank you for your continued support in serving our children.

Together...every student, everyone, every day!

Ryan G. Rieber  
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**Spring Picture  
Day!  
Tuesday, April  
2nd**



The Wisconsin Forward for  
Grades 3 & 4 is quickly  
approaching. Please avoid  
scheduling appointments these  
days.

**Grade 3 April 9-12**

**Grade 4 April 16-18**

**Thanks for your cooperation!**

## **SPRING WEATHER GUIDELINES**

**Please make sure your child(ren) are dressing appropriately for the inconsistent spring temperatures. It is still cold in the morning and students are expected to be outside each day. Please assist your child(ren) in dressing in layers to accommodate the changes in temperature throughout the day. If we feel that your child's clothing is inappropriate we will ask him/her to change or wear extra clothing we have at school.**

**Thank you in advance for your  
cooperation!**



A huge thank you to our wonderful PTO for organizing such a delicious supper the night of conferences. As always, it was delicious and so nice not to have to worry about preparing a dinner for ourselves. We would like to especially thanks the following parents that contributed to the meal:

Jenny Stenberg, Laura Moore, Samuel Morris, Tara Jambois, Tara Devine, Jamie Holst, Maria Holicky, Brooke Middleton, Heidi Knudson, Adina Heller, Rachael & Matt Duster, Michelle Lorenz, Rose Wolbrink, Polly Berra, Jody Riherd, Amy Hendrickson, John & Shannon Torrance, Jen Reedy-Taylor, Sherry Kneifl, Christi Gronemus, Nicole Campbell, Ashley Bohl, Stacey Bossingham, Cassie Zarecki, Kim Rieber, Sarah Arntson, Kait Melson and Joan Path

Thanks once again,  
The Staff and Teachers of WSES



## KINDERGARTEN AND 1ST GRADE RHYTHMS PROGRAM

The kindergarten and 1st grade rhythms program is on Thursday, April 4th at 6:30pm in the elementary gym. The rhythms program is a special time for the students to demonstrate some of the activities we have been practicing during our rhythms unit in physical education. We are confident that the program will be no longer than 30 minutes. We are hoping for 100% attendance of kindergarten and first grade students.

### Famous Friday Walking School Bus

It's that time of year again! Spring is here, and that means our walking school bus will be starting up again!

**What:** Walking School Bus (group of children walking to school with one or more adults leading the way!)

**Who:** Anyone! (that can meet us or get dropped) There will be a leader and/or a theme each week!

**Where:** Corner of N Tilson and W Hamlin (St Leo's Church; you can drop your child(ren) off in the church parking lot)

**When:** Friday mornings (when we have school) at 7:25 am. We leave at 7:30 for school  
\*We will not walk if thunder or lightening is present

**Why** encourage your kids to walk, bike, scooter to school?

- Children walking and biking to school are more apt to be physically fit and less prone to be overweight.
- They learn how to handle traffic safely.
- They help reduce the family gas budget along with reducing traffic volume near their school.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS --- The first WSB will be this

**Friday, April 5th!!**

\*If you would like to volunteer to lead the bus, or walk with us, please contact Amy Tischler at [tischler.amy@wsalem.k12.wi.us](mailto:tischler.amy@wsalem.k12.wi.us) or 608-786-1662.

## April 3rd is Environment Day

Thank you to River Valley Raptors for presenting on April 1st! Thank you PTO for sponsoring their presentation.

Thank you to these people for presenting at our Environment Day on April 3rd! We appreciate their time and expertise.

UWL (Heidi Masters)

Ashley Kiley (Blackhawk Park)

MS Ecology (Brian Baker)

Coulee Region Humane Society (Maggie Hanson)

Raena Parsons (Genoa Fish Hatchery)

Donna Elsen/Cheryl Kammel/Jean Ledman (volunteers)

Jordan Weeks (DNR)

HS Ecology (Kelly Rueckheim)

Viterbo (Vicky Eiben)

Carol Labuzetta (Miss. Valley Conservancy)

Gretchen Newberry (US Fish/Wildlife)

Nick Schloesser (US Geological Survey)

Jim Kerkman (Fort McCoy Forester)

Mary Callen (Outdoor Education Center)

Todd Shea (National Weather Service)

Pat Hofer (volunteer)

Shawn Giblin (DNR)

Loren Schwier (WS Water Dept)

Chris Pappenfus (USDA-NRCS)

Eric Hammer (Blackhawk Park)

Hallie Rasmussen (US Fish & Wildlife)

## Calendar of Events

### April:

- 2: ES Spring Pictures
- 3: Environment Day
- 4: Kdg & Gr 1 Rhythms Program
- 9-12: Gr 4 Forward Testing
- 16-18: Gr 3 Forward Testing
- 19: NO SCHOOL
- 22: NO SCHOOL
- 24-26: Gr 4 to OEC
- 30: Gr 4 FFA Day

### May:

- 1-2: Gr 2 to OEC
- 6-7: Gr 3 to OEC
- 8: EARLY RELEASE  
students dismissed at 12:20  
buses depart at 12:30
- 14-16: Gr 1 to OEC
- 27: NO SCHOOL
- 28-30: Gr Kdg to OEC
- 31: ES Field Day

### June:

- 7: Last Day of School  
students dismissed at 12:20  
buses depart at 12:30

## ATTENDING AFTER SCHOOL EVENTS?

PLEASE ENTER  
THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
THRU DOOR "E" LOCATED ON THE  
NORTH SIDE  
(NEW PARKING LOT)

ALL OTHER DOORS WILL BE LOCKED

## Our Walking School Bus will resume on Friday, April 5

Here are the special guests for the first five  
Walking School Bus days:

April 5--Mr. Rieber

April 12--Nick Miller from Le Coulee Cheese (the  
ice cream guy in WS!)

April 26--Therapy Dogs

May 3--WS tennis players

May 10--WSHS softball players



Spring

"Celebrate West Salem hosted their annual art contest on March 17. The public voted on their favorite pieces of art. These were the winners:"

1st Place: Mikayla Wemette (picture of her and Ms.Lotspaih)

2nd Place: Brielle Moore (pig)

3rd Place: Liam Wight (cow)

Best of Show: Alicia Zarecki (cat eye)

