

# **WEST SALEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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I would like to begin by saying "Thank You" to our school community for supporting the two referendum questions that were on the ballot on November 8th. I am excited about the opportunities that will be there for our students, staff, and community through the support that was given! I am looking forward to what the future has to hold for our community and the opportunities that are there for our kids!

Where has the fall gone? I don't know about any of you, but this first trimester has flown by! The end of the first trimester is on Friday, December 2nd. Report cards will be going home with students on Wednesday, December 14th. Please take time to review and go over your child's report card with them. This is a great learning opportunity for you and your child as well. The report card is another way we communicate student growth and progress during the year. By seeing how your child grows from trimester to trimester is what we are also looking at here at WSES. Remembering that starting strong is good, but finishing strong is what we all are striving for! If you have any questions please contact your child's teacher.

With the winter months upon us and snow right around the corner we offer a few reminders. Please have your child dressed for the weather. Our students will be outside for recess. Please make sure they come to school with hats, mittens, boots, snow pants, and winter coats. This will not only help your child be comfortable outside, but more importantly inside the classroom as well.

I am asking that we use extra caution when dropping off and picking up your child. When the snow begins to fall the sidewalk and parking lots may become slippery. Please make sure to slow down, look, and take a few extra minutes for the safety of all. We made a small change for drop off in the front of the building. With buses arriving at school as early as 7:10, the front loop will be for bus traffic only from 7:15am until 8:15am. This change has been made to the sign as drivers enter the front parking lot. Thank you for your cooperation.

As we are entering this holiday season, on behalf of West Salem Elementary students and staff, I want to wish all of our families a safe, joyous, and wonderful holiday season! We all have a great deal to be thankful for everyday, and I am thankful for the opportunity to be able to work with our wonderful staff, your children, and you on a daily basis! West Salem is a wonderful community, and I am grateful to help serve the staff, students, and families!

Thank you Happy Holidays, and a joyous New Year!

Mr Ryan Reiber, Principal

## **MORNING DROP OFF**

**Supervision begins at 7:30am  
Please do not drop off your child (ren)  
before this time  
School begins at 8:00 am  
Students are considered Tardy after 8:00am**

## **HOLIDAY BREAK**

**No School from Friday, December 23rd -  
Monday, January 2nd**

**School Resumes on Tuesday, January 3rd**

### Four-Year-Old Kindergarten Registration/Screening

Mark your calendars now!  
4K registration will take place on

**Thursday, February 2nd**  
(for last names that start with **A-L**)  
and  
**Tuesday, February 7th**  
(for last names that start with **M-Z**)

from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
at the elementary school.

If you have a student who will be four years old  
by September 1, 2017 please join us.

Contact the elementary office at  
786-1662 to pre-register.

### Kindergarten Registration 2017-2018

Now that West Salem has a 4-Year-  
Old Kindergarten program in place,  
we will no longer be hosting a  
kindergarten registration. If you  
have a student who will be five years  
old by September 1, 2017 and your  
child does not attend our 4K  
program, please contact the  
elementary school office at  
786-1662 to pre-register.

All current 4K students will  
automatically receive a kindergarten  
packet.



Students need to bring a note to the  
Bus driver if you will be riding a  
*different* bus at the end of the day.  
Thanks!!

### Lunch Times

Kindergarten	12:05-12:30
1st Grade	11:20-11:45
2nd Grade	11:00-11:25
3rd Grade	11:50-12:15
4th Grade	11:30-11:55
5th Grade	10:50-11:15

### Early Pick Up Procedures...



Just a quick reminder  
to please send a note  
with your child for their teacher if  
they are leaving early for any  
reason.

## Front Loop Safety Reminder



The front loop is only for buses between 7:15-8:15am. Also, in the afternoon the front parking lot and front loop are for buses only from 2:45-3:25pm. No cars will be allowed to leave the front parking lot after 2:45pm until all buses have departed.

Thank you for following the procedures.  
Remember to drive slowly.  
We appreciate your cooperation.

## WINTER WEATHER

With the changes in the weather, please make sure your child is dressed to go outside. We will be outside on most days before school and during recess times.



**A special THANK YOU goes out to:**

**WSHS Drum Major Nate Krien**

**Le Coulee Cheese Castle Owner  
Nick Miller**

**Firefighter Francis Hollicky**

**for reading to our students at the PTO/Title 1 Celebrity Story Night!**



## UPCOMING IN MUSIC IN DECEMBER:

K: We will begin introducing a few of our songs for our March concert. Kindergarten students will continue to work on their musical skills through movement, singing, and playing instruments. We will even get to use an instrument called the boomwhacker!

1: We will study the Nutcracker ballet in December. Students will also be integrating classroom instruments into several different songs. We will continue learning about the musical staff and Mrs. G clef. Students will also get to hear their spring concert.

2: Students will hear a musical story by Pete Seeger called Abiyoyo. Students will then write a sequel to the story. They will be busy doing some square dancing, as well as getting their first peek at their spring concert.

3: Students will listen to their spring concert. They will also sing some songs from different cultures. Students will also incorporate bells and boomwhackers into some of their music making this month!

4&5: Students will be rewriting and recording song lyrics from one of their concert songs. They will also study the history of the Star Spangled Banner and use the chordbank app on the iPads to play several songs. They will also study the Nutcracker ballet.

