

WEST SALEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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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 1st. Report cards will be going home with students on Wednesday, December 13th. 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 on a daily basis. Our students will be outside for recess unless the temperature is below a real feel temperature of ten degrees. Please make sure to send your child with hats, mittens, boots, snow pants, and winter coats. Also please take time to label your child's items with initials or last name.

Staying on our expectations for recess, we would like to remind families and students of the following:

- Students are not allowed to use technology outside. This includes school iPads and personal items, such as cell phones.
- Students may bring outside toys, such as footballs, basketballs, etc, but should not bring toys used for inside.
- If a student brings a ball of some type from home, please let them know that they need to hang onto while bringing it back in the building. There has been quite a bit of playing catch in line after the bell.
- Students have been bringing whistles onto the playground and using them, please let students know they should **not** have whistles.

Thank you for your help.

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. If you drop your child off in the morning on either the North or South lot, please make sure to pull up to the sidewalk and let your child off on the sidewalk side. Out of courtesy of others, please do not park or get out of your vehicle. The safety of all of our children is so important, and with the parking lots being full due to construction at the middle school, ensuring a safe drop off is essential. Thank you for your cooperation!

We all want to make sure that we keep our children safe. Safety for our children isn't just with their peers, but also with the electronic devices that they use. Our children have so much available to them at the touch of their fingertips, and often curiosity can and will expose our children to content that is not age appropriate. As a school, we do periodic checks of students history on their iPads, but we also encourage this at home. If you have yet to check your child's history or would like a refresher, the link provided will allow you to go on and check your child's device so you are aware of what they are viewing. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4PK-XUektvU>

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!

EARLY RELEASE

Wednesday, December 13

**Students dismissed at 12:20pm
Buses leave at 12:30pm**

HOLIDAY BREAK

**No School from Friday, December 22nd -
Monday, January 1st**

School Resumes on Tuesday, January 2nd

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 reasons or please call the office at 608-786-1662.

Absences

Parents are requested to call the school between 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. whenever a child will be absent from school. You may also leave a voice mail message before 7:30 a.m. If we do not receive a call, the school secretary will contact you. This is done for the safety of your child, as we, along with you, need to be assured that your child is either at home or at school.

Four-Year-Old Kindergarten Registration/Screening

Mark your calendars now! 4K registration will take place on Tuesday, January 16th (for last names that start with A-L) and Tuesday, January 23rd (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, 2018 please join us.

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



4K Family Event **Friday, December 8th** **9am**

Where: West Salem Terrace

What: Enjoy Holiday Songs, Treats, Crafts



Kindergarten Registration 2018-2019

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, 2018 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!!

Urgent:

Tooth Bags Needed!!

The Elementary School provides tooth bags for students who lose a tooth at school. If you have any extra material and could sew a few tooth bags, the Elementary School could use some. The tooth bags can be dropped off at the Elementary School Office.



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.



School District of West Salem Substitutes Needed In All Areas

There may be a time that works for you! The District is seeking qualified individuals who would like the opportunity to become part of our substitute team. Substitutes should have strong interpersonal skills, professionalism and the ability to work well with adults, children of all ages and the public.

Hours for substitute for teachers, paraprofessionals, food service, and administrative assistants vary from 7:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Hours for substitute custodians and bus/vehicle drivers vary from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. with shifts ranging from 2-8 hours. Don't have a license to drive a school bus - We Will Train!

2 ways to apply: 1) Create an account on WECAN and apply for either a certified (substitute teachers) or support staff (all other) position. 2) Visit www.wsalem.k12.wi.us, mouse over Our District, and click Employment Opportunities and click on Application. Return the application and background check authorization to the District Office at 405 East Hamlin Street, West Salem, WI 54669



Students in 4K are showing a strong interest in building ramps, parking garages, parking lots, and construction sites. They would love the opportunity to have more vehicles for their creations. If you have Matchbox cars, Hot Wheels cars, or miniature John Deere or Caterpillar tractors and trucks that you would like to donate, 4K will happily use them. We would also appreciate a few donations for our dolls in the dramatic play area. We have several dolls, but they seem to need a few more outfits and accessories like a baby carrier and diaper bag! If you would like to donate please send them to school with a note to the attention of Karly Baganz, 4K Teacher. We appreciate your consideration!