

WEST SALEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Families,

The start of the New Year is a new beginning and an opportunity at the Elementary to renew our commitment to educating together every student, every one, everyday! January is a busy month with the preparations for an all school assembly, the first week back, to celebrate our student accomplishments and focus on our positive behavior system. Students will be taking mid year assessments as we continue to use data to ensure we are doing our best for our students.

Just some reminders as we move into the New Year about entry into our building. Students are to be dropped off after 7:15 am for the breakfast program. We have had some issues with students getting dropped off prior to this. We do not have supervision available prior to 7:15, so please help us and plan accordingly. Also, kindly remember that all entry into our building should be through our main office. This is not to hinder parent participation in our school, but it helps to ensure the safety of our students and staff throughout our building. Speaking of safety, with the cold temperatures of winter, please make sure that coats, boots, snow pants, hats, and mittens/gloves are sent with your child each day. I encourage all families to label their clothing. We have an ever growing "Lost and Found" section, and labeling of clothing would help a great deal in returning items to the proper child.

Thank you all for a wonderful 2016, and all of us at WSES are wishing all of our families a Happy 2017!

Ryan Rieber, Principal

Parent/Teacher Conferences

**Thurs. March 9
&
Tues. March 14**

NO SCHOOL

Mon. January 2
Mon. January 23
Fri. February 17

EARLY RELEASE

Wed. February 8

Kindergarten Registration 2016-2017

Now that West Salem has a 4- Year-Old Kindergarten program in place, we no longer have 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 office at 786-1662 to pre-register. All 4K students currently attending West Salem's program will automatically receive kindergarten enrollment information.



Tooth Bags Needed ASAP!

The Elementary School provides tooth bags for students who lose a tooth at school. **We currently have no bags.** 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.

Four-Year-Old Kindergarten Registration Screening

Mark your calendars now...

If you have a child who will be four years old by September 1, 2017, please call the Elementary Office to register your child.

You will receive a packet in the mail prior to the event.

Then plan on attending either Thursday, February 2nd (for last names that start with A-L) or Tuesday, February 7th (for names that start with M-Z) with your child.

Please come by 6:00pm to sign in and transition your child to a classroom for a variety of activities led by one of our 4K teachers. Social, communication, motor and early learning skills will be observed. An audiologist will be on hand for free hearing screenings by parent request. Handouts regarding various aspects of child development will be available to families. The parent registration meeting will be held in the assembly room at 6:30pm. The total time needed for the various activities will be approximately one hour 15 minutes. Please allow extra time if a hearing screening is requested.

Please note that registration cannot be completed without residency and birth certificate verification.

News from the Music Room

K-3 will begin working on their spring concerts in January. It's amazing what the students will accomplish with only 7 hours of work over the next 2 months!

4th grade students will begin studying music from the continent of Africa. At the end of the month we will begin learning about symphonies and their music to prepare for our trip to Viterbo University on March 16th for Symphony for Youth.

5th grade students will begin studying music by learning about a variety of composers and musicians from the 1700's through the present. They will eventually use their Ipad to create a book about one of these famous musicians.

Upcoming Music Concerts

Monday, March 6

Grade 1: 6:15pm

Grade 3: 7:15pm

Tuesday, March 7

Grade K: 6:15pm

Grade 2: 7:15pm

January 4K Event

**4K Bowling and Breakfast at
Features 9am on Friday, January
13th**



PE Department News:



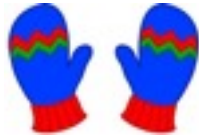
Once a year, per grade-level, PE (Physical Education) Nights are held from 6:30 to 7:30

pm in the Elementary School gym. Students must be accompanied by a parent. This is a night for the grade-level students and their parent(s) ONLY. Please do not bring younger or older siblings along. Various stations will be set up for students and their parents to participate in different activities. Tennis shoes need to be worn by all students and adults. See you there!

- 2nd grade PE night is Thursday, January 12th from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- 1st grade PE night is Thursday, January 26th from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

*All K-5th graders will be participating in the 8th annual **Jump Rope for Heart** event during school hours on Friday, February 10th. More information will be sent home with students in January.

Just a reminder that students should have a change of clothing that is appropriate for the season at school especially for our lower grades. If you have borrowed clothing from the nurse's office, please wash and return it.



If anyone has any gently used pants and/or underwear that their child has out grown, we are in need of boys and girls sizes 5-10.

Want to become a sub? Now is your chance!

Subs are needed in the following areas:

- Teachers
- Custodians
- Paraprofessionals
- Secretarial
- Kitchen
- Bus Drivers (Will Train)

Interested? Stop by the District Office at 405 E. Hamlin St, West Salem, or call 608-786-0700, or apply online at www.wsalem.k12.wi.us.



THANK YOU!

I want to thank everyone for donating shoes for my Soles4Souls shoe drive. My original goal was 350 pairs of shoes and thanks to everyone being so generous, I went over my goal by a lot! At my shoe drive kick-off in September, a 4th and 5th grade dance, I received 120 pairs of shoes! This dance was also a fundraiser for shipping costs and I raised over \$400! Since then, I have collected a total of 765 pairs of shoes! Additional money collections from members of Our Saviors Lutheran Church will also help me to send the shoes to Soles4Souls. The people who need and will get the shoes will be very grateful!

Ellie Slotten, 8th grader at West Salem Middle School

What?

A math challenge game board for students to complete during Winter Break, using the online games and books at GregTangMath.com. Students who complete the challenge can be entered into a prize drawing by their parent or teacher.



Prizes?

Students will win prizes from Greg Tang Math. All students who complete the challenge earn a certificate of achievement which can be printed by clicking [here](#). Teachers and parents can provide their own prizes for students who complete the challenge.

Who?

Kids in grades K-6 and above can participate in the challenge. Any teacher or parent can fill out the form for the prize drawing.

When?

Starting December 9th, ending January 6th, 2017.
Entry form due by January 11th, 2017
Prize winners announced on Friday January 13th, 2017

How?

Print the grade level game board.
After the game board is completed, enter student names for the drawing.
See the instructions at the right for more detailed information.

Why?

Students learn and practice math skills during Winter Break!
Students can win prizes!
It is FUN!

The current challenge is designed for students to challenge themselves over the winter break. Check it out. There are game boards designed for Grades K - 6. Please check out the following website for more information:

<http://gregtangmath.com/newyears>