

WEST SALEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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The start of the new year is a new beginning and an opportunity at the elementary to renew our commitment that together, we will educate every student, everyone, every day! January is a busy month with the preparations for an all school assembly 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. You will hear from your child about taking their Fastbridge assessment within their first weeks back from break. This is our district's mid-year check to see and ensure the growth of all of our students.

I want to thank parents for your feedback and patience as we followed our safety procedures with the potential threat that was made at the high school. We take not only educating our children seriously but also spend a great deal of time ensuring their safety as well. All of our staff and students did an outstanding job as we followed our procedures. Please know that as a district and staff we met and debriefed on the situation that we had to make sure that we can continue to improve and work on our safety procedures. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out and have a conversation.

Speaking of safety, with the anticipated cold temperatures of winter, please make sure that coats, boots, snow pants, hats, and mittens/gloves are sent with your child each day. Please take the time to label all clothing. Our "Lost and Found" section will again grow after the holidays and labeling of clothing would help a great deal in returning items to the proper children. Another safety note, when you are picking up and dropping off your child, please make sure to pull up to the curb in both of our lots. It is not safe to have three cars wide in our pick-up areas. As we accumulate more snow and ice it is essential that we follow these procedures.

Thank you all for a wonderful 2018 and allowing us to work with your children. West Salem is a very special place and we strive to do our absolute best every day! All of us at WSES are wishing all of our families a happy, healthy, and safe 2019!

-Ryan Rieber, Principal

Kindergarten Registration 2019-2020

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, 2019 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.

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 (elastic waist band preferably) and/or underwear that their child has out grown, we are in need of boys and girls sizes 5-8.

Please send snow pants, hat and mittens daily with your children. They will be outside daily if weather permits. Extra gloves and hats packed in backpack would be a great idea for those sloppy wet snowy days.

Four-Year-Old Kindergarten Registration Screening

Mark your calendars now...

If you have a child who will be four years old by September 1, 2019, 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 Tuesday, February 26th (for last names that start with A-L) or Thursday, February 28th (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.

WEST SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT



School Based Dental
Program Back For The
2018-19 School Year!

Bridging Brighter Smiles, Inc. will once again be offering preventative dental care right at your school! Visits are held throughout the school year and all students 4K – 12th grade are welcome to enroll.



Fall Visits Are Scheduled!

- West Salem Elem 1/8
- West Salem MS 1/9
- West Salem HS 1/9

SERVICES INCLUDE:

- Oral Screenings
- Cleanings
- Fluoride Varnish Applications
- Dental Sealants
- Dental Health Education
- Referral Assistance

To enroll your children visit
enrollment.bbsmiles.org

to complete an enrollment form
online.

**We accept the Forward Health
(Badger Care) Card!**

*(We do not bill/accept other private
dental insurances)*

Call **262-896-9891** or Visit **www.bbsmiles.org**

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

School starts at 8:00am. Children enter the building at this time and then the doors are locked immediately for security reasons. Children who arrive after this time need to enter through the main office for a tardy pass.

Student Drop Off Procedure

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Please read the following safety guidelines and procedures for student drop off, and be sure to inform all family members that assist with drop off of these procedures as well. We appreciate your cooperation.

Please observe the following if you choose to drop-off in either elementary parking lot.

- Arrive at school prior to 8:00 a.m.
- Drive at a slow speed and observe signs.
- Watch carefully for students or staff who may be crossing the parking lot.
- Pull as far forward as possible to ease traffic congestion. It's okay for your child to walk a little extra distance so that you do not back up traffic flow.
- If a car has not pulled forward and there is space ahead, please pass slowly and move as far forward as possible.
- Pull over to the sidewalk to drop off, staying in a single line of traffic. Forming a second line puts students at risk, as they must cross traffic to reach the sidewalk.
- Children should be ready to exit the vehicle when dropping off. Have backpacks on laps, ready to get out of the car quickly, so those behind you do not need to wait.
- Children should exit the vehicle on the passenger side to avoid moving traffic.
- Do not leave your car for any reason. If you need to come in the building, or walk your child to the playground, **park in a designated parking space**.
- The front loop is for buses only until 8:00 a.m. and then closes for buses at the conclusion of the day from 2:50 until 3:45 p.m.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!

**UPCOMING MUSIC
CONCERTS**

MONDAY, MARCH 4

GRADE 1: 6:15PM

GRADE 3: 7:15PM

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

GRADE K: 6:15PM

GRADE 2: 7:15PM

NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, January 1

Monday, January 21

Friday, February 8

EARLY RELEASE DAY

Wednesday, February 13

Students are dismissed at
12:20

Buses depart at 12:30

PE Department News:

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

1st Grade PE night is Thursday, February 7th
from 6:30-7:30pm

*All K-4th graders will participate in the Jump for a Cause event during school hours on Friday, February 15th. More information will be sent home with students in January.

*Kindergarten/1st Grade Rhythms Program will be held Thursday, April 4th

West Salem School District 3 yr old Child Development Days

Thursday, March 7 from 3:30-5:30pm

OR

Friday, March 8 from 9-11am

If you have a child who will be three by September 1, 2019 please plan on bringing your child to one of the free developmental screening clinics at the West Salem Elementary School. Early childhood staff and a speech therapist will be available to interact with your child while looking for specific developmental milestones. They will have you fill out a questionnaire regarding your child's development and take the time to discuss all of this with you. Please plan on the whole process taking approximately 45 minutes.

Please call Amber Clark at 786-1662 ext 3117 to let us know which date works for you.