

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 to educating together every student, every one, everyday! 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.

Just some reminders as we move into the new year about entry into our building:

1. Students are to be dropped off after 7:30 am for the breakfast program. We have limited staff on hand to accommodate early bus riders, but general supervision and breakfast begin at 7:30 am. We have had some issues with students getting dropped off prior to this.
2. Please observe the following if you choose to drop-off in either elementary parking lot.
 1. Arrive at school prior to 8:00 a.m.
 2. Drive at a slow speed and observe signs.
 3. Watch carefully for students or staff who may be crossing the parking lot.
 4. 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.
 5. If a car has not pulled forward and there is space ahead, please pass slowly and move as far forward as possible.
 6. 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.
 7. 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.
 8. Children should exit the vehicle on the passenger side to avoid moving traffic.
 9. 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**.
 10. 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.
 11. When leaving our parking lots to help with the congestion, we encourage parents to turn left out of our South lot and turn right out of our North lot. This will help the flow of traffic and help to alleviate backing up in our lots.
3. 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 2017 and helping us become a National Blue Ribbon School! Without your help and support, these positive recognitions would not be possible. All of us at WSES are wishing all of our families a happy, healthy, and safe 2018!

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NO SCHOOL
Mon. January 1
Mon. January 22
Fri. February 9
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EARLY RELEASE
Wed. February 14
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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.

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 5-8.

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, 2018, 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, January 16th (for last names that start with A-L) or Tuesday, January 23rd (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.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

School starts at 8:00 a.m. 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,

With the winter weather quickly approaching and the congestion in our parking lot due to the construction at the middle school this requires patience and planning during student drop off. 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.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!

UPCOMING MUSIC CONCERTS

MONDAY, MARCH 12

Grade 1: 6:15pm

Grade 3: 7:15pm

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

Grade K: 6:15pm

Grade 2: 7:15pm

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.



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!

- 1st grade PE night is Thursday, February 15th from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

*All K-5th graders will be participating in the 9th annual **Jump Rope for Heart** event during school hours on Thursday, February 8th. More information will be sent home with students in January.

*Kindergarten/1st Grade Rhythms Program Thursday, April 5th

2017 West Salem School District 3 yr. old Child Development

Days

Thursday, Feb. 22, from 3:30-5:30PM

OR

Friday, Feb. 23, from 9-11AM



If you have a child who will be three by September 1, 2018 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.

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.wsaalem.k12.wi.us**



