

# **WEST SALEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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It is hard to believe that February is already over and the recent weather has made it feel more like April. I want to take this time and thank all the families that took the time to fill out the survey that was emailed home. It is a great help and communication tool to help us know how to better service our families here at WSES. Just a reminder for parents that it is still very early March, and the weather can change very quickly! Our rule here at school is that legs and arms need to be covered until the temperatures are above 50 degrees. Making sure that your child(ren) are clothed properly will help them enjoy the time they are outside!

Parent/Teacher conferences are being held on the evening of March 9th and March 14th. The Skyward sign-up has been sent out. Please make sure to schedule a time with your child's teacher(s) so you can hear and learn about all the great things that your child(ren) are doing. Open lines of communication are critical between home and school so we can work together to help your child reach their fullest potential. During this time, we will also be holding our Scholastic Book Fair as well. It is a wonderful way to expand those home libraries and promote reading. Report cards for the second trimester will be sent home the week of March 20th. Many of these items will be discussed at Parent/Teacher conferences, however if you have any questions about your child's report card, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

March is a busy time for events at the Elementary. March is youth art month. Our art staff do a wonderful job of promoting the arts and allowing students to explore various media within their art time. We will be recognizing Read Across America Week the first week in March with a number of fun activities that will help bring school spirit and a focus on the importance of reading. Mrs. Hundt, our school librarian, has done a fabulous job and put in a great deal of work to make this event fun for everyone. Our 4th Grade students will be taking the NAEP assessment. A select number of students and schools take this assessment. This will take place on March 2nd.

Thank you for all that you do for your child, and as always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us!

-Ryan Rieber, Principal

## **EARLY RELEASE** **MARCH 15**

**STUDENTS WILL BE DISMISSED AT 12:20PM**  
**BUSES LEAVE AT 12:30PM**

**NO SCHOOL**  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 10**  
**FRIDAY MARCH 24**

## **RUNNING LATE????**

If your student is tardy for school, please either accompany them into the building or send them with a note explaining the absence.

School starts at 8:00am and students are considered tardy after 8:00am.



**Mark your calendars:** Parent/Teacher conferences will be held Thursday, March 9 and Tuesday, March 14 from 3:30-7pm. Please watch for more information to come regarding conference sign-up.



### **Teacher Assignments for the 2017-2018 School Year**

**We are in the beginning stages of making classroom placements for the 2017-2018 school year. Individual classroom teacher requests will not be accepted. However, you may fill out a Student Information Form to indicate concerns or pertinent information regarding your child. The Student Information Forms may be picked up in the Elementary School Office throughout the month of March and need to be returned to school by Friday, April 7th. If you have any questions or concerns about classroom placement, please call or make an appointment with Mrs Gerke.**

### **2017-2018 Elementary Registration for 4K through 5th Grade**

We will be having online registration again this year! Online registration will open in August. You will be able to fill out all registration material and make all payments online! If you do not have access to a computer, computers will be available on **Tuesday, August 15th from Noon**

**until 7:00pm** at the elementary school. Please mark your calendars now. August 15th is also the day you can have your school picture taken. Lifetouch will be here from Noon until 7:00pm. We will also have a retake day in September or October if you are unable to make it in August.



### **Nurse Notes:**

**It is that time of the year when we have many students needing to change out of wet or muddy pants and socks. Please send an extra pair of pants and socks with your child that can be kept in their locker or backpack. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.**

**The nurse's office is in need of gently used pants. Size 6 through 12 elastic waist pants work well. If you have any to donate, please drop them off in the elementary office.**

# Welcome to Summer School 2017



Summer school will be held July 17 - August 4, 2017 for incoming kindergartners through eighth graders from 8:30am to 11:40am.

Classes will be held at the Elementary School.

## The daily schedule is as follows:

**8:00-8:25 Student Drop off**  
**8:25 Bell**  
**8:30-9:20 Class 1**  
**9:20-9:50 Student Break/Snack**  
**9:55-10:45 Class 2**  
**10:50-11:40 Class 3**  
**11:50 Buses Dismissed**

### **\*NEW THIS YEAR\***

Incoming kindergartners will be attending all three weeks of summer school and will remain with the same teacher throughout the entire morning.

**\*\*Incoming first graders will register for "On the Road to First Grade" only\*\***

**Buses for summer school will run on main roads only**

**Summer school packets will be coming home Mid March**

Swimming lessons will be offered for all levels during the summer months. Swimming lessons will be separate from the three week summer school session but will continue to be free of charge for district residents. **Busing will NOT be provided for swimming lessons.** The sessions for swimming lessons are TBD.

**IF you have any questions regarding summer school please contact Lisa Gerke, Summer School Administrator at 786-1662 or [gerke.lisa@wsalem.k12.wi.us](mailto:gerke.lisa@wsalem.k12.wi.us)**

**Spring Music Concerts...**

**\*Monday, March 6\***

Grade 1 at 6:15pm

Grade 3 at 7:15pm

**\*Tuesday, March 7\***

Grade Kdg at 6:15pm

Grade 2 at 7:15pm

**\*\*students should arrive 15  
minutes prior to show time  
for all concerts\*\***

**Kindergarten/1st Grade  
Rhythms Program**

Thursday, April 6th

6:30pm

Elementary School Gym

March 30th will be the last  
**After School Art** meeting of  
the year. We have had a  
great year with many new  
artistic experiences.



Thank you to all who participated!



[www.nea.org/readacross](http://www.nea.org/readacross)



**Celebrate Reading  
Dr. Seuss Week  
February 27-March 3**

**Monday - "Whoville Day"**

Braids, pigtails, hair gel? Show your crazy hairstyle! \*

\*please, no spray-in hair coloring

**Tuesday - Thing One, Thing Two Day"**

Wear red and blue

**Wednesday - Wacky Wednesday"/ Fox in Socks Day**

Let's get silly! Wear your clothes backwards, inside  
out or mismatched.

Wear silly or mismatched socks.

**Thursday - Cat in the Hat Day"/ Dr. Seuss' Birthday**

Wear all black (red ties and stripe  
hats are optional).

**Friday - Hooray for Diffendooffer (West  
Salem) Day**

Wear your West Salem Apparel.

