

# WEST SALEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Where has the time gone? It is amazing how quickly this school year has gone, and it is true that time flies when you are having fun! As we come to the end of another school year it is important to reflect upon the service provided to our children by our employees. The week of May 8th is National Teacher Appreciation Week. One thing that I found out very quickly is what an amazing education students in the West Salem School District get, and this is due to all staff throughout all of the buildings. Every adult that comes in contact with your child is a teacher and everyone plays a role in educating our children.

As we talk with students, we remind them that the school day starts and ends on the school bus. Many of our children begin their day with members of our transportation department as they journey to school on a bus. We have come to expect a safe delivery of our children and that goal is met everyday by our transportation staff. Once the children arrive at school, many enjoy a nutritious breakfast, and later in the day a lunch provided by our food service department that gets to know your child on a first name basis and knows their likes and dislikes. Our paraprofessionals work with individuals and groups of children to meet their needs and provide supervision in the lunchroom, on the playground, and in the classroom. One of the busiest places in our school that serves the student population of 850 plus children is our nurse's station, staffed by our nursing staff who not only help with bumps and scrapes, but also a variety of illnesses. Our custodians/maintenance staff provide our children with a safe, clean, and inviting building to enter everyday. Our secretaries coordinate all of the demands of the office and support of all the rest of us, and teachers meet their students' needs everyday. Last but certainly not least is our teaching staff. Our teachers, guidance, and pupil service staff work tirelessly all hours of the day and all days of the week to ensure that your child is getting the best possible education and intervention possible. The staff in West Salem truly cares about kids!

Please take some time over this month of May to reach out and thank our staff members for doing so much for our most precious resource. On behalf of the students, parents, and community members we want to thank every educator for serving with passion, to ignite creativity, innovation, and excellence.

Ryan Rieber- Principal

## **EARLY RELEASE**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10  
STUDENTS ARE DISMISSED AT 12:20PM  
BUSES DEPART AT 12:30PM

## **NO SCHOOL**

MONDAY, MAY 29

## **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

FRIDAY, JUNE 9  
STUDENTS ARE DISMISSED AT 12:20PM

## **Are you Moving?**

**If you know that you will be moving out of the West Salem School District and your student will not be attending West Salem**

**Schools during the**

**2017-2018 school year, please contact the office as soon as possible. 786-1662**



## HOMEROOM PLACEMENT

We are beginning the process of homeroom placements using information from teacher and district assessments. Teachers, pertinent staff and principals work together to create these lists. Teachers provide: academic ability, behavior, social skill development, special programming and any other information to assist in homeroom placement for the upcoming school year. We know our students well (academically, behaviorally, socially, emotionally) but, if there is other information you think we should consider when making homeroom placement (family situation, health concerns, separation from other students) please fill out the student information form. This can be obtained in the office or on our website. We welcome pertinent information about your child in an effort for teachers and administration to better understand him/her. Parent requests for a specific homeroom will not be accepted.

On August 1st, each family can begin online registration, which will include homeroom teacher.

**Email !!** The Elementary communicates via e-mail. If you are not receiving email communications from the Elementary School, or do not have email please be sure to contact our office 786-1662.

### 2017-2018 Registration

We will again have online registration through Skyward Family Access for West Salem Elementary 4K through 5th grade students. Online registration will open up August 1st. If you are unable to register online, an in-house registration will be held on

**Tuesday, August 15th from**

**Noon-7pm.** Computers will be available to complete your online registration. **Also on August 15th**

**Lifetouch will be here to take students pictures.** Please mark your calendars and plan on attending.

**The Art Rooms will continue to collect brown grocery bags. You can drop off your donations in the office.  
Thanks in advance!**



**The Elementary School would like to thank the following persons for presenting during our annual Environment Day on April 5, 2017:**

Lucy Freeman-Puppeteer	Every Day is Earth Day
Heidi Masters & UWL Students	Ready, Set, Recycle
Ruth Nissen-WI DNR	On the River with a Fish Biologist
Jordan Weeks-WI DNR	Local Freshwater Fish
Brian Baker & MS Ecology Club	Reptile Talks
Jenny Lila/Stephanie Johnson-Tremp. (National Wildlife Refuge)	Rhythm of the River: Nature's Song
Kelly Rueckheim & HS Ecology Club	I Spy
Lindy Meyers, Erin Ellerbach, Jake Merrill-PE Teachers	Movin' Like Animals
Hallie Rasmussen- Upper Miss. River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge	Furs/Skulls
Vicky Eiben & Viterbo Students	Wisconsin Birds
Mary Callen-OEC Director	Fishing Around
Randy Hines-United States Geological Survey	Mississippi River Ecosystem
Jerry Haavind-Coulee Rock Club	Rocks and Fossils
WXOW Weather	Weather Academy
Hanna Mcbrearty-Necedah National Wildlife Refuge	Arthropods
Jim Kerkman-Fort McCoy Forester	Forest Animals
Chase & Jon Jones-Thousand Mile Hikers	Hiking the Ice Age Trail
Patty Ries-United States Geological Survey	Buzzin' About Bees
Bryce Richardson-Monroe County Soil & Water Conservationist	Soils
Cale Severson-Mississippi River Wildlife Technician	Miss. River Habitat Projects
Stacie Anthony-Gary's Rock Shop	Rocks and Fossils
Pat Hofer-Outdoor Enthusiast/Retired Teacher	National Park System in our BackYard
Scott Giese (WI Rural Water Association) & Loren Schwier (West Salem Water Superintendent)	Water Systems
Bob Hoffman-Hoffman Honey	Honeybees



**There will be WSES Artwork on Display at the Hazel Brown Leicht Memorial Library During the Month of MAY!**



**Walking School Bus**

Meet in front of St. Leo's Church at 7:25

The following will be leading or will be the theme for the walking school bus each Friday morning:

\*May 1-May 5th : Wheel to school Week Challenge - Logs to come

5-5-17 : Per Therapy Dog Matilda

5-12-17 : Mother's Day Walk - invite your mom to walk to school with you

\*May 17th : Bike Rodeo (5:30-7:00pm) Lions Shelter; more info to come

5-19-17 : Police Department

5-26-17 : WSHS Baseball Team

6-2-17 : Summer Fun

**4TH & 5TH GRADE TRACK AND FIELD MEET**

The Physical Education curriculum includes Track and Field this year. 4th and 5th grade students will learn about many different events and will participate in the track and field meet on Thursday, June 1st (rain date is Friday, June 2nd) from 10-3. We need many parent/guardian volunteers to help run the meet...please watch for more info in the near future!

**MAY & JUNE EVENTS**

<b>MAY</b>	<b>2-</b>	<b>GR 5 OEC (BU, CZ, AD)</b>	<b>16-</b>	<b>KDG TO OEC (WH/RA: AM) (HI/CH: PM)</b>
	<b>4-</b>	<b>GR 5 OEC (KJ,FI,HE)</b>		
	<b>5-</b>	<b>GR 5 CRANE FOUNDATION</b>	<b>17-</b>	<b>KDG TO OEC (MA/WA: AM) GR 3 MYRICK PARK</b>
	<b>9-</b>	<b>GR 2 OEC (CR, SER, GR) GR 4 FFA/FARM DAY</b>	<b>25-</b>	<b>GR 4 PRAIRIE DU CHEIN</b>
	<b>10-</b>	<b>EARLY RELEASE (DISMISSED AT 12:20)</b>	<b>29-</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL (MEMORIAL DAY)</b>
	<b>11-</b>	<b>GR 2 OEC (HE, SK, KO)</b>	<b>30-</b>	<b>GR 1 SMITH VALLEY SCHOOL</b>
<b>JUNE</b>	<b>1-</b>	<b>GR 4 &amp; 5 TRACK MEET (JUNE 2 RAIN DATE)</b>	<b>7-</b>	<b>1/2 OF GR 5 WILDLIFE REFUGE/ LA CROSSE QUEEN GR 3 CHILDREN'S MUSEUM</b>
	<b>6-</b>	<b>GR 1 MYRICK PARK 1/2 OF GR 5 WILDLIFE REFUGE/ LA CROSSE QUEEN</b>	<b>9-</b>	<b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL (DISMISSED AT 12:20) GR 1 PINEVIEW PARK GR 2 CHRIST ST JOHN'S PLAYGROUND GR 4 VET'S PARK</b>

