

# WEST SALEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Families,

Happy October! Our Walking School Bus started on Friday, September 23rd, and will continue to run on the Fridays that we have school through the end of November. This is an outstanding way for our students share some camaraderie in the mornings prior to school starting and get to know some people throughout our community. The Walking School Bus starts at St. Leo's Catholic Church at 7:20 in the mornings. This is a great way to start the day!

We do have breakfast that is served within our cafeteria every morning starting at 7:15. If you child arrives at school after 7:50, they will be offered a "grab-n-go" breakfast. If your desire is to have your child eat breakfast at school, please make sure that your child comes into the cafeteria to eat breakfast prior to going outside in the morning for recess. Students can go back outside when they have finished eating, but doing so will ensure that they get a good meal to start the day.

As a staff, we are updating our safety protocols within the elementary school as well. There will be more information that will be shared as we continue the process to help keep our building as safe as it can be. One item that I am asking all parents, guardians, and visitors to do is to make sure to check into the main office and wear a visitor badge any time that you come to visit us here at school. I appreciate your cooperation and attention to helping keep our building safe!

Parent/teacher conferences are on the horizon. Parent/teacher conferences will be held on October 20th and 25th from 3:30-7:00 pm. This is a great way to see how your child is progressing to start the school year. Connections between home and school are very important, and parent/teacher conferences are a wonderful way to build that relationship between home and school.

Thank you for all that you do and allowing us to work with your child!

Ryan G. Rieber

Together...every student, everyone, every day!

## No School

**Friday, Oct. 14th**

**Thurs. Oct. 27th**

**Friday, Oct. 28th**



## **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 Students are considered tardy after 8:00am

**Dates/Times/Phone  
Numbers to Remember!**

**Early Release Dates:**

Wednesdays  
Students dismissed at 12:20  
Buses leave at 12:30

November 16th

December 14th

February 8th

March 15th

May 10th

**No School Days**

October 14

October 27 & 28

November 23-25

December 23-January 2

January 23

February 17

March 10

March 24

April 14

April 17

April 28

May 29

**Phone Numbers**

Elementary School  
608-786-1662

Middle School  
608-786-2090

High School  
608-786-1220

West Salem District Office  
608-786-0700

**Lunch Times**

Kindergarten 12:05-12:30

1st Grade 11:20-11:45

2nd Grade 11:00-11:25

3rd Grade 11:50-12:15

4th Grade 11:30-11:55

5th Grade 10:50-11:15

**Recess Times**

Kdg- 9:50-10:10 & 11:45-12:05

1st Grade- 9:20-9:40 & 11:00-11:20

2nd Grade- 10:40-11:00 & 1:40-2:00

3rd Grade- 11:30-11:50 & 1:40-2:00

4th Grade- 11:10-11:30 & 1:15-1:35

5th Grade- 10:30-10:50 & 12:50-1:10



## Welcome Back Smiles 4 Life

The Cavity Crushers are back again for the 2016-2017 school year! Over 100 students in the West Salem School District currently participate in the Smiles 4 Life program that provides preventative oral hygiene care right at school. The program is open to all students in the district Pre-K through 12th grade.

Some students are receiving an extra cleaning and fluoride application in addition to their regular dental care in the community. Others are taking advantage of a very convenient way to keep up with their routine, preventative oral care.

Your child can also benefit from this care right at school. Simply stop in the school office to complete a one page enrollment form.

We are proud to be working together to make our school district a pain free zone full of bright smiles.

Smiles 4 Life, Inc 262-896-9891

### FALL MUSIC CONCERTS

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1**

**GRADE 4 AT 6:15PM**  
(REPORT AT 6PM)

**GRADE 5 AT 7:15PM**  
(REPORT AT 7PM)

Accidents happen and when they do, children often need to change their clothing. It is always a good idea to have an extra set of clothing packed in your child's backpack in case an accident should happen. The nurse's office would be greatly appreciative of any donated clothing. We are especially low on socks, boys and girls underwear (sizes 4T-8) and pants size 4T-10.



### Tooth Bags Needed!

The Elementary School provides tooth bags for students who lose a tooth at school. 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.



Thanks for your help!!

### PARENT REMINDERS.....

#### EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:

Please remember to keep the office informed of any changes in your contact information as soon as possible. It is important for us to be able to contact you in the event of an emergency.

## MAPL (MUSIC, ART, PHYSICAL ED. & LMC)

### **What's Happening in the Music Room?**

**K:** We have spent the first few music classes getting to know each other by singing and moving to some fun songs! One of the favorites is "Peeling My Banana". The students are very excited that we are now using instruments in music class!

**1st:** We have been reviewing some songs from last year to get us singing and moving right away in music class. We have started to decode and read music rhythms and will be learning about the musical staff very soon.

**2nd:** Second grade students have started learning how to read music from their music book. We have also been active learning a few new songs to start the year. The students enjoy a game with some new musical terms; piano and forte. Ask them if Mrs Jones has tricked their class with the Beehive song yet.

**3rd:** Third grade students are currently learning about different styles of music. If you ask them about classical, folk, blues, or jazz music, they should be able to tell you a little about the music and maybe even a composer or song. We will be soon begin reading note names in the musical staff.

**4th:** Fourth grade students are having a blast singing songs from the 1950s and 1960s! They are very excited to learn about Elvis, the Beach Boys, and the Beatles in class as we learn their music. Don't forget to mark your calendar for their concert at 6:15 on November 1st. Students can come dressed in their best attire from the 50s and 60s for the concert.

**5th:** Fifth grade students are having a blast singing songs from the 1980s! They are very excited to learn about all things 80s in class as we learn their music. Don't forget to mark your calendar for their concert at 7:15 on November 1st. We invite all concert attendees to come dressed in their best 80s outfit. It'll be totally tubular!

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### **News from the WSES PE Department:**

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

5th Grade PE Night is Monday, October 10th, 2016 from 6:30-7:30pm

4th Grade PE Night is Monday, October 24th, 2016 from 6:30-7:30pm

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## Calendar of Events

### October:

- 4: Picture Re-take Day
- 5: Grade 3 to OEC
- 6: Grade 3 to OEC
- 10: Grade 5 PE Night 6:30-7:30pm
- 11: Grade 1 to OEC Wizner & Brodsky
- 12: Grade 1 to OEC Antony & Christianson
- 13: Grade 1 to OEC Perz & Reedy
- 14: NO SCHOOL
- 18: Grade K to OEC
- 19: Grade K to OEC
- 20: Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30-7pm
- 24: Grade 4 PE Night 6:30-7:30pm
- 25: Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30-7pm
- 26: Grade 3 to Eagle Center
- 27: NO SCHOOL
- 28: NO SCHOOL

### November:

- 1: Music Concerts
  - Grade 4: 6:15 (report at 6pm)
  - Grade 5: 7:15 (report at 7pm)
- 3: Grade 4 to Madison  
Grade 3 PE Night 6:30-7:30pm
- 9: Grade 5 Choir to Mulders
- 10: PTO Story Night
- 16: Early Release
  - Students dismissed at 12:20pm
  - Buses leave at 12:30pm
- 23: NO SCHOOL
- 24: THANKSGIVING- NO SCHOOL
- 25: NO SCHOOL

### Famous Friday Walking School Bus

*Please join us at the corner of N Tilson & W Hamlin at 7:25am. We will leave for school at 7:30, arriving around 7:45.*

*Every child will receive a punch card that will be punched every time they participate. A full card equals a prize.*

#### Leaders and Themes:

*Oct 5: Police Officer (Wednesday)*

*Oct 7: WSHS Football Team*

*Oct 21: WS Fire Department*

*Nov 4: Pet Therapy Dog*

*Nov 11: Veteran's Day; Bring a Veteran to walk with us*

*Nov 18: WSHS Drum Majors and WS Panther*

### PTO Celebrity Story Night November 10th!

Watch for more information and pre-registration to come home soon!



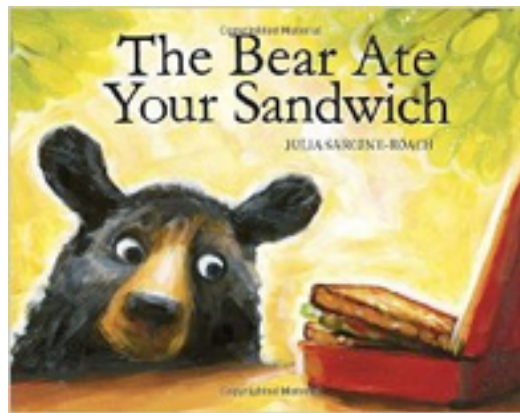
### 4K October Family Event

4K families are invited to watch the Homecoming Parade at 2:15 pm on Friday Oct 7th in front of Our Savior's Lutheran Church.



On Wednesday, October 26 4K - 5th grade students and staff will be participating in a program called, "Jump Start, Read for the Record." This national program encourages literacy in young children. Around the nation children will be reading the same book on the same day to set a WORLD record! At West Salem Elementary we will be taking a moment to listen to or read the same story. Classrooms may also participate in a reading connection activity, art project, buddy reading, or a reader's theatre. This year the story is called The Bear Ate My Sandwich by Julia Sarcone-Roach. The story is a classic tale of a bear's epic journey and the mystery surrounding one delicious sandwich!

If you would like more information about "Jump Start, Read for the Record," you can find it at: <https://www.jstart.org/campaigns/read-for-the-record>.



**Ellie Slotten, 8th grader at West Salem Middle School, is collecting new and gently used shoes for Soles 4 Souls. They are a non-profit global institution dedicated to fighting poverty. Your shoe donation helps people in the U.S. and around the world. She is also fundraising to collect for the shipping costs.**



**The shoe drive will run from September 21st through December 8th.**

**Boxes will be located at Altra Federal Credit Union in West Salem, Pizza Oven, West Salem Elementary and Middle School, and Our Savior's Lutheran Church in West Salem during the duration of the shoe drive.**

**Your old shoes could change a life!**

