

WEST SALEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Happy October WSES Families,

I want to thank all of you for a tremendous start to the school year! Attached in this newsletter are our drop-off/pick-up procedures. School safety begins before our students walk through the door. It is our goal to create an organized flow of traffic and parking to maximize safety and security. Thank you for your cooperation!

Our goal daily is to keep our building as safe as it can be for our students and staff. As you enter the elementary school during the day, we kindly ask that all parents, guardians, and visitors check into the main office, sign in, and wear a visitor badge. It is great to see visitors in the building and support our school, and we highly encourage this participation. We appreciate your cooperation and attention to helping keep our building safe!

Our Walking School Bus started on Friday, September 14th, 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 to 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!

Now that fall is upon us, we know that temperatures can swing very quickly. Please make sure that your child comes dressed for conditions. When temperatures are under 50 degrees, please make sure that your child comes to school with sleeves and pants. As temperatures increase, these can be removed, but please plan accordingly and pay attention to the weather conditions. Also, please make sure to label your child's coats and sweatshirts. This will help there to be less items in our lost and found.

Parent/teacher conferences are on the horizon. Parent/teacher conferences will be held on October 18th and 23rd from 3:30-7:00 pm. This is a great way to see how your child is progressing at the start of 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.

We have been recognized by the Wisconsin Response to Intervention (RtI) Center in reading at the Silver level for our work toward fully implementing a framework that leads to improved student outcomes. The framework helps to increase consistency of instruction, enhances staff skills, proactively provides support for learners, and builds stronger relationships with students. We are humbled to receive this recognition and continue to work to improve for all of our students.

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

Ryan G. Rieber

Elementary Principal

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

Dates/Times/Phone Numbers to Remember!

Early Release Dates

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

October 3rd

November 7th

December 5th

February 13th

March 6th

May 8th

No School Days

October 19

October 26

November 21-23

December 24-January 1

January 21

February 8

March 15

March 29

April 19 & 22

May 27

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 11:35-12:00

1st Grade 11:05-11:30

2nd Grade 11:25-11:50

3rd Grade 10:55-11:20

4th Grade 11:55-12:20

Recess Times

Kdg- 9:50-10:10 & 11:15-11:35

1st Grade- 9:20-9:40 & 10:45-11:05

2nd Grade- 11:05-11:25 & 1:40-2:00

3rd Grade- 10:35-10:55 & 1:40-2:00

4th Grade- 11:35-11:55 & 1:15-1:35

PARENT REMINDER....

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.

Accidents happen and when they do, children do 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 (size 4T-8) and pants size 4T-10 (kids love elastic waist bands).

Thanks in advance your help!!



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.



PICTURE

**RETAKE DAY
TUESDAY, OCTOBER
2ND**



Tardiness

Students entering the building after 8:00am will be considered tardy. Tardiness for reasons other than emergencies will be considered unexcused. For example, running late, overslept, and completing homework. Tardy students should be accompanied to the office by a parent or sent in with a note stating the reason for the tardy. If your child is going to be late, please call ahead and notify the office personnel.

Thanks for your cooperation!

Office Hours - School year office hours
are 7:15am to 4:00pm.
608-786-1662

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held Thursday, October 18 and Tuesday, October 23. Please watch for details on how to sign up.

**MAPL NEWS
(MUSIC, ART, PHYSICAL
EDUCATION, LIBRARY)**

NEWS FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

**4th Grade Fall Music Program "On the Radio" is
Tuesday, October 30 beginning at
6:15pm**

**Program will take place at Heider
Center
6:00pm arrival time.**

Bookmarks!

The students at WSES love bookmarks! The LMC is looking for volunteers to work from home to make bookmarks for our library users. Suggested size range is 1 1/2- 2" X 6-8". Bookmarks can be made from fun patterned scrapbook paper, old greeting cards, old picture books, cereal boxes, etc. What a fun activity to do with your child!

We Take Care of Our Books!

We are in full swing checking out library materials. Students have been taught or have reviewed the care that needs to be taken with borrowed materials. Of the many tips, here are the "Big 3."

1. Have a designated place to keep library books so you don't lose them.
2. Keep books clean and dry (food, weather, etc)
3. Keep books away from pets (especially puppies!)

News from the WSES PE Department:

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.

**4th Grade PE Night is Monday,
October 22nd from 6:30-7:30pm**

Walking School Bus

October 5--Therapy dog(s)

October 12--UW-L volleyball

November 2--UW-L football

November 9--Chief Ashbeck (West Salem Police Dept)

November 16--West Salem High School group FFA (Future Farmers of America)

We meet on the corner of Tilson and Hamlin at 7:20 a.m. and start walking to school at 7:30. Each participant receives a Walking School Bus punch card to put on their backpack and a charm to add each week. Once a card is completely punched, the child will receive a prize from our WSB prize box.

A Message from Ms. Lotspaih: Elementary School Art

I am very excited for my first year at West Salem Elementary School! The first month has flown by! Students from each grade level have created artwork that represents them. Kindergarten and first grade drew the first letter of their name, along with four things that describe them. Second grade, third grade and fourth grade wrote their name by incorporating drawings that express themselves. This has helped me learn about every student and for students to learn about each other. It is a joy to watch the art classes grown into learning communities!



Pictured: Kindergartners creating their letter drawings.

Calendar of Events

October:

- 2: ES Picture Retake Day
Gr 2 to the OEC (Flottmeier, Crow, Skaar)
- 3: EARLY RELEASE- students dismissed at 12:20pm
- 4: PTO Story Night
Gr 2 to the OEC (Hesse, Pearson, Servais)
- 5: Gr 3 to the OEC (Mathison, Allind, Deml)
Walking School Bus: Guest: Therapy Dogs
- 8: Gr 3 to the OEC (Schwartz, Patterson, LaFleur)
- 9: Gr 1 to the OEC (Brodsky, Chambers, Christianson)
- 10: Gr 1 to the OEC (Perz, Reedy)
- 11: Gr 1 to the OEC (Andersen, Antony)
- 12: Walking School Bus: Guest: UWL-Volleyball
- 15: KdG to the OEC (Hickey, Wagner, Macdonald)
- 16: KdG to the OEC (Wheeler, Christianson)
- 17: KdG to the OEC (Grams, Richling)
- 18: Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 19: NO SCHOOL
- 22: Gr 4 PE Night 6:30-7:30pm
- 23 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 26: NO SCHOOL
- 30: KdG to the Corn Maze (Hickey, Wagner, Macdonald)
Gr 4 Music Concert at Heider Center - 6:15pm
- 31: KdG to the Corn Maze (Wheeler, Christianson, Grams, Richling)
Gr 3 to the National Eagle Center

November:

- 2: Walking School Bus: Guest: UWL-Football
- 7: EARLY RELEASE- students dismissed at 12:20pm
- 9: Gr 2 to the Heider Center Play
Walking School Bus: Guest: Chief Ashbeck, WS Police Dept
- 15: Gr 3 PE Night 6:30-7:30pm
- 16: Walking School Bus: Guest: WSHS FFA Group
- 21: NO SCHOOL
- 22: NO SCHOOL
- 23: NO SCHOOL
- 29: Gr 2 PE Night 6:30-7:30pm

December:

- 5: EARLY RELEASE- students dismissed at 12:20pm
- December 24 - January 1 Winter Break- NO SCHOOL

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Drop Off, Pick Up, and Building Procedures

DROP OFF 7:30-8:00

- Parents may drop students off in either parking lot beginning at 7:30 a.m. When entering either parking lot **PULL AS FAR FORWARD AS POSSIBLE** to ease traffic congestion.
- 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. **DO NOT DOUBLE PARK!** Forming a second line puts students at risk, as students must cross traffic to reach the sidewalk.
- Have your child/children ready to exit the vehicle when you are in the drop off lane. 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 traffic and should go directly to the designated playground. K, 1, & 2 students are on the south playground, and grades 3 & 4 are on the north playground.
- **Do not exit your vehicle or leave your vehicle unattended in the drop off lane** for any reason. If you need to come into the building, or assist your child/children, you need to park in a **designated parking space**.

DROP OFF FOR BREAKFAST 7:15-8:00

- Parents may drop students off in the north parking lot (gym side) and students enter in door E.
- Those students getting dropped off in the south lot (kindergarten end) should walk on the sidewalk in front of the building and enter through door B.

DROP OFF AFTER 8:00 a.m.

- School starts at 8:00 am. When the bell rings, children enter the building and the doors are locked immediately behind them for building security. Children who arrive after 8:00 a.m. need to enter through the main office for a tardy pass. We do not want your child/ children to get locked out, so please do not send them running to catch up to the class. To ensure that your child is not tardy for school, please arrive 5-10 minutes prior to the start of the school day.
- Beginning at 8:00 a.m. there are several 15 minute temporary parking spaces in the front loop. The loop closes again for buses at the conclusion of the day from 2:50 until buses have departed.

STUDENT DISMISSAL/PICK UP 3:10

- Parents may pick students up in either parking lot. The south playground blacktop is also available for overflow parking at dismissal. Please park in rows, leaving enough room for cars to back up and pull out. Also leave a lane open for cars to enter and exit around the outside.
- The school playgrounds are closed to visitors during the school day. The playgrounds reopen for public use after the buses have been dismissed at 3:20. Children are not allowed to play on either playground at dismissal. Please inform any family members (Grandparents, siblings, etc.) who do not receive school Skyward messages of our school procedures.
- When exiting the south parking lot, we ask that you turn left on Mark St and when exiting our north parking lot, we ask that you turn right onto Mark St. This will help the flow of traffic and help to alleviate backing up in our lots.



**Back for the 2018-2019 School Year!
School-Based Dental Program**

Bridging Brighter Smiles offers preventative dental care right at school for students Pre-K through 12th grade. Visits are held throughout the school year. Services provided include: oral screenings, cleanings, fluoride varnish and dental sealants (prevents cavities).

We accept the Forward Health (BadgerCare) Card
(We do not bill/accept other private dental insurances)

Questions? Call 262-896-9891
www.bridgingbrightersmiles.org

ARE YOU READY FOR FLU SEASON?

As we head into winter and spend more time inside buildings, the flu season pays us a Wisconsin visit. Flu is a layman term for the influenza viral infection. The virus is transmitted by coughing, sneezing, contact with used tissues or contaminated hands and objects. The symptoms of influenza include:

- Fever with body temperature 100 degrees Fahrenheit or more
- Common respiratory problems such as cold and cough
- Congestion and runny nose
- Headache accompanied by muscle pains
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Chills and Fatigue

Prevention can be your best defense. Teach your child proper coughing and sneezing etiquette by using the inside of your elbow instead of you hand. Encourage proper disposal of tissues. Keep hands away for the face area. Frequent hand washing can also be helpful to decrease the spread of infection. Stay home when you are ill. Get plenty of rest and eating a balance. Talk with your medical provider or health department and consider receiving the influenza vaccine to help prevent the influenza infection.

Beth Clements RN
West Salem School Nurse

