

April 2021

WEST SALEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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April is a very busy month for the students here at West Salem Elementary. We are excited about our annual upcoming Environment Day, which will be Wednesday, April 7th. During this day of learning, students will attend a variety of environmental education workshops virtually! Shout out to Mrs. Jones for all of the organizing and coordination to make this a reality for us this year!

Students in third and fourth grade will begin taking the Wisconsin Forward Exam. Fourth-grade students will test throughout the week of April 12th, while the third grade will test on the 13th & 14th. Please be sure your children get great sleep and have some good meals this week so they are ready to do their best and rock this test!! Although this has been a very interesting year, our teachers have been working hard to prepare our students and we are excited to see how well they do on the exam. These results provide all of us an opportunity to see how your child has grown and continues to grow through his/her education at West Salem Elementary School.

Spring is here, however that still means unstable weather. Please send your child with long pants along with jackets and/or sweatshirts in the morning. Legs and arms need to be covered, preferably with a coat, until temperatures are above 50 degrees. Thank you for your help and support in making sure that your children come properly dressed to school!

Morning Drop-Off – please remember to wait until you are in the safe areas to drop your children off in the morning – we are all about safety first, and need your help in keeping ALL students safe! Thank you!

Our next PTO Meeting is on Thursday, April 8, 7pm ZOOM – if you are interested in joining this wonderful and supportive group, or even finding more out about how the PTO supports our students and teachers, please reach out and I will add you to our meeting!

Our next Parent Advisory Committee ZOOM meeting is on Tuesday, April 13, 6pm. We had some great discussions last time and I am looking forward to our next meeting!

Now that we are outside in grade-level cohorts, here is a great video from a Doctor of Physical Therapy on "11 Healthy Indoor & Outdoor Games & Activities for Kids!" Please take 10 minutes with your child(ren) to watch this great video! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZiGFTS4MiV0>

Thank you for your continued support in serving our children! We appreciate your partnership!
–Tami Bagstad, Principal

Spring Picture Day! Tuesday, April 13th!



Calendar of Events

April:

- 1: EARLY RELEASE DAY
students dismissed at 12:20
buses depart at 12:30
- 2: NO SCHOOL
- 5: NO SCHOOL
- 7: Environment Day
- 13: Spring Picture Day

May:

- 12: EARLY RELEASE DAY
students dismissed at 12:20
buses depart at 12:30
- 31: NO SCHOOL

June:

- 3: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
students dismissed at 12:20
buses depart at 12:30

SPRING WEATHER GUIDELINES

Please make sure your child(ren) are dressing appropriately for the inconsistent spring temperatures. It is still cold in the morning and students are expected to be outside each day. Please assist your child(ren) in dressing in layers to accommodate the changes in temperature throughout the day. If we feel that your child's clothing is inappropriate we will ask him/her to change or wear extra clothing we have at school.



Thank you in advance for your cooperation!!



April trips to the OEC

April 20: Hoff,
Schwartz, McKinney

April 21: Ihle, Wegner, Miller

April 22: All 4th grade classes

April 27: Allind and Deml

April 28: Hehli and Mathison

April 29: Lopez and Schiefelbein

Morning Reminders:

Students may arrive at school at 7:30 a.m. and report to the designated outside space.

K & 1 South Playground
2 - 4 North Playground

Supervision begins at 7:30 a.m. Students arriving before supervision begins will wait outside next to the building. Children need to wait for the 7:30 bell before going to the playground(s).

The bell to enter the building rings at 7:50. The doors are locked at 8:00 a.m. Any student arriving after the 8:00 bell should report to the main office for a tardy pass.

Drop Off Instructions:

PULL ALL THE WAY FORWARD in the drop off lane. If your child needs assistance getting out of the vehicle, please pull into a parking space.

WAIT FOR TRAFFIC to move ahead of you. Do not unload in the area along the fence. Drop off is along the curb only.

DO NOT STOP in the middle of the drop off lane if you are the only car at the time. Traffic gets backs up very quickly so **ALWAYS** pull forward.



April 7th is Environment Day

Thank you to these people for virtually presenting at our Environment Day! We appreciate their time and expertise.

Heidi Masters/UWL students

Cristina Stahl/Katie Goodwin–Necedah NA Wildlife Refuge

Brian Baker–WSMS

Erin Olson–Humane Society

Jim Kerkman/Ruby Kerkman–retired forester/teacher

Carol Labuzetta–Environmental Educator

Gretchen Newberry–Midwest Fisheries Center

Eric Pederson/Viterbo students

Hallie Rasmussen/Katie Julian–Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife & Fish Refuge

John Sullivan–OEC director

Todd Shea–National Weather Service of LaCrosse

Doug Aloisi–Genoa National Fish Hatchery

Pat Hofer–retired teacher

Jared Tabor& Alli–Northrup King/Syngenta

Isaac Bauer– West Salem Water Department

Andrew Asleseni–WI Rural Water Association

Shawn Giblin–Dept of Natural Resources



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News from the Art Room

These students in Ms. Lotspaih's classes have artwork that made it to state for Youth Art Month! The show is virtual this year! [2021 Youth Art Month State Exhibit](#)

Harper Haas (2nd grade)
Colton Stricker (3rd grade)
Nora Johnson (4th grade)

These students currently have artwork at the Heider Center for our K-12 Honors Show. Students with asterisks had their artwork chosen by a board member to be hung in the boardroom for the year!

Here is a link to the show!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nCE-aRMzmKY>

Grade 4	Grade 3	Grade 2	Grade 1	Grade K
Hudson Neubauer	Taylor Moore	Kenny Bornitz	Keirra O'Brien	Paisley Geier
*Cadyn Ciano	Kirsten Rasmussen	Elliott Wessel	Harper Hennessy	Willem (Vim) Vanden Herik
Alex Gutierrez-Nunez	Owen Draxler	Haley Buisman	*Harrington Mikshowskey	Memphis Herbst
Connor Fecht	Charlie Kasinger	Rylen Ives	Wyatt (Huck) Wilson	*Aubrynn Kreibich
Tavianna Viner	Ali Jones	Vincent Schloesser	Alise Jothan	Silas Van Cleave
Elsa Wolbrink	Kelise Brent	Riley Howe	Baer Brundage	Paysen Shafer
Rachel Szewczyk	Ava Stavlo	*Brooklyn Pedrin	*Aubriella Hart	Nevaeh Mickelson
*Benjamin Griffin	Liam Risch	Cole DelaRosa	*Annie Wright	Turner Luebke
Evelyn Hanson	Kevin Cruz Cruz	Hayden Rose	*Hailey Zitmann	Ella Burton
Blake Emery	Mason Gronemus	*Ashley Klonecki		Dayton Lemke
	Brantley Hart			