

# APRIL NEWSLETTER 2022



Hello Panther Families!

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 6th. During this day of learning, students will attend a variety of environmental education workshops virtually! Shout out once again to Mrs. Jones for all of the organizing and coordination to make this happen again this year!

Students in third and fourth grade will begin taking the Wisconsin Forward Exam. Third Grade will test during the week of April 4, and 4th Grade will test during the week of April 11. 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!! The results from the Forward Exam 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 Parent Advisory & PTO Meetings are Thursday, April 14 - please feel free to join if you are interested :)

Thank you for your continued support in serving our children! We appreciate your partnership!

-Tami Bagstad, Principal



We ask that there not be deliveries (flowers or otherwise) to school for students. Items are not given to students until the end of the day. This time of day tends to be quite hectic. We ask that you have deliveries sent to the student's homes. Thanks for your help with this!

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## Upcoming Events

### April:

- 6 - Environment Day
- 7 - 4k Outreach - Touch a Truck 6:45pm
- 14 - PTO meeting @6:30pm
- 15 - NO SCHOOL
- 18 - NO SCHOOL
- 19 - Snow Make Up Day (if not no school day)

### May:

- 2 - 4k Outreach - School Forest
- 11 - EARLY RELEASE DAY  
students dismissed at 12:20  
buses depart at 12:30
- 30 - NO SCHOOL

### June:

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

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## SPRING WEATHER

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

Thank you for your cooperation!!

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## Morning Reminders:

Students may arrive at school no sooner than 7:30am and report to their playground. Supervision begins at 7:30am when the bell rings.

### **K & 1 South Playground**

### **2 - 4 North Playground**

The bell to enter the building rings at 7:50. Doors get locked at 8:00am. Students arriving after the 8:00am bell should report to the office for a pass.

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## April 6th is Environment Day

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

**John Sullivan - WSSD OEC Director**

**Erin Olson - Humane Society**

**Shawn Giblin - Department of Natural Resources**

**Katherine Julian/Hallie Rasmussen-Fish & Wildlife Services**

**Heidi Masters/UWL students**

**Jordan Weeks - Department of Natural Resources**

**Carol Labuzetta - Environmental Educator**

**Cristina Stahl/ Katie Goodwin - Necedah NA Wildlife Refuge**

**Jared Tabor - Syngenta**

**Pat Hofer - retired teacher**

**Andrew Aslesen - WI Rural Water Association**

**[Kelly Rueckheim - WSHS teacher](#)/HS students**

**Eric Pederson/Viterbo students**

**Brian Baker - WSMS teacher/MS students**

**[Kate Abbott - National Weather Service](#)**

**Jim & Ruby Kerkman - retired forester/teacher**

**Cathy Techtmann - University of Wisconsin Extension**

**Erica Rasmussen from the Genoa Fish Hatchery**

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## Want to order an elementary school Yearbook?

Orders can be placed online through the link below. Orders will be delivered to the school in late May.

### [Jostens Yearbook orders](#)

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Our Farm2School vegetable this month is edamame. Here is a quick video

of how to make a great edamame dish! [Edamame Video](#)

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Summer School Course Handbooks will come out the week of April 4th

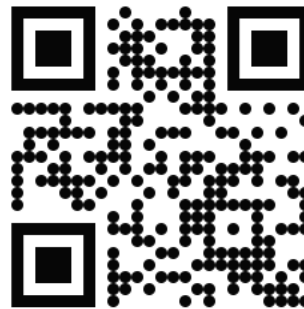
and Registration will begin April 26th at 6:00pm.

You will be notified through Skyward and everything will be posted on the district's summer school website.

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## Referendum 2022

The School Board approved a resolution at their January 10th board meeting to hold a referendum on April 5, 2022 to exceed the district revenue limit for three years for non-recurring purposes.



Please see the QR code below for more information regarding this referendum.

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Quick reminder...

Please send a refillable water bottle with your student. It is

important to stay hydrated throughout the day.