



WEST SALEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Thanksgiving has come and gone and the winter holidays will be upon us shortly, when it seems that school just started this year!

Report cards will be going home with students on Wednesday, December 9th. Please take time to review the report card with your child. The report card is a great way to communicate student growth during the year. With the situation this year, please know that your children have been working very hard to meet their academic standards, and you may see some that have not yet been assessed. Seeing your child grow from trimester to trimester is what we are also looking at here at WSES. Starting strong is good, but finishing strong is what we all strive for! If you have any questions please contact your child's teacher. Please also continue reaching out with any online questions or concerns, as we are here to support you in any way we can!!

With the winter months and its snow upon us, we offer a few reminders. Have your child dressed for the weather every day. Our students will be outside for recess unless the temperature is below a real feel temperature of zero degrees. Make sure to send your child with hats, mittens, boots, snow pants, and winter coats and take the time and label all items.

Please continue using extra caution when dropping off and picking up your child. The sidewalk and parking lots can be slippery. Please make sure to slow down, look, and take a few extra minutes for the safety of all. If you drop your child off in the morning on either the North or South lot, make sure to pull up to the sidewalk as far forward as possible, and let your child off on the sidewalk side. As a courtesy to others, please do not park or get out of your vehicle. The safety of all of our children is of utmost importance. Thank you for your cooperation!

Having problems with your school issued technology? You can complete a Help Desk Ticket - This can be found on the district website under Families > Technology Help. If there is an immediate issue in which your child can not attend a required meeting because of a technology problem, please call 608-786-5319. This number is for emergency online learning connection issues only.

On behalf of the West Salem Elementary staff, I want to wish all of our families a safe and joyous holiday season! We all have a great deal to be thankful for every day, and I am thankful for the opportunity to be able to work with our wonderful staff, your children, and you on a daily basis! West Salem is a wonderful community, and I am grateful to help serve the staff, students, and families!

Thank you, Happy Holidays, and a safe and joyous New Year!

Tami Bagstad- Principal

We are aware that this mode of learning is different from anything we have experienced before, and we understand that it causes many challenges. We would like to THANK YOU for continuing our partnership in helping your children experience educational success during this unprecedented time. We know that online learning can never replace our face-to-face instruction techniques, but please know that our teachers are continuing to provide quality lessons and designing activities to reinforce important concepts. We know that connections with teachers and classmates are more important than ever right now as we continue to learn from home! If you are struggling with engagement, time management, the work, a schedule, or anything related to school, please reach out to your teacher - we are here to help, and will support you in any way we can!

**Four-Year-Old Kindergarten
Registration/Screening**

Mark your calendars now! 4K registration will take place in the evening on Tuesday, February 23 and Thursday, February 25 and on Friday, February 26 in the afternoon. If you have a student who will be four years old by September 1, 2021 please join us.

Additional information will be shared as we get closer.

Contact the elementary office at 786-1662 to register prior to the event.

**NO SCHOOL
HOLIDAY BREAK**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24 -
FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2021**

**SCHOOL RESUMES ON MONDAY,
JANUARY 4TH, 2021**

**Kindergarten Registration
2021-2022**

If you have a student who will be five years old by September 1, 2021 and your child **does not attend** our 4K program, please contact the elementary school office at 608-786-1662 to pre-register.

All current 4K students will automatically receive a kindergarten packet.



From the School Nurse:

Students who have signs of COVID symptoms should stay home. In order for students to return to school, parents will be required to show proof of negative or positive COVID-19 test results upon receipt of them for verification purposes. Students diagnosed with another illness must provide a doctor's note indicating the reason for the illness. Notes from your family physician can be emailed to District Nurse, Beth Clements at clements.beth@wsalem.k12.wi.us . Do you have specific questions? Click on the links below for help in answering your questions.

[How do I screen my family for symptoms of COVID-19?](#)

[Should I send my child to school?](#)

[I've been identified as a "close contact". What do I do?](#)

[COVID-19 fact sheet from Wisconsin Department of Health Services.](#)

[How can I help Stop the Spread?](#)

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A huge thank you goes out to the volunteer readers for our virtual story night:

Union State Bank- Patty Gjertsen
Le Coulee Cheese Castle-Nick Miller
West Salem Veterinary Clinic-Cord Brundage

A big thanks to PTO for providing books to put into our classroom libraries!

Absences

Parents are requested to call the school between 7:30am and 8:30am whenever a child will be absent from school. You may also leave a detailed voice mail message before 7:30am. If we do not receive a call, the school office will contact you. This is done for the safety of your child, as we, along with you, need to be assured that your child is either at home or school.



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