

December 2022 NEWSLETTER



Happy Holidays! Here is hoping you all enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday filled with gratitude, good food, and minimal disputes with your eccentric relatives...

The weeks between Thanksgiving and the upcoming winter holiday break can often be the most trying weeks of the school year. The full arrival of winter, the lack of sunlight, seasonal illnesses, and holiday pressures can be overwhelming. Please take a little extra time to care for yourself and your children. Pay extra attention to the little things like sleep, diet, exercise, and hygiene. And, remember that the best present you can offer your child is your presence.

Report cards will go home to parents on Wednesday, December 7th. New this year is a reporting category called "Paws." This new category is connected to our school wide behavior expectation of the West Salem Way. During this first reporting period only the music, art, physical education, library, and technology teachers will be reporting in this area. We plan to include a report by the classroom teachers on the next report card.

Thank you to the many parents and students who attended the recent Camp Read-A-Lot. The response to this exciting event has been very positive. A special thank you goes out to Reading Interventionist, Ashley Hanson and the entire reading team for a wonderful event. Well done West Salem.

A few other December reminders:

- Please remember to call the school office if your child does not feel well and will miss school for the day.
- Label your child's coat, hat, boots, mittens, and snow pants. We have greatly reduced the number of lost items and those with labels are easy to return.
- Please take extra care when dropping off or picking up your child from school. Winter just makes everything harder. Safety is everyone's responsibility.

Please enjoy a safe, joyful, and just plain fun holiday season.

Troy Gunderson, Co-Interim Principal

Roger Fruit, Co-interim Principal

Charlie Alexander, Associate Principal

THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL

December 23-January 2

Classes resume Tuesday,
January 3rd, Enjoy your holiday
break!

Kindergarten Registration 2023-2024

If you have a student who will be five years old by Sept. 1, 2023 and your child does not attend our 4K program, please contact the elementary school office at 608-786-1662 or email frank.jane@wsalem.k12.wi.us to pre-register.

All current 4K students will automatically receive kindergarten registration information.

Four-Year-Old Kindergarten Registration/Screening

Mark your calendars now! 4K registration will take place in the evening on Monday, February 20th and Thursday, Thursday, February 23rd. If you have a student who will be four years old by September 1, 2023 please join us.

Additional information will be shared as we get closer.

Contact the elementary office at 786-1662 or email frank.jane@wsalem.k12.wi.us to register prior to the event.

WINTER WEATHER REMINDERS

All children will be outside for recess when the temperature feels like 0 degrees or above.

Before school, children will be outside when the "feels like" temperature is 10 degrees or above.

Please dress children accordingly. The children will only be inside for recess on days that are below zero.



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.

4K Holiday Events

December 9th

9-10am Gift making for Lakeview at school
10-10:30am delivering gifts to Lakeview and then doing a letter hunt outside.

December 20th

DURING SCHOOL - West Salem Terrace for holiday bingo

NEWS FROM PE

Grade 3 PE Night December 8th - 6:30pm



Hello WSES Families -
Your WSES PTO is having
our monthly meeting

December 8th at 6:30 p.m.

at the elementary school LMC. Enter the elementary school through "E" Doors, on the north side of the building. We'll be discussing upcoming events that include volunteer opportunities and fundraisers.



If Zoom is a better option for you to attend, send us your

email to get on the list at:

WestSalemPTO@wsalem.k12.wi.us

Can't wait to see you!

AFTER SCHOOL MESSAGES

When calling the elementary office for an after school message, please leave the information with Jane or Kathy in the office. Please do not leave the information on a teacher's voicemail. We will make sure the information is relayed to the classroom.

All school menus and other school nutrition items are on the [School Nutrition Website](#).



Did you know that you can track your child's food service purchases in [Skyward Family Access](#)? Just select the "Food Service" tab.



Did you ever wonder why you are receiving low or negative food service balance notifications or wonder how to manage them?

An automated phone/email messaging system will begin sending messages, Monday - Friday, to **all parents/guardians associated with any child** on the food service account when the

account falls below \$10.00 (normal price)/\$3.00 (reduced price)/\$0.00 (free).

If you are not the payor on the food service account and wish to not receive these messages, here are the steps you can take.

1. Login to **Skyward Family Access**. (If parents or guardians do not have access to Family Access, they can request their user id and password from the building secretary.)
2. Select the student you would like to manage notifications for and go to the **Skylert** tab.
3. Make adjustments to what is checked in the **Food Service** column.
4. Click on **Save**.

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Please have your child dress for changing conditions. Make sure your child comes dressed in layers including pants and long sleeves. Also, **PLEASE LABEL** your child's coat/hat/gloves/etc. Hundreds of items get donated because they are not claimed or labeled.

Checkout some of our coats that are in our [lost and found](#).

News from the Art Room

Mrs. Staebell chose one piece of student artwork from each of my 26 classes to hang at the Hazel Brown Leicht Library for the month of December! See our selection [here](#).

December 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1 ES - Day 3 ES - After School Art	2 ES - Day 4	3
4	5 ES - 5 ES - 4k Outreach	6 ES - Day 1 Family Math Night	7 ES - Day 2	8 ES - Day 3 ES - Gr3 PE Night ES - After School Art PTO Meeting	9 ES - Day 4 ES - 4k Outreach	10
11	12 ES - 5 School Board Meeting	13 ES - Day 1	14 ES - Day 2	15 ES - Day 3 ES - After School Art	16 ES - Day 4	17
18	19 ES - 5	20 ES - 4k Outreach ES - Day 1	21 ES - Day 2	22 ES - Day 3	23 ES - NO SCHOOL NO SCHOOL	24
25	26 ES - NO SCHOOL NO SCHOOL	27 ES - NO SCHOOL NO SCHOOL	28 ES - NO SCHOOL NO SCHOOL	29 ES - NO SCHOOL NO SCHOOL	30 ES - NO SCHOOL NO SCHOOL	31

Presented by UWL & WSES PTO

West Salem Elementary Whole School

Math Night

Date: December 6th
Time: 5:30p- 7:00p
Location: WS Elementary School

Discover ways to help your child. Learn the strategies used in class. Fun for the whole family!

All children must be accompanied by an adult

Please return this portion to school by Nov. 30th

Yes we will be attending: _____ Total Number of Adults: _____

Number of Children: _____ Age(s) of Children: _____