



WEST SALEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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It is difficult to believe that we have already turned the calendar to 2020. We are excited about what this upcoming year will bring to all of us and all of our families. January will be a busy month with the preparations for an all-school assembly to celebrate our student accomplishments, focus on our positive behavior system, and to celebrate the half-year mark in our school year. You will also be hearing from your child about taking their Fastbridge assessment within their first weeks back from break. This is our district's mid-year check to see and ensure the growth of all of our students.

In December, our monthly safety drill was our hide/barricade procedures. I wanted to share with you that all of our students and staff did a wonderful job with this. Going through and inspecting the building during the drill, 100% of our classrooms were secured and all students and staff were not visible from the hallways. We communicate to our students that the most important thing that they can do in any emergency/safety event is to listen to the adults.

The holiday season and the winter months can be very stressful for us as adults, but also for our children. In this month's parent segment, I would like to pass on this short video on promoting positive mental health. With the holidays and long winter, we can all experience a sense of "cabin fever." Our kids do the same. Take a couple minutes and see what we can all do to help our kids!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NjKR9qfOgOA>

With new clothing items being given during the holidays, it is inevitable that our "Lost and Found" section will again grow. Labeling clothing would help a great deal to be able to return items to the proper owner. Thank you for a wonderful 2019 and for allowing us to work with your children. West Salem is a very special place and we strive to do our absolute best every day! All of us at WSES are wishing all of you a happy, healthy, and safe 2020!

Ryan Rieber, Principal

Kindergarten Registration 2020-2021

Now that West Salem has a 4-Year-Old Kindergarten program in place, we will no longer be hosting a kindergarten registration. If you have a student who will be five years old by September 1, 2019 and your child does not attend our 4K program, please contact the elementary school office at 786-1662 to pre-register.

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

Just a reminder that students should have a change of clothing that is appropriate for the season at school especially for our lower grades. If you have borrowed clothing from the nurse's office, please wash and return it.

If anyone has any gently used pants (elastic waist band preferably) and/or underwear that their child has out grown, we are in need of boys and girls sizes 5-8.

Please send snow pants, hat and mittens daily with your children. They will be outside daily if weather permits. Extra gloves and hats packed in backpack would be a great idea for those sloppy wet snowy days.

Four-Year-Old Kindergarten Registration Screening

Mark your calendars now...

If you have a child who will be four years old by September 1, 2020, please call the Elementary Office to register your child. You will receive a packet in the mail prior to the event.

Then plan on attending either Tuesday, January 14th (for last names that start with A-L) or Thursday, January 16th (for names that start with M-Z) with your child.

Please come by 6:00pm to sign in and transition your child to a classroom for a variety of activities led by one of our 4K teachers. Social, communication, motor and early learning skills will be observed. An audiologist will be on hand for free hearing screenings by parent request. Handouts regarding various aspects of child development will be available to families. The parent registration meeting will be held in the assembly room at 6:30pm. The total time needed for the various activities will be approximately one hour 15 minutes. Please allow extra time if a hearing screening is requested.

Please note that registration cannot be completed without residency and birth certificate verification.

UPCOMING MUSIC CONCERTS

MONDAY, MARCH 9

GRADE 1: 6:15PM

GRADE 3: 7:15PM

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

GRADE K: 6:15PM

GRADE 2: 7:15PM

NO SCHOOL

Wednesday, January 1

Monday, January 20

Friday, February 14

EARLY RELEASE DAY

Wednesday, February 5

Students are dismissed at
12:20

Buses depart at 12:30

PE Department News:

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. See you there!

1st Grade PE night is Thursday, January 9th
from 6:30-7:30pm

*All K-4th graders will participate in the Jump for a Cause event during school hours on Thursday, February 13th. More information will be sent home with students in January.

*Kindergarten/1st Grade Rhythms Program will be held Thursday, April 2nd

Dear WSES Families,

Student drop off at the elementary school begins at 7:30 a.m. There is no supervision on the playground before 7:30. If you arrive with your child/children before 7:30, please have your child/children wait with you in your car. You may see some students or staff in the building, however, this supervision is to accommodate our early/first bus route students. We have very limited supervision at this time, and the majority of our supervision staff arrives at 7:30. If you have questions or need help with morning child care, please call our office and we can advise you of some options.

Beginning at 7:30, if the flag is out in the morning, it means we are inside. Here is a reminder of our **Before School Inclement Weather Inside Student Locations:**

Grade K - Assembly Room

Grade 1 - Front Gym

Grade 2 - Back Gym

Grades 3, 4 - Upstairs Hallways

**Students in grades K-2 may take backpacks/coats to lockers first before going to the inside location spot.

Please remind your child/children where to go in the morning when the flag is out.

West Salem School District 3 yr old Child Development Days

Thursday, February 27th from 3:30-5:30pm

OR

Friday, February 28th from 9-11am

If you have a child who will be three by September 1, 2020 please plan on bringing your child to one of the free developmental screening clinics at the West Salem Elementary School. Early childhood staff and a speech therapist will be available to interact with your child while looking for specific developmental milestones. They will have you fill out a questionnaire regarding your child's development and take the time to discuss all of this with you. Please plan on the whole process taking approximately 45 minutes.

Please call Amber Clark at 786-1662 ext 3117 to let us know which date works for you.

Wisconsin Crossing Guard Recognition Week

Monday, January 13-

Friday, January 17



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

1- NO SCHOOL
9- GR 1 PE NIGHT 6:30PM
14-4K REGISTRATION (A-L)
16-4K REGISTRATION (M-Z)
20-NO SCHOOL
31-PTO MOVIE NIGHT

FEBRUARY

5-EARLY RELEASE
11-P/T CONFERENCES
13-JUMP FOR A CAUSE
P/T CONFERENCES
14-NO SCHOOL

MARCH

2-PTO SCIENCE NIGHT
4-EARLY RELEASE
13-NO SCHOOL
19- GR 4 TO MADISON
27-NO SCHOOL

APRIL

1-ENVIRONMENT DAY
10-NO SCHOOL
13-NO SCHOOL

MAY

13- EARLY RELEASE DAY
25- NO SCHOOL

