

January 2022

WEST SALEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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We are excited to welcome our students back on January 3! Can you believe 2021 will be "last year" when we return?!?!?

Our PTO is up and running, and has already hosted 2 events!! Check them out if you would like some fun adult time each month!!

Upcoming dates to check out:

Thursday, January 13 - Parent Advisory 6pm, PTO 6:30pm

Monday, Jan 17 - In Service Day (No School for students)

January is also the time for our district's mid-year checks to see and ensure the growth of all of our students! Our teams are preparing to get everything put into place, and are very excited to see where our students are at - we have some great supports, practices, and procedures in place for ALL students to experience success :)

Mental health is more important now than ever! If you have 3 minutes to watch the following video, it gives some great information and ideas for how we can all provide opportunities to promote positive mental health! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NjKR9qfogOA>

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!



Kindergarten Registration 2022-2023

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, 2022 and your child does not attend our 4K program, please contact the elementary school office at 786-1662 to pre-register.

CALENDAR

Monday, January 17: NO SCHOOL

Wed. February 9: Early Release Day
Students are dismissed at 12:20pm

Tues. Feb 15: Parent/Teacher
Conferences

Thur. Feb 17: Parent/Teacher
Conferences

Friday, February 18: NO SCHOOL

Tues. Feb 22: Move for A Cause

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.



Please continue to save POP
TOPS to benefit the
Ronald McDonald House of
Madison! We will keep a container
at the elementary school!



4K Screening & Registration and Child Development Days

If you have a child who will be four years old by September 1, 2022 please pre-register your child for our 4K enrollment.

Contact the elementary school office at 608-786-1662 or email Jane Frank at frank.jane@wsalem.k12.wi.us to pre-register. Once registered you will receive an email in February with more registration information and the opportunity to sign up for an in-person screening.

In-person screening sessions will be either, Tuesday, March 1st or Thursday, March 3rd.



West Salem School District 3 yr. old Child Development Days
Thursday, Feb. 24, from 3:30-5:30PM
OR
Friday, Feb. 25, from 9-11AM

As part of on-going Child-Find efforts our district will be hosting free developmental screening clinics at West Salem Elementary School. We will be using the Ages and Stages online questionnaire, paired with in-person screening sessions. Early Childhood staff and a speech therapist will be available to interact with your child while looking for specific developmental milestones.

If you have a child who will be three years old by September 1, 2022 please contact Amber Clark at 608-786-1662 ext 3117 or clark.amber@wsalem.k12.wi.us in order to get a link for the online ASQ and to sign-up for a screening time. Please plan on the whole process taking approximately 30-45 minutes.



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West Salem Elementary PTO - We're still here!

YES, PTOs are still a thing! Ours is still very active in our school.

YES, we would love you to get involved with it! Parent involvement is proven to improve performance in the school, in both children AND staff.

YES, we do have monthly meetings to give you that chance! The second Thursday of the month, in the elementary school LMC, at 6:30 p.m.

YES, we do offer a virtual option to attend! Email us to get the link sent your way.

WHY do we need a PTO and what is it?

The West Salem Elementary PTO's (WSES Parent and Teacher Organization) mission is to provide educational, cultural and fun, family enrichment activities for our community. The PTO also provides financial support for special projects, equipment and activities through fundraisers; and serves as a resource for educators and school administration. We uphold this mission by providing family fun nights, most recently a coloring event that donated the colored pages to our local nursing homes; and fundraisers, most recent of which was the Spirit Wear fundraiser. These events encourage families and school staff to connect with each other. The fundraisers have allowed the PTO to provide the school with new play ground equipment, bike racks, book bins in the LMC and more!

"When parents are involved at school, the performance of ALL the children at school, not just their own, tends to improve. The more comprehensive and well planned the partnership between school and home, the higher the student achievement." Henderson, A.T., and Nancy Berla. 1995. *A New Generation of Evidence: The Family Is Critical to Student Achievement*. Washington, DC: Center for Law and Education, 14-16.

Every bit of involvement is appreciated - attend meetings, volunteer at an event, even join a committee. The opportunities to continue to elevate our children and our school is endless, we'd love it if you would join us in making things happen!

Email us: WestSalemPTO@wsalem.k12.wi.us

Next Meeting: January 13, 2021 at 6:30, WSES LMC

