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WSMS Families,

Inside this Issue:

Congratulations to students, parents and staff on a positive end to a challenging school year. Looking back we have all had opportunities to grow as individuals and as a community of learners. We've also had the opportunity to collaborate on innovative ways to meet student needs within an ever changing situation. Well done everyone, we made it.

We wish our 8th graders the best as they continue their educational journey at the high school. We know you'll do very well in the next stage of your education. You're ready, and the end to this school year is one you won't soon forget!

I want to draw your attention to the many items contained within this newsletter. Some are year-end items and others are items that pertain to next school year. Please feel free to keep this newsletter someplace handy, as you may want to reference it over the next couple of months. I would also ask parents to stay connected and read our monthly newsletters and other communications from the district this summer as we strive to keep you updated on matters related to this fall.

As always, we encourage you to take an active role in building relatic with your child, our staff and community. We thank you for your cont support of our efforts as we work together to provide the best middk school experience for your child.

Stay healthy, be well, and have a great summer!

Stay Safe,

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Upcoming Events - May/June

- 18/19 - last day teachers post assignments
- 26-29 - get all assignments turned into teachers
- June 1-4 - drop off/pickup of school items

Attn: 8th Graders

Link Crew Orientation
Virtual or Face to Face
mid-late August.

*watch email this summer
for more information

Upcoming for July and August

- July 20 - August 7 - Online Summer School
- August 10 & 11 - **REGISTRATION** 12pm-4 & 5-7pm
- August 19-20 - WSMS Band Camp (gr. 7 & 8)
- August 25 - **OPEN HOUSE** - 5-6pm

WEB ORIENTATION

August 17 - 18 - WEB Leader Training
(from 8am to 1pm both days)

August 19 - Orientation for 5th graders 8:15am - 11:30

*Orientation is for students only



The staff and students of West Salem Middle School invite you to our 7th annual

5th Grade WEB Orientation

8:15 am - 11:30 am

5th grade - Wednesday, August 19, 2020

WSMS gymnasium

The purpose of this orientation is to make the transition from elementary school to middle school a positive one. Eighth graders will be serving as leaders and mentors to the fifth and sixth graders. Large and small group activities are designed to address students' needs and concerns in an enjoyable manner. *This is for students only.

Wear comfortable clothes and don't bring all your stuff....travel light!

If you have any questions, please email WEB Coordinators Heather Jehn at jehn.heather@wsalem.k12.wi.us, Ben Tashner at tashner.benjamin@wsalem.k12.wi.us, or Alyssa Jarosh at jarosh.alyssa@wsalem.k12.wi.us

Middle School Registration for the 2019 - 2020 School Year

The 2020-2021 school year will again have online registration through Skyward Family Access. Online registration will open up August 1st. If you are unable to register online, computers will be available to complete your online registration Monday, August 10 and Tuesday, August 11.

Lifetouch will be here to take student pictures.

Please mark your calendars now and plan on attending.

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RevTrak

Online Student Fees and Meal Plan Payments

The West Salem School District provides parents an easy way to add money to your student's food service account and to pay for school-related fees. Online payments can be made into food service accounts, and for various school fees through Skyward Family Access. We are contracted with RevTrak, a national credit card payment processor, to provide a secure site for making payments.

Parents can make payments online while on their home or work computer, anytime of the day. If their student's food service balance is low, it only takes a few minutes to add money to the account by using their VISA or MasterCard credit or debit card. Payments are made through Skyward Family Access. A link to Family Access can be found on the school district's website at <http://www.westsalem.k12.wi.us>

Remember, when making online payments you will need to log into Skyward Family Access using your own login/password — NOT your student's.

If you do not know your login/password please email:

HS - elsen.angela@wsalem.k12.wi.us before 6/28/20

MS - lochen.janel@wsalem.k12.wi.us before 6/28/20

ES - frank.jane@wsalem.k12.wi.us before 6/28/20

Parents are encouraged to use RevTrak when paying students fees. Avoid waiting in the long lines at registration in August by paying student fees and adding money to your student's lunch account via RevTrak.

****The transaction fee will be WAIVED from August 1 - 31, 2020.**



"Meet Us in the Middle"





West Salem School District - 2019 Summer School Program

Grades K - 8

July 20 - August 7

All classes will be online.....watch for emails for further information and to sign up for classes.....

Swimming Lessons

*unfortunately there will be no lessons this year since the pool is closed

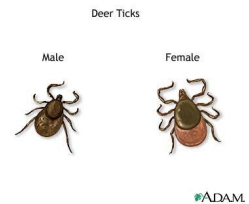


West Salem Middle School students (6 & 7) will be visiting the West Salem Outdoor Education Center before school is out. La Crosse and surrounding counties are common areas that are found to be populated with deer ticks causing exposure to Lyme Disease. It is important for people who work or recreate outdoors to learn the facts about the disease and how to prevent it. By taking some simple precautions, we can all continue to safely enjoy the pleasures and benefit of outdoor activity.

WHAT IS LYME DISEASE?

Cause: deer tick bite. A deer tick is half the size of a wood tick.

Symptoms: vary a great deal. Within 2-32 days after a tick bite, may experience fever, fatigue, headache, aching joints, nausea and/or a rash that is roughly circular in shape and is usually found at the site of the tick bite. Don't panic if someone gets bitten by a deer tick. It is not necessary to be examined by a doctor unless symptoms occur.



Precautions: when in wooded areas, wear long sleeves, pants and high socks (with pants tucked into socks). Light colored clothing will make ticks easier to find and remove. Walk in the center of trails to avoid brushing against vegetation. Conduct through "tick checks" on yourself and children regularly when out in wooded areas for any length of time. Prompt removal of ticks, even after they have attached, can drastically reduce disease transmission. To remove a tick that is attached, grasp it firmly with tweezers and close to the skin as possible and gently pull it straight out. If tweezers are not available, grasp the tick through a piece of tissue. Once the tick is removed, wash the bite area with soap and water and apply an anti-septic to the site. See a doctor if symptoms occur.

When outdoors, you may wish to use aerosol repellents for deer ticks, Please follow the directions on the product you are using. It is suggested you apply repellents on clothing only, from the armpits down.



Board Policy: Pets on School Property

As the weather is warming up just a friendly reminder of Board Policy #384 - pets are not allowed on school property for any reason, at any time, without prior approval. This means outdoor athletic event or to "run" your dogs on the school district green spaces. Please note this does not restrict the walking of dogs on the public sidewalks surrounding our campus. Please be sure to remove all waste.