

March 2021

# WEST SALEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Thank you for your time once again during our parent-teacher conferences! It has been interesting to walk through the halls to see the teachers talking to their computer screens, without any other movement or sounds in the halls!! We are curious what your thoughts are on virtual conferences - we have heard from many that it was nice to have them virtually, especially with the colder weather, to help with their schedules and younger children - what are your thoughts?

We normally host our annual Jump Rope for a Cause during this time, but will be missing it this year. Kindergarten is still the reigning grade level for an additional PE class - hopefully we can bring this back next year to see if Kindergarten can be overthrown!!

We will also be missing our annual Science Night this year. We know this has been a family favorite, and has been a great partnership with our high school science department! We are excited to bring this back next year as well!

COVID or not, Mrs. Jones & Mrs. Martin are busy making more music concert videos with the grade levels - we are excited to see this year's performances! I had the pleasure of visiting Mrs. Jones and one of her first grade classrooms while they were practicing their dinosaur songs - if you have not yet heard them, be sure to tune into the concert once it is completed!

One thing that will be added back into our schedule this year is the Forward Exam. This is for students in Grade 3 and Grade 4. It is designed to gauge how well students are doing in relation to the Wisconsin Academic Standards. Grade 3 will be assessed in English Language Arts and Math, and Grade 4 will be assessed in English Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies. We will be sharing more information as it becomes available!

Our first Parent Advisory meeting is March 2 at 6:30pm. This is a group of parents who are interested in a monthly get-together to discuss how things are going - celebrations, concerns, questions, and whatever else arises! I am excited to welcome our first group to our first meeting, and excited to have this partnership with families! See you then!!

I wanted to take a moment to once again THANK YOU for the support you have been providing your children - whether academic, behavioral, or social-emotional. We have so many truly NEAT kids here! Every day I see great manners, appreciation, support for one another, and excitement about their learning and becoming the best versions of themselves possible - this would not be possible without your unconditional love and support of your children! So give yourselves a pat on the back and keep up the great work!! Remember, you don't need to be perfect - you only need to be present!!

-Tami Bagstad, Principal



## Teacher Assignments for the 2021-2022 School Year

We are in the beginning stages of making classroom placements for the 2021-2022 school year. **Individual classroom teacher requests will not be accepted. However, you may fill out a Student Information Form to indicate concerns or pertinent information regarding your child. The Student Information Forms may be picked up in the Elementary School Office throughout the month of March or on our website [www.wsaalem.k12.wi.us](http://www.wsaalem.k12.wi.us), click on Schools >> Elementary School >> Families >> Parent Resources. Forms need to be returned to school by Friday, April 9th.**

## 2021-2022 Elementary Registration for 4K through 4th Grade

We will be having online registration again this year! Online registration will open in August. You will be able to fill out all registration material and make all payments online! If you do not have access to a computer, computers will be available on **Tuesday, August 17th from Noon until 7:00pm** at the elementary school. Please mark your calendars now. August 11th is also the day you can have your school picture taken. Jostens will be here from Noon until 7:00pm. We will also have a retake day in September or October if you are unable to make it in August.



**It is that time of the year when we have many students needing to change out of wet or muddy pants and socks. Please send an extra pair of pants and socks with your child that can be kept in their locker or backpack. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.**

**The nurse's office is in need of gently used pants. Size 6 through 12 elastic waist pants work well. If you have any to donate, please drop them off in the elementary office.**

## SAVE THE DATE: K-4 SUMMER SCHOOL 2021

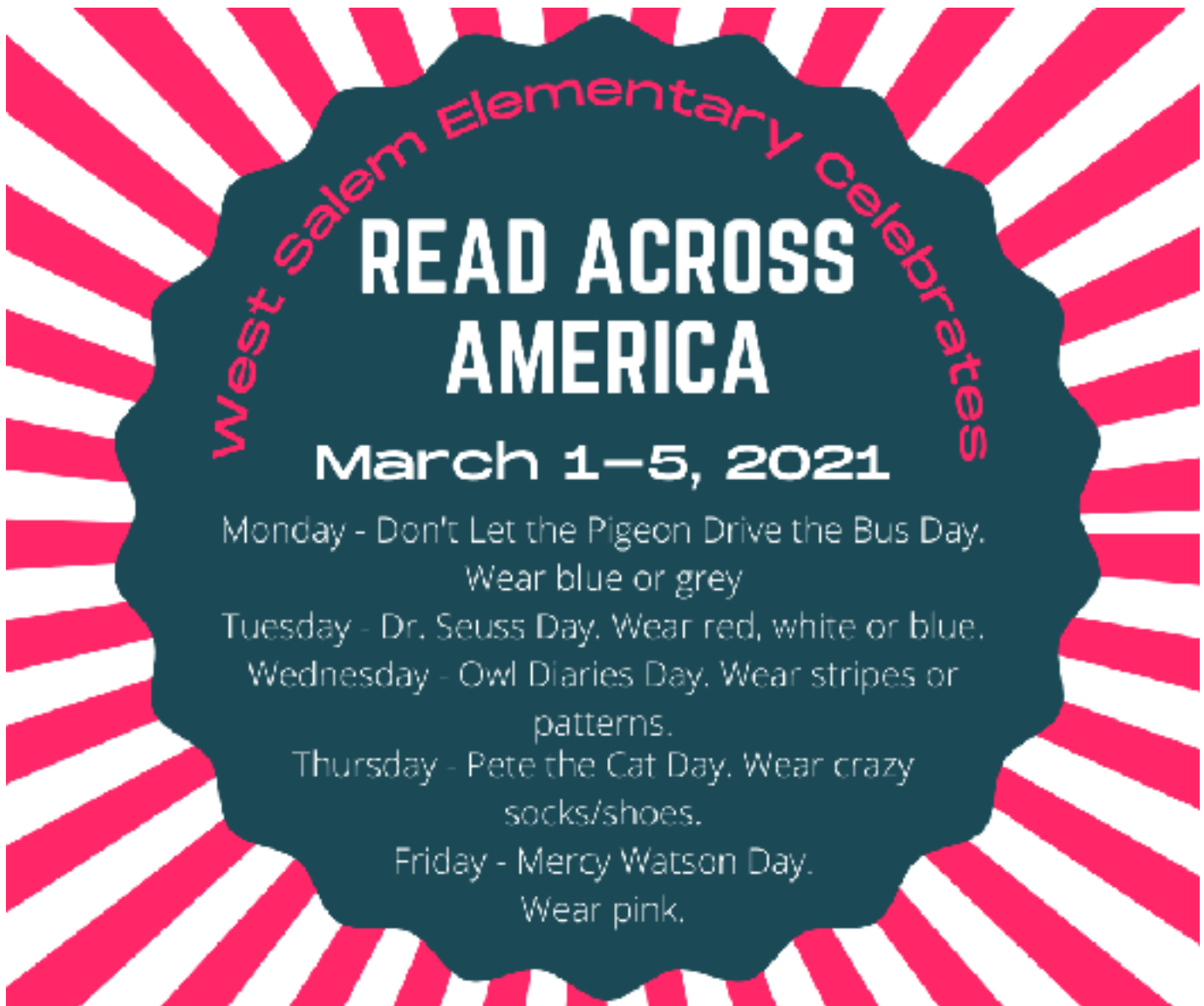
Summer school will be held July 19 - August 6, 2021 from 8:30-11:40am M-F for incoming kindergartners through eighth graders.

Online registration will be taking place in late April. Watch for more information on how to sign up your child(ren).

Buses for summer school will run on main roads only.

Student Drop Off - Please Read!

- Students may enter the building at 7:30 a.m. Supervision begins in the building at 7:30 a.m. For safety reasons, students who arrive before this time will wait (socially distanced) at the doorways until the bell rings at 7:30 a.m.
- PLEASE PULL FORWARD in the drop off lane! If your child needs assistance getting out of the vehicle, pull into a parking space. Getting out of your vehicle in the drop off lane causes a bottleneck of vehicles behind you.
- PLEASE PULL FORWARD in the drop off lane even if you are the only vehicle in the lane at that moment. Not pulling forward causes a bottleneck of cars behind you very quickly.
- PLEASE be patient at drop off and pick up. Allow yourself a few extra minutes to get where you need to be so that drop off and pick up are managed safely.



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