

# WEST SALEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Thank you for your time during our parent-teacher conferences. It is always important that staff and parents sit down in partnership to talk about our children's progress. As parents, we are our children's first teacher, and working together with our teachers here at school will help assure that our kids reach their potential. Thank you for working with us to provide the educational opportunities that you want for our children. Looking forward, report cards for the second trimester will be sent home on Wednesday, March 18th.

Thank you to all of our families for your contributions of food donations for our second annual Jump Rope for a Cause! We are proud of our MAPL teachers for thinking of ways we can continue to benefit our community through this event. Grade levels competed to earn an additional PE class and our kindergarten students won! Congratulations Kinders!

We will be hosting our annual Science Night on Monday, March 2nd. This is a family favorite and we are so grateful that our high school science department gives of their time to show us some very cool experiments and learning labs with our kids. The theme is "Amazing Science". The program takes place in our gymnasium. The events begin with a number of experiments at 6:30 pm. Please take some time to come and join us for this event.

March is a busy time at the Elementary. We celebrate Youth Art Month with all of our arts. Our art staff does a wonderful job of promoting the arts and allowing students to explore various media within their art time. Our music department will be holding their spring concerts the week of March 9th. Our first and third-grade concerts will take place on the evening of March 9th at 6:15 and 7:15 pm respectively. The kindergarten and second-grade concerts will be held at 6:15 and 7:15 pm respectively on March 10th.

With the turn into spring, there are a lot of events going on. Our 4th grade will be visiting our state capitol on March 19th, and our 3rd and 4th-grade students will begin our state testing the week of March 30th. Please look for more information coming home regarding these.

Attached within this newsletter is a learning opportunity for our families that we are offering about Trauma-Informed Parenting. This is an eight-week workshop that is free of charge. Space is limited, so if you are interested, please take advantage and RSVP.

This month in our parenting segment, I want to share a video on the importance of families eating together. With our busy schedules, events, practices and all of the other things that consume time in our lives, it is important to take time and be with one another. Enjoy and have a great month!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qb1IJBO-MVs>



## Teacher Assignments for the 2020-2021 School Year

We are in the beginning stages of making classroom placements for the

**2020-2021 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.wsalem.k12.wi.us](http://www.wsalem.k12.wi.us), click on Schools >> Elementary School >> Families >> Parent Resources. Forms need to be returned to school by Thursday, April 9th.**

## 2020-2021 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 11th 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. Lifetouch 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.



### Nurse Notes:

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.

### When to Keep Your Child Home

- Fever: greater than 100 degrees. For fever and flu symptoms, a student should not return to school until the fever has been gone for 24 hours without the use of medication.
- Vomiting: return 24 hours after vomiting stops
- Diarrhea: return 24 hours after diarrhea stops
- Rash: rash that is open and draining or a rash with a fever
- Contagious Diseases: (strep throat, impetigo, pink eye) A student may return after 24 hours of treatment with antibiotic
- Nuisance Diseases: head lice, scabies, ringworm - must be treated before returning to school
- Chicken Pox: child may return to school 5-7 days after onset of rash, with all sores dry and scabbed over
- Please notify your child's school if your child is absent due to illness or injury.

## **Spring Music Concerts...**

**\*Monday, March 9th\***

**Grade 1 at 6:15pm  
Grade 3 at 7:15pm**

**\*Tuesday, March 10th**

**Grade Kdg at 6:15pm  
Grade 2 at 7:15pm**

**\*\*students should arrive 15  
minutes prior to show time for  
all concerts\*\***



## **Kindergarten/1st Grade Rhythms Program**

**Thursday, April 2nd  
6:30pm  
Elementary School Gym**

## **Jump for a Cause was a Huge Success!**

After an amazing week of collecting items to benefit the West Salem Area Community Care and Share Pantry, we have the total! Over 1600 items were donated by our WSES families! Kindergarten classes earned the most points & extra PE classes!

Thank you for all your support in this great cause!

## **Calendar of Events**

### March

- 2- PTO Science Night
- 4- Early Release
- 9- Grades 1 & 3 Music concerts
- 10- Grades Kdg & 2 Music concerts
- 13- No School
- 17- PTO meeting 6:30-7:30pm
- 19- Grade 4 to Madison
- 27- No School

### April

- 1- Environment Day
- 2- Gr K & 1 Rhythms Program
- 10- No School
- 13- No School
- 15- Gr 3 to OEC
- 16- Gr 3 to OEC
- 21- Gr 4 to OEC
- 22- Gr 4 to OEC
- 23- Gr 4 to OEC

### May

- 6- Gr 2 to OEC
- 7- Gr 2 to OEC
- 12- Gr 1 to OEC
- 13- Early Release
- 14- Gr 1 to OEC
- 15- Gr 1 to OEC
- 25- No School
- 26- Gr Kdg to OEC
- 27- Gr Kdg to OEC
- 28- Gr Kdg to OEC
- 29- Field Day

### June

- 4- LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!

# Welcome to K-4 Summer School 2020

Summer school will be held July 20 - August 7, 2020 for incoming kindergartners through eighth graders from 8:30am to 11:35am.

The daily schedule is as follows:

8:00-8:25 Student Drop off  
8:25 Bell  
8:30-9:20 Class 1  
9:20-9:45 Student Break/Snack  
9:50-10:40 Class 2  
10:45-11:35 Class 3  
11:45 Buses Dismissed

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

**\*\*Incoming Kindergartners will register for "On the Road to Kindergarten" only\*\*  
\*\*Incoming first graders will register for "On the Road to First Grade" only\*\*  
\*\*Incoming second graders will register for "On the Road to Second Grade" only\*\*  
\*\*Incoming third and fourth graders will be able to register for three classes\*\***

Buses for summer school will run on main roads only

Summer school handbooks and registration information will be coming home late March

Swimming lessons will be offered for all levels during the summer months. Swimming lessons will be separate from the three week summer school session but will continue to be free of charge for district residents. Busing will NOT be provided for swimming lessons. The sessions for swimming lessons are TBD.



If you have any questions regarding summer school please contact Lisa Gerke, Summer School Administrator at 786-1662 or [gerke.lisa@wsalem.k12.wi.us](mailto:gerke.lisa@wsalem.k12.wi.us)

# **Announcing...**

## **The West Salem Elementary School 2019-20 YEARBOOK**

### **Our yearbook is planned to include:**

All color pages that vibrantly capture school memories

- Sturdy soft cover including school name and year imprinted in foil

### **Add on any of the following yearbook extras:**

- Zoom, a full-color current events insert that captures the top news stories of the year
- Student's school portrait and name printed on the cover adds a personal touch
  - Autograph insert to share messages with friends
- Fun, removable stickers to decorate and personalize yearbook pages

### **Please order your yearbook by visiting:**

**<https://ybpay.lifetouch.com>**

**School ID code: 6830320**

**Standard book \$10.00**

Add any extras for an additional price:

Zoom \$2.00, Personalized Cover \$5.00, Autograph Insert \$1.50, Stickers \$1.50

Discounted packages shown online.

**Orders due by April 6, 2020**



# **Yearbooks**

## COMMON WINTER HEALTH CONCERNS

### Flu Season is Here!

As we spend more time inside buildings, the flu season pays us a Wisconsin visit. Flu is a layman term for the influenza viral infection. The virus is transmitted by coughing, sneezing, contact with used tissues or contaminated hands and objects. The symptoms of influenza include:

- Fever with body temperature 100 degrees Fahrenheit or more
- Common respiratory problems such as cold and cough
- Congestion and runny nose
- Headache accompanied by muscle pains
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Chills and Fatigue

Prevention can be your best defense. Teach your child proper coughing and sneezing etiquette by using the inside of your elbow instead of your hand. Encourage proper disposal of tissues. Keep hands away from the face area. Frequent hand washing decreases the spread of infection. Stay home when you are ill. Get plenty of rest and eat a balanced diet. Talk with your medical provider or health department and consider receiving the influenza vaccine to help prevent the influenza infection. **\*\*Students should stay home until fever free for a FULL 24-hours and are able to fully participate in school activities.\*\***

### Cough Drops

Students must have a Medication Procedure form signed by parent/guardian on file in the health office in order to have cough drops at school. Cough drops must be located in the health office. Many parents signed this form at the beginning of the school year online.

### Chap Stick

A good idea this time of year is to have your student bring chap stick to school to keep in their desk or their backpack to use for dry lips. This eliminates trips to the health office to have vaseline applied during the school day.

### Stomach "Bugs"

Often caused by norovirus, stomach "flu" or "bug" is highly contagious. Prevention includes frequent hand washing and cleaning contaminated surfaces and laundry. **\*\*Students must remain home for a minimum of 24 hours after vomiting, diarrhea and/or fever stops. They should be able to tolerate normal meals before returning to school.\*\***

### Strep Throat

Strep throat is caused by a bacterial infection and is more common in children than adults. As with other illnesses, prevention involves hand washing and covering coughs and sneezes. Symptoms include sore throat and fever. Testing at a doctor's office is needed to diagnose and treatment involves antibiotics. **\*\*Students should not return to school until 24 hours after starting antibiotics and being fever-free.\*\***

### Head Lice

Head lice are a common annoyance and can occur year-round. They do not cause illness and do not jump or fly. Lice are primarily spread through direct head-to-head contact, and less commonly through shared personal items. Lice medicines kill live lice; your doctor can make suggestions for specific products. **\*\*Children should be taught to avoid sharing items such as hats, combs, brushes, scarves and pillows.\*\***

**Stay Well and Carry On!**  
**Beth Clements RN**



Five students from Ms. Lotspaih's art classes had artwork displayed at the 2019-20 Youth Art Month regional exhibit located inside Valley View Mall. A big congratulations to Addyson Knebs, Alexander Gutierrez Nunez, Skylar Osborne, Eli Olson, and Hattie Wulf! This is a huge honor and we are so proud of these students! Three of these students have moved on to the state celebration of Youth Art Month held at the state capitol building. Addyson, Skylar and Eli's work is displayed in the capitol rotunda through March 6, 2020. This art show displays outstanding student art from across the state! On Friday, March 6, 2020 at 12pm, a celebration and reception will be held in the Capitol Rotunda to honor these great art students!

Skylar



Addyson



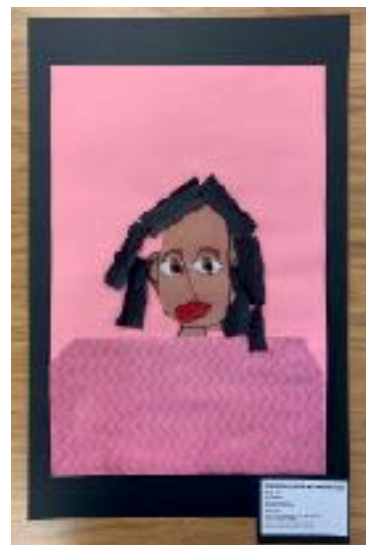
Eli



Alexander



Hattie



Thank you to the parent volunteers that provided teachers a much needed dinner break during conferences. Your thoughtfulness was very much appreciated!

Michelle Stello, Sarah Arntson, Kim Rieber, Katie Kalember, Rebecca Kreibich, Katie Drury, Jennifer Bailey, Tia Maurer, Michelle Lorenz, Kari Ranallo, Kimberly Sullivan, Tara Devine, Cassie Zarecki, Nicole Hinkel, Angela Gross, Brittney Zimmerman, Samantha Peterson, Rachael Duster, Dana Bolwerk, Jennifer Maki, Laura Moore, Sara Hammes, Kait Melson, Jen Reedy-Taylor, Teesha Willinger and Stacy Sqquist.

A huge thank you to the following parents and community members who assisted with the Scholastic Book Fair this past month. We had some incredible volunteers from start to finish. Because of their dedication and hard work, our book fair was a success. Thank you so much for your commitment of time and energy to this important school fundraiser.



Karly Baganz  
Jenna Bonsall  
Sarah Fecht  
Tricia Johnson  
Sherry Kneifl  
Colton Kneifl  
Kelly Lamore  
Leah Meyer  
Sara Oldenburg  
Lily Oldenburg  
Kari Ranallo  
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Jean Schmidt  
Colette Schockman  
Carol Thompson



