

November 2021

WEST SALEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Welcome to November! We hope that your experiences with parent-teacher conferences were positive and you were able to connect with your child's teacher - please let us know how you liked the choice to either come in or Zoom, as we are always looking for your input! These connections between home and school are so very important, and working in partnership is the best way to help our children reach their potential! We would also like to extend a thank you to our PTO for having dinner available for staff during our conference times. You can visit their Facebook page for more information about membership, activities, and the amazing support of our students that this group provides! For the first time in six years, we have a FULL PTO Board!! We are so very excited to continue our partnership and do some GREAT things for our students!!

Now that fall has officially arrived and the unpredictability of Wisconsin weather is also here, we ask for your help in making sure that warm clothing is sent to school with your child. Take the time to label your child's jackets, stocking hats, and gloves/mittens. Once the snow begins to fly, also make sure that boots and snow pants are making the trip with your child, labeled as well. We will continue to go out for recess during cold weather! We already have quite a collection in our Lost & Found, so please be sure to ask your child(ren) to double-check if they are missing anything!

We will be hosting our Veteran's Day program this in-person year! It will be held here on Thursday, November 11, at 9am. We are so very excited that we can greet and honor our Veterans in person this year, and are looking forward to a great program to show how much we appreciate them!

As we enter the holiday season, especially Thanksgiving, we want to extend our thanks for allowing us to work with your children. We have so many wonderful students and families, and we are thankful for being able to serve all of you. We would also like to thank you for your continued efforts in promoting the health and safety of yourselves and your children so we can continue to provide face-to-face instruction! Please continue to keep your child(ren) home if they are not feeling well, and also remember that if quarantined, your child's teacher will gather materials within 24-48 hours to allow for a continuation of your child's education while not in school.

Upcoming events: Parent Advisory, November 11, 6pm / PTO, November 11, 6:30pm - if you are still interested in seeing and hearing what these are all about, please feel free to join us here in our LMC! Enter through the front doors, and we will see you there!

- Tami Bagstad, Principal

AFTER SCHOOL MESSAGES

When calling the elementary office for an after school message, please leave the information with the secretaries in the office. Please do not leave the information on a teacher's voicemail. The office will make sure the information is relayed to the classroom.

OFFICE HOURS

Office Hours are 7:15am to 4pm

If you need assistance with the busing after these hours please contact the Bus Garage at 786-4356

Please also remember to call your child's absence into the office by 8:00am at 786-1662.

School starts at 8:00am. Children enter the building at this time and then the doors are locked immediately for security reasons. Children who arrive after this time need to enter through the main office for a tardy pass.

To ensure that your child is not tardy for school, please try to arrive 5-10 minutes prior to the start of the school day to account for traffic. We know that it is very congested at drop off time and we appreciate your

Students will be allowed the equivalent of 10 full days to be absent during the school year.

Medical or dental appointments - note is required from doctor/medical practitioner upon the student's return from the appointment - if no verification is received the time missed will count toward their 10 full days.

Calendar of Events

November

- 2: Gr 4 Music Concert
- 2: Gr 3 OEC (Deml & Smith)
- 3: Gr 3 OEC (Allind & Vergin)
- 4: Gr 3 OEC (Mathison & Lopez)
- 24-26: No School

December

24-31: No School

January

17: No School



WINTER WEATHER REMINDERS

All children will be outside for recess when the temperature feels like 0 degrees or above.

Before school, children will be outside when the "feels like" temperature is 10 degrees or above.

Please dress children accordingly. The children will only be inside for recess on days that are below zero.

NEWS FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

4th grade concert on November 2nd. We **WILL** be able to perform at the Heider Center. In order to provide this experience for students, with social distancing, we will have 3 classes perform at 6:15pm and the other 3 classes at 7:15pm.



We will also have a livestream link available for the shows as well. <https://youtu.be/PW8PMcJxjhY>

Your child only needs to attend their performance.

November 2nd
6:15 Hehli/Wegner, Ihle, Hoff classes
7:15 Schwartz, Miller, Steiner

Thanks! The kids are super excited to share this show with you!!

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