West Salem Elementary School

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November 2022 NEWSLETTER



November marks a time of transition at WSES as we enter the second quarter of the school year, embrace changes in the weather, and "fall back" by adjusting our clocks.

Here are some tips for a successful transition:

- Establish regular and open communication with your child's teachers. The first trimester will conclude on November 22 nd . Grade reports are scheduled to be sent home in early December.
- Label or "tag" your child's coats, boats, hats and gloves so we can return them if they are misplaced. As noted in an earlier communication, WAC (Wear A Coat) and LAC (Lose A Coat) seasons are in full swing. Adding a new first season, TAC (Tag A Coat), will make it easier to enjoy the fourth and final season called FAC (Find A Coat). Just remember to tag a coat before you wear a coat so if you lose a coat, you can find a coat. Or simply, TAC, WAC, LAC, and FAC.
- Be aware of the impact of the annual return to Standard Time. Even though "falling back" is easier than "springing ahead," the time change still alters our daily routine and can impact sleep patterns and behavior. Take extra care of yourself and your child.

Speaking of TAC, WAC, LAC and FAC, we are making changes to our Lost and Found. First, we streamlined the lunch hour process in hopes of minimizing the number of misplaced, or "lost" items during the lunch hour. Second, we will host a new TWO-DAY Lost and Found in the main lobby. We will remind students they have two days to retrieve lost items before the items are packed away for donation. The most critical part of this new approach is the need for you to label and/or "tag" your items, now referred to as TAC season, in order to help our staff ensure the items are returned to your child. It is our goal to both drastically reduce the number of lost and/or misplaced items and to eliminate the problem of storing large volumes of unclaimed gear. We can do this!

November also affords the opportunity to recognize our local veterans. The annual WSES Veterans' Day program on Friday, November 11 th . WSES is noted for our wonderful Veterans' Day program each year. We plan to make the upcoming event another one to remember. Thank you to all veterans for your service.

Be well and thank you for choosing West Salem Elementary School.

Troy Gunderson, Co-Interim Principal Roger Fruit, Co-interim Principal Charlie Alexander, Associate Principal



Join us for our
Veterans Day
Program on
Friday, November
11th at 9am

Now that fall is upon us, temperatures can swing quickly. Please have your child dress for changing conditions. When temps are below 50 degrees, make sure your child comes dressed in layers including pants and



long sleeves. Also, **PLEASE LABEL** your child's coat/hat/gloves/etc. Hundreds of items get donated at the end of the season because they are not claimed or labeled.

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.

NOTES FROM THE MUSIC ROOM



4th grade concert on November 3rd. We perform at the Heider Center.

We will have a livestream link available for the shows as well.

https://youtu.be/KQzQW8dm-Yl

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



Hello WSES Families -Your WSES PTO is having our monthly meeting

November 3rd at 6:30 p.m.

at the elementary school LMC. Enter the elementary school through "E"

Doors, on the north side of the building. We'll be discussing upcoming events that include volunteer opportunities and fundraisers.

If Zoom is a better option for you to attend, send us your email to get on the list at:

WestSalemPTO@wsalem.k12.wi.us

Can't wait to see you!

NEWS FROM PE

Grade 4 PE Night
November 7th - 6:30-7:30pm



The Walking School Bus will resume this year! Our goal is to get students to walk to school.

Here are the basics of our Walking School Bus:

There will be 2 more walks scheduled this fall **Nov 4 & 11 (FRIDAYS)**

We will meet on the corner of Tilson and Hamlin Streets at 7:20am. Parents are free to drop off their walkers or join us for the walk.

The walk begins promptly at 7:30am.

Students who participate receive a Walking School Bus punch card and can earn prizes based on their participation.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at tischler.amy@wsalem.k12.wi.us

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.

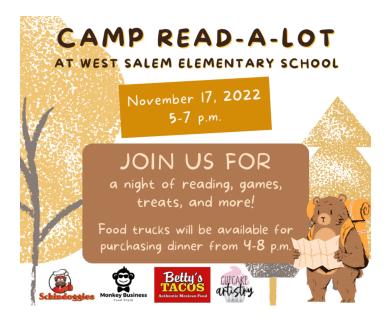
THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL

November 23-25

Enjoy your holiday break!

Office hours are 7:15am to 4:00pm 608-786-1662





Contact Ashley Hanson if you have any questions.

AFTER SCHOOL ART

We are happy to announce that 4th grade students will have the opportunity to participate in our After School Art Program again this year! This program will meet after school on Thursdays beginning November 3th, and

will run through Feb 23th. During After School Art, your child will have the opportunity to explore different art mediums and projects in the art room!

This is a drop in program each week, but we require students to stay for the entire hour, UNLESS they have a note for home (email or phone call) that states they have an early pick up time. Students are invited and encouraged to come as often as they can! If they are busy on Thursdays this fall, but want to participate in the spring, that is also ok (as is coming in the fall, but being committed to something else in the spring).

Each meeting begins at 3:15pm and ends at 4:15pm. It is very important that your child be picked up or walking to their destination by 4:20pm. Please discuss and plan dismissal arrangements with your child ahead of time and whether they plan to be picked up, are walking home or heading to BGC. We appreciate your help in making sure everyone is safe and on their way to where they need to be by 4:20pm.

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Please find all school menus and other school nutrition items on the School Nutrition Website.

November 2022								
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