

WEST SALEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Happy October, Panther Parents!

Thank you for an amazing start to the school year - we appreciate your support with all of the routines we have in place to make this the welcoming and safe place that it is, for you and your children!

Please remember to arrange a pick-up spot to meet your child(ren) at after school (if you pick them up) to help with the number of people in any given area.

Students who attend the BGC after school will have adult assistance until they are on the other side of the crosswalk, where the BGC staff will meet them.

If you have any changes of plans for your child at the end of the day (pick-up, ride the bus, go to grandma's house,...) please try your best to call the office before 2pm so we have enough time to relay the message - the office is a very busy place at the end of the day, and we want to make sure we are able to communicate any changes in a timely manner!

Now that fall is upon us, temperatures can swing very quickly. Please have your child dress for changing conditions. When temperatures are below 50 degrees, make sure that your child comes to school with sleeves and pants. As temperatures increase, these can be removed, but please plan accordingly and be attentive to the weather. Also, please make sure to label your child's coats, hats, gloves, and sweatshirts. Lost and found piles up very quickly this time of year!

With the unknown health situation this year, and the potential of online or face-to-face teaching learning at any given time, we will plan to host our Parent-Teacher Conferences via Zoom - more information coming as we start to make our plans. Plan to continue our mid-October timing with these. Connection between home and school is more important now than ever, and can utilize this time to continue our conversations about how to best meet the needs of your child(ren) to reach their maximum potential!

If there are any items, information, or tips that you would like to see in our Newsletters, please do not hesitate to reach out to me!

Thank you for all that you do, and for continuing our strong partnership to provide the best possible education with your children!

- Tami Bagstad, Principal

Dates/Times/Phone Numbers to Remember!

Early Release Dates

Wednesdays
Students dismissed at 12:20
Buses leave at 12:30

February 10th

May 12th

****October 14 is no longer an Early Release Day, it is a Full Day of School****

No School Days

October 23 (for ES & MS)

October 30

November 25-27

December 24-January 1

January 18

February 19 (for ES & MS)

March 19

April 2 & 5

May 31

Phone Numbers

Elementary School
608-786-1662

Middle School
608-786-2090

High School
608-786-1220

West Salem District Office
608-786-0700

Lunch Times

Kindergarten 12:00-12:30

1st Grade 11:05-11:35

2nd Grade 11:25-11:55

3rd Grade 10:50-11:20

4th Grade 11:40-12:10

Recess Times

Kdg 9:25-9:45

1st Grade 9:00-9:20

2nd Grade 10:40-11:00

3rd Grade 10:15-10:35

4th Grade 9:50-10:10

PARENT REMINDER....

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:

Please remember to keep the office informed of any changes in your contact information as soon as possible. It is important for us to be able to contact you in the event of an emergency

Accidents happen and when they do, children do often need to change their clothing. It is always a good idea to have an extra set of clothing packed in your child's backpack in case an accident should happen. The nurse's office would be greatly appreciative of any donated clothing. We are especially low on socks, boys and girls underwear (size 4T-8) and pants size 4T-10 (kids love elastic waist bands).



Thanks in advance your help!!

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held via Zoom on October 20 & 22. Please watch for details on how to sign up.

PICTURE DAY
Thursday, OCTOBER
8th



Students will receive an order form when back in school.

Orders can also be made online.

mylifetouch.com

Picture Day ID: EVTJ2G4RS

Tardiness

Students entering the building after 8:00am will be considered tardy. Tardiness for reasons other than emergencies will be considered unexcused. For example, running late, overslept, and completing homework. Tardy students should be accompanied to the office by a parent or sent in with a note stating the reason for the tardy. If your child is going to be late, please call ahead and notify the office personnel.

Thanks for your cooperation!

Office Hours - School year office hours are 7:15am to 4:00pm.
608-786-1662

News from the Music Room

On our school calendar, it shows that 4th grade students will have their concert on October 27th at 6:15 pm. We are planning on having a virtual/online concert ready for that date. The performance will be recorded during music class and ready for the online premiere October 27th, for you to enjoy in the comfort of your own home. As things progress, you'll receive more information about the event.



WALKING SCHOOL BUS

Unfortunately the Walking School Bus program is canceled for this fall. We are hoping we can resume in the Spring! Stay update to date by reading our monthly newsletters!

Please find all school menus and other school nutrition items on the [School Nutrition Website](#).

Kale is our [October Harvest of the Month](#)

CLOTH MASKS NEEDED

THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IS LOOKING FOR ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO DONATE FACE MASKS. DONATIONS NEED TO BE NEW CLOTH MASKS WHICH CAN BE WASHED AND RE-WORN. ASSORTED YOUTH SIZES ARRANGING FROM 4K-4TH GRADE ARE NEEDED. THE FACE MASKS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OFFICE (FACE MASKS REQUIRED TO ENTER BUILDING).

WE THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!

From the School Nurse:

Students who have signs of COVID symptoms should stay home. In order for students to return to school, parents will be required to show proof of negative or positive COVID-19 test results upon receipt of them for verification purposes. Students diagnosed with another illness must provide a doctor's note indicating the reason for the illness. Notes from your family physician can be emailed to District Nurse, Beth Clements at clements.beth@wsalem.k12.wi.us . Do you have specific questions? Click on the links below for help in answering your questions.

[How do I screen my family for symptoms of COVID-19?](#)

[Should I send my child to school?](#)

[I've been identified as a "close contact". What do I do?](#)

[COVID-19 fact sheet from Wisconsin Department of Health Services.](#)

[How can I help Stop the Spread?](#)