

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! Again, we are so glad that we get to be here with our students, and appreciate all of your efforts to have your children here with us, on time, every day!! For those who drop-off in the mornings, we appreciate you pulling up to the "front" of the drop-off areas, as we notice how quickly this fills up, and we are trying to keep vehicles from blocking traffic if they are backed up into the street :)

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

If you have any changes of plans for your child at the end of the day (pick-up, ride the bus, go to grandparent'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!

Our Parent Advisory and PTO Meetings will be in the LMC on Thursday, October 7, at 6pm & 6:30pm - we have a handful of interested parents, and still have room for more if you are interested!! Please email me if you are interested in being involved at this level!! (bagstad.tami@wsalem.k12.wi.us)

Thank you for all that you do, and for continuing our strong partnership to provide the best possible education with your children! Our students are so very lucky to have such great support systems in place!

-Tami Bagstad, Principal

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

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

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!!



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

Just a reminder that school bus safety is just as important as classroom safety - please refresh with this video if you would like to!
Thank you!

https://youtu.be/_UKO_BJaoiA



What Are Some Online Safety Tips?

The *Child Rescue Coalition* outlines some important online safety reminders for back-to-school!

- Only use tablets or devices in common areas at home.
- Use the privacy settings to keep your child's account private.
- Pause before you post. Remember, yours and your child's digital footprint lives forever.
- Remind teens to only friend people you know IRL (in real life), even if you have multiple mutual friends. They should not respond to anyone that they don't know.
- Don't share sensitive information about yourself or your family online. GPS and location services can pinpoint exactly where you are, alerting predators.
- Tell children not to give their password to anyone but their parents or primary caregiver. As their guardians, you do have the right to check their social media, texts and other apps.
- Kids should choose usernames and passwords that don't give out personal information. A child should never use their first and last name in their handles, this makes it easier for predators to locate them.
- Children should never agree to see someone in person that they "met" online.
- If your child sees any type of mean texts or cyberbullying, tell them to not respond or participate. Tell an adult immediately.



Read more about these [9 Back to School - Back to Online Safety Tips!](#)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER:

- 1: GR 2 OEC (CROW, HESSE, SERVAIS)
- 4: GR K OEC (HICKEY, WAGNER)
- 5: GR K OEC (GRAMS, CHRISTIANSON)
- 6: GR K OEC (WHEELER, RICHLING)
- 6: PICTURE RETAKE DAY
- 11: GR 1 OEC (ANTONY, STENBERG)
- 12: GR 1 OEC (CHRISTIANSON, STENCIL)
- 13: EARLY RELEASE DAY
STUDENTS DISMISSED AT 12:20
BUSES DEPART AT 12:30
- 14: GR 1 OEC (REEDY, CHAMBERS)
- 19: PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES
- 21: GR K TO CORN MAZE (GRAMS, CHRISTIANSON)
- 21: PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES
- 22: NO SCHOOL FOR ES AND MS STUDENTS
- 25: GR K TO CORN MAZE (RICHLING, WHEELER)
- 26: GR 4K TO CORN MAZE
- 27: GR K TO CORN MAZE (WAGNER, HICKEY)
- 29: NO SCHOOL

NOVEMBER:

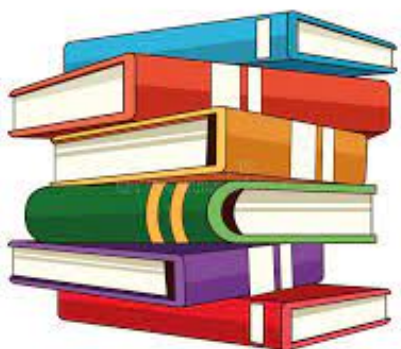
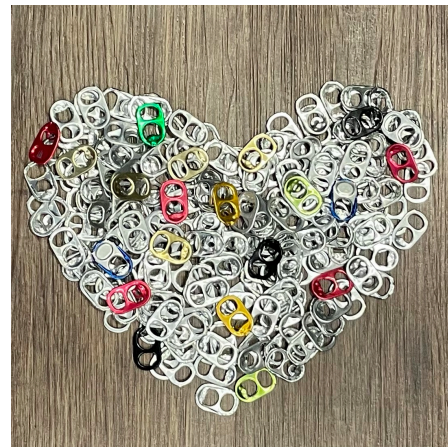
- 2: GR 4 MUSIC CONCERT
- 8: GR 3 PE NIGHT
- 18: GR 2 PE NIGHT
- 24: NO SCHOOL
- 25: NO SCHOOL
- 26: NO SCHOOL

DECEMBER:

- 24: NO SCHOOL
- 27-31: NO SCHOOL

POP TAB COLLECTION!!!

Please help us collect pop tabs to benefit the Ronald McDonald House of Madison! Each year, RMHM receives nearly \$10,000 from recycling little aluminum tabs! Revenue from recycling pop tabs helps keep families close to their children who are undergoing medical treatment in the Madison area. Saving pop tabs from cans is easy! Please save pop tabs and bring them to school during September and October! Thank you so much for supporting such a wonderful charity that has had an impact on our West Salem Elementary family!



Annual PTO Story Night

We are going to host this as a virtual at home event. Please watch for a link in early October to watch our local guests read 3 stories. After viewing the video, you can fill out a form for your child to receive a free book from school!

International Walk to School Day

On Wednesday, October 6, 2021 our school will participate in the International Walk to School Day! All students, families, and school staff can celebrate by walking to school. If you would like to celebrate by walking with us we will meet on the corner of Hamlin and Tilson at 7:20 a.m. We will begin walking to school at 7:30

[Speak Up, Speak Out](#) . This online tip site was created by the Wisconsin Department of Justice. Our staff have been trained by Officer Ganrude. Please click on the link for more information. We also have a letter to parents from the program [HERE](#). This looks different for each grade at the elementary level, due to the reading and typing involved. We will also continue to stress talking to an adult with any concerns.