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# WEST SALEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Welcome back, Panthers! We are very excited to welcome you and your children back to school, even though we get to start our year online on September 1st! This summer has gone by so very quickly, and we have been preparing for an online teaching and learning environment as well as a face-to-face environment! For those of you who are new to West Salem Elementary, I want you to know that your child is attending an absolutely amazing school, with passionate and caring teachers who want nothing but the best for our students!

We are a collaborative and driven group of educators who strive for our students to reach their highest potential. This is why our vision at West Salem Elementary is "Together...every student, everyone, every day!" We look forward to working together with you to ensure that our kids have a fun and engaging educational experience. I firmly believe that building strong relationships between home & school is one of the most important factors in increasing student achievement. The partnerships between home and school not only helps our students experience success, but also affects our overall school community!

Please know that we will be ready for whatever this year brings! Whether online or face-to-face, we are so very excited to get to know the students this year and do whatever it takes for them to reach their highest potential! We are following all guidelines that have been shared with us through the DHS, LCHD, CDC, and DPI, and are providing the safest environment for everyone within these walls! We will also be ready to help with the extra social-emotional support that some students may need, especially after being away for so long, so please feel comforted to know that your children are in the best care possible!

I am honored to serve our children, staff, families, and community at West Salem Elementary! It is a privilege to be a part of this community where parents, teachers, and students care for one another and build positive and lasting relationships supporting our students academically, socially, and emotionally!

Tami K. Bagstad, Principal