

WEST SALEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Welcome back, Panthers! If Open House is any indication about the year we are going to have, we are going to have the BEST.YEAR.EVER!! There was so much excitement and positivity, and we missed everyone so much! We are so very excited to welcome our students back again, and so excited that we get to be face-to-face with 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! With this, we will continue with our Parent Advisory Committee that we established last year - our meetings will be held on the second Thursday of each month, starting in October (6:00pm). Please email me if you are interested, and I will add you to my communication! This group will discuss and share any celebrations, questions, and/or concerns/clarifications with all happenings here at the elementary level - if you would like, we can also bring some parent education into our meetings - we can discuss at our first meeting!! I am very much looking forward to some great discussions!!

Please know that we will be ready for whatever this year brings! We will continue to watch our distance and wash our hands, and we are beginning the year with the adults wearing masks (extra precaution to ensure we have enough staff for face-to-face instruction), and students having the option to wear them or not - with the latest information out there, the District recommends, but does not require at this time - again, we are listening to your survey results and keeping it optional if/until a need to mask is mandatory. We are learning to live through this, and will continue to do what we can to keep our students here with us for face-to-face instruction!! Please continue to watch for updates from Superintendent Rieber and the Covid Response Team, as they are keeping current with all trends. Please, however, keep your child(ren) home if they do not feel well - this is just good practice every year, especially during cold and flu season!

Again, I am honored to serve our children, staff, families, and community here 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! Looking forward to our continued partnership and experiences!!

Tami Bagstad, Principal

PULL TAB COLLECTION!!!

Please help us collect pull tabs to benefit the Ronald McDonald House of Madison! Each year, RMHM receives nearly \$10,000 from recycling little aluminum tabs!

Revenue from recycling pull tabs helps keep families close to their children who are undergoing medical treatment in the Madison area. Saving pull tabs from cans is easy! Please save pull 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!



NEWS FROM PE

PE Nights are for students and their parent(s) to participate in PE stations together.

- 1st grade PE Night is Thursday, Jan. 6th, 6:30-7:30.
- 2nd grade PE Night is Thursday, Nov. 18th, 6:30-7:30.
- 3rd grade PE Night is Monday, Nov. 8th, 6:30-7:30.
- 4th grade PE Night is Monday, Oct. 18th, 6:30-7:30.

Our all-school **Move for a Cause** event is Feb. 11th, during the school day.

Our all-school **Field Day** is Friday, May 27th (rain date of Tuesday, May 31st), during the school day.

Music Concerts-Mark your calendars!

November 2, 2021. Grade 4 at 6:15pm

March 7, 2022. Grade 1 at 6:15pm,
Grade 3 at 7:15pm

March 8, 2022. Grade K at 6:15pm,
Grade 2 @ 7:15pm

We are hoping to be back in the Heider Center with live concerts this year. We will keep you posted as we get closer to the date of each concert with any updates or changes. New this year-we are planning to live stream each event as well!

DATES AND TIMES TO REMEMBER

EARLY RELEASE DATES FOR ELEMENTARY

OCTOBER 13
FEBRUARY 9
MAY 11

STUDENTS ARE DISMISSED AT 12:20, BUSES

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	608-786-1662
MIDDLE SCHOOL	608-786-2090
HIGH SCHOOL	608-786-1220
DISTRICT OFFICE	608-786-0700

LUNCH TIMES

KINDERGARTEN: 12:00 - 12:25

GRADE 1: 11:00 - 11:25

GRADE 2: 11:10 - 11:35

GRADE 3: 11:30 - 11:55

GRADE 4: 11:40 - 12:05

PICTURE RETAKE DAY WILL
BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 6

NO SCHOOL DATES

OCTOBER 22
OCTOBER 29
NOVEMBER 24 - 26
DECEMBER 24 - 31
JANUARY 17
FEBRUARY 18
MARCH 18
APRIL 15 - 18
MAY 30

SNOW DAY OR MAKE-UP DATE
MARCH 11 7 APRIL 19

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
JUNE 3, 2022

761 - MEAL CHARGE - UNPAID MEAL ACCOUNT

<https://www.wsaalem.k12.wi.us/content/district/board-of-education/policies-procedures>

Parents/guardians must plan for their child to have sufficient access to food at school and actively monitor their child's food service account. The student's household will receive negative balance notifications. Non-payment will result in the Interruption of Service. Reimbursable breakfast and lunch meals will continue to be served to all students without service interruption for the 2021-22 school year. For additional information, please contact the Director of School Nutrition at (608)786-3078.