

West Salem Elementary School

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SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER 2022



Welcome to West Salem Elementary School!

The new school year is off to a wonderful start. We are grateful to have our students and staff back in the building for our first “back to normal - back to school” since prior to the pandemic. We are excited for a great school year of learning and fun.

WSES is under new leadership this year. Mr. Charlie Alexander will serve as the Associate Principal replacing Mrs. Lisa Gerke who is now the Principal of Hillsboro Elementary. We thank Mrs. Gerke for her many years of service to our school and welcome Mr. Alexander.

Mr. Roger Fruit and I will serve as Co-Interim Principals for the upcoming school year. Roger retired from the Onalaska School District where he served as Middle School Principal and Director of Instruction. For those of you who do not know, I retired from the School District of West Salem where I served as High School Principal and Superintendent. We are filling in for Mrs. Tami Bagstad who now works for the Arcadia School District. We thank Mrs. Bagstad for her service.

The entire team here at WSES simply offers to “serve with passion” each and every day. We are determined to make the upcoming school year a wonderful and memorable one for each student in our care.

Thank you & Go Panthers!

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



A message from the Health Office....

Anyone that has an allergy and has needed an epi-pen in the past will need to have their own epi-pen in the health office. Also, those asthmatics with inhaler needs will need

to have one in the health office as this is the surest way to obtain one quickly for the student in an emergency.

A medication form is required. This must be signed by a parent/guardian and the medical prescriber. Please note that even if your student carries their inhaler with them, a form is required.



POP TOP COLLECTION!!!

Please help us collect pop tops to benefit the Ronald McDonald House of Madison!

Each year, RMHM receives nearly \$10,000 from recycling little aluminum tabs! Revenue from recycling pop tops helps keep families close to their children who are undergoing medical treatment in the Madison area. Saving pop tops from cans is easy!

Please save your pop tops, bring them to school, and add them to our collection box.

Thank you so much for supporting such a wonderful charity that has had an impact on our West Salem Elementary family!

Food Service notes....

Accommodations can be made by the food service department for some dietary restrictions. The food allergy or intolerance must be diagnosed by a medical professional and must fit the criteria of a disability as defined by the ADA. A medical form is required before meal accommodations can be made. Please refer to the School Nutrition Services webpage for more information.

Free & Reduced Lunch Information

Free or Reduced Meal Applications for the 2022-2023 school year are available in English, Hmong, and Spanish. Even if your child will not be participating in school meals, completing the free/reduced application helps determine

additional funding for enhanced educational opportunities for your child’s school.

Instructions in English, Hmong, and Spanish are also listed below.

[Instructions/How to Apply-English](#)
[Instructions/How to Apply-Hmong](#)
[Instructions/How to Apply-Spanish](#)

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If you have any questions regarding these applications, please contact Emily Klunk, Director of School Nutrition at (608)-786-0700 or klunk.emily@wsalem.k12.wi.us

Hello WSES Families -



Your WSES PTO is having our monthly meeting September 8th at 6:30 p.m. at the elementary school LMC. Enter the elementary school through “E” Doors, on north side of the building. We’ll be discussing an upcoming fundraiser and Parent Teacher Conference meals for October.



And 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!



NO SCHOOL DATES

September 5
October 21
October 28
November 23-25
December 23-January 2
January 23
February 17
March 17
April 7-10
May 29

SNOW DAY OR MAKE-UP DATE

March 20 & April 11

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

August 29

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

June 1, 2023

**Early Release Dates
for the Elementary**

October **12**

February **8**

May **10**

Students are dismissed at **12:20**,

Buses leave at **12:30**

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: 11:10 - 11:35
GRADE 1: 11:00 - 11:25
GRADE 2: 12:05 - 12:30
GRADE 3: 11:30 - 11:55
GRADE 4: 11:40 - 12:05

**PICTURE RETAKE DAY
WILL BE HELD ON
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4th**

Music Concerts-Mark your calendars!

November ??, 2022. Grade 4 at 6:15pm

March ??, 2023. Grade 1 at 6:15pm, Grade 3 at 7:15pm

March ??, 2023. Grade K at 6:15pm, Grade 2 @ 7:15pm

NEWS FROM PE

Family PE Week is Oct. 3-7th. Look for information to be sent home with students.

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

2022-2023 PE Night Dates

4th - Monday, November 7th

3rd - Thursday, December 8th

2nd - Thursday, January 12th

1st - Thursday, January 19th

6:30-7:30 in WSES gym

Our all-school **Field Day** will be **Friday, May 26**, during the school day with Tuesday, May 30th as the rain date.