

THE PANTHER PRESS



Greetings West Salem Elementary Families,

We are excited to welcome your kids back to school today! I am ready to get my own kids back to school as well. We had a fantastic holiday break but its definitely time to get back. It is amazing how much they benefit from the structure of our school routine.

One of the challenges that our family encountered over break was managing the amount of screen time our kids had each day. Although this seems to be something we are constantly trying to strike the right balance with, long days at home with dreary, snowless weather seemed to make it a bigger issue. I came across [this article](#) that has some good tips to help your family find a good balance with technology.

For me, the new year always brings a sense of rejuvenation and motivation to make this year even better than the last. I am confident that our staff is ready to continue the work of improving our practice to achieve our mission to **“ensure ALL students develop foundational skills and ignite their love of learning”**.

Thank you for your continued support. If there is ever something that you feel like we could do to improve the educational experience for your child or your family, please do not hesitate to reach out.

In partnership,

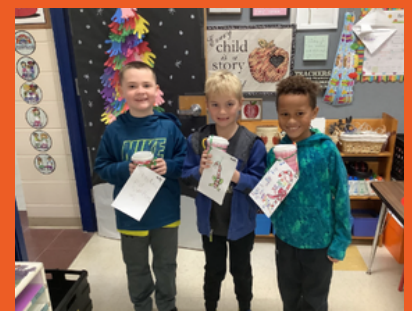
Alex Hubing
Principal
West Salem Elementary School



December Memories



First graders always take a week in December to spread kindness to many. As part of their SEL unit they talk about Random Acts of Kindness and how kindness can bring both the givers and receivers happiness and make the world a better place. The families donate small items for them to give to departments in our school that may not receive the gratitude and appreciation they deserve.. The children make cards and decorate gift bags to add a personal touch.



PANTHER UPDATES

Our school breakfasts are nutritious and delicious!

School breakfasts provide students with the fuel they need to do their best in school. The meals always include fruits, whole grains, and dairy. For more information on our school nutrition program, go to our school district website and click on the fork and knife icon in the upper right corner. Menus can be found at wsalem.nutrislice.com or on the Nutrislice App.

Thanks,
Emily Klunk, RDN

[Planning ahead for summer 2024?](#)
Summer school dates will be
July 8-26. More information to come!

Office hours are
7:15am to 4:00pm
608-786-1662



WSES PTO

Your WSES PTO is having our monthly meeting **January 11th at 6:30 p.m.** at the elementary school LMC. Enter the elementary school through "E" Doors, on the north side of the building.

Can't wait to see you!



Events in January

- Grade 2 PE Night - January 11th @6:30PM
- 4K Breakfast and Bowling - January 12th @9:00
- PTO Meeting - January 11th @6:30PM
- Grade 1 PE Night - January 18th @6:30PM
- NO SCHOOL - January 22nd
- 4K Storytime at the WS Library - January 23rd @6:30PM

WINTER WEATHER REMINDERS

All children will be outside for recess when the temperature feels like 0 degrees or above.



Before school, children will be outside when the "feels like" temperature is 10 degrees or above.

Please dress children accordingly. The children will only be inside for recess on days that are below zero.

No School - January 22nd

BGC Open/Closed Information

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