

WEST SALEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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With the record-setting snowfall this month, it is hard to believe that the month of February is already over! The inconsistency of the weather has produced inconsistent days of school with many interruptions. We had to reschedule a night of conferences, thanks for your flexibility. Report cards for the second trimester will be sent home on Wednesday, March 13th. Just a reminder, that school will be in session for students on March 15th and March 29th. This is an effort by the district to try and have our school year conclude the first week of June, weather permitting!

Thank you to all of our families for your contributions to our Jump Rope for a Cause! Our physical education staff wanted to think of a way in which we could benefit our community, so we created Jump Rope for a Cause. Our students brought in over 2,000 food items to benefit our local food pantry! Grade levels competed to earn an additional PE class and our fourth-grade won.

March is a busy time at the Elementary. We celebrate Youth Art Month. Our art staff does a wonderful job of promoting the arts and allowing students to explore various media within their art time. Our music department will be holding their spring concerts the week of March 4th. Our first and third-grade concerts will take place on the evening of March 4th at 6:15 and 7:15 respectively. The kindergarten and second-grade concerts will be held at 6:15 and 7:15 respectively on March 5th.

Looking ahead, April 3rd is our annual Environmental Day. This is always an exciting day for our building and a special thank you goes out to Mrs. Jones for putting this day together. The second week of April, our third and fourth grade students will begin our state testing. Our fourth-grade students will take the test on April 9-12, while our third-grade students will test on April 16-19. It is always important, but please help to make sure that your child gets enough sleep that they eat breakfast and lunch and that they take a deep breath to do their best.

One of our Core Values of the West Salem Way is respect. We have spoken to our students a great deal about this and is something that as adults we strive to do daily. In this month's parenting corner, take a moment to watch this video with your child to reteach how important respecting each other is! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GOzrAK4gOSo>

Thank you for all that you do for your children! Please remember to take time and vote on April 2nd. Sharing your voice through voting is so important. Also, take time to attend one of our listening sessions and inform yourself by going to <http://www.wsalem.k12.wi.us/content/our-district/referendum>. Thank you for your cooperation. As always, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us!

-Ryan Rieber, Principal



Teacher Assignments for the 2019-2020 School Year

We are in the beginning stages of making classroom placements for the 2019-2020 school year. Individual classroom teacher requests will not be accepted. However, you may fill out a Student Information Form to indicate concerns or pertinent information regarding your child. The Student Information Forms may be picked up in the Elementary School Office throughout the month of March or on our website www.wsalem.k12.wi.us, click on Our Schools >> Elementary School >> Parent Resources. Forms need to be returned to school by Friday, April 5th.

2019-2020 Elementary Registration for 4K through 4th Grade

We will be having online registration again this year! Online registration will open in August.

You will be able to fill out all registration material and make all payments online! If you do not have access to a computer, computers will be available on **Tuesday, August 13th from Noon until 7:00pm** at the elementary school. Please mark your calendars now.

August 13th is also the day you can have your school picture taken. Lifetouch will be here from Noon until 7:00pm. We will also have a retake day in September or October if you are unable to make it in August.



Nurse Notes:

It is that time of the year when we have many students needing to change out of wet or muddy pants and socks. Please send an extra pair of pants and socks with your child that can be kept in their locker or backpack. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

The nurse's office is in need of gently used pants. Size 6 through 12 elastic waist pants work well. If you have any to donate, please drop them off in the elementary office.

When to Keep Your Child Home

- Fever: greater than 100 degrees. For fever and flu symptoms, a student should not return to school until the fever has been gone for 24 hours without the use of medication.
- Vomiting: return 24 hours after vomiting stops
- Diarrhea: return 24 hours after diarrhea stops
- Rash: rash that is open and draining or a rash with a fever
- Contagious Diseases: (strep throat, impetigo, pink eye) A student may return after 24 hours of treatment with antibiotic
- Nuisance Diseases: head lice, scabies, ringworm - must be treated before returning to school
- Chicken Pox: child may return to school 5-7 days after onset of rash, with all sores dry and scabbed over
- Please notify your child's school if your child is absent due to illness or injury.

Spring Music Concerts...

***Monday, March**

**Grade 1 at 6:15pm
Grade 3 at 7:15pm**



4th*

***Tuesday, March 5th**

**Grade Kdg at 6:15pm
Grade 2 at 7:15pm**

****students should arrive 15 minutes prior
to show time for all concerts****

Calendar of Events

March

- 4- Gr 1 Music concert 6:15pm
Gr 3 Music concert 7:15pm
- 5- Gr K Music concert 6:15pm
Gr 2 Music concert 7:15pm
- 6- Early Release
- 15- School is in Session
(snow make up day)
- 18- PTO Science night
- 21- Gr 1 PE night 6:30pm
- 29- School is in Session
(snow make up day)

April

- 2- Spring Picture Day
- 3- Environment Day
- 4- Kdg & Gr 1 Rhythms Program
6:30pm
- 19- No School
- 22- No School
- 24, 25 & 26- Gr 4 to OEC
- 30- Gr 4 FFA Day

May

- 8- Early Release
- 27- No School (Memorial Day)

Kindergarten/1st Grade Rhythms Program

**Thursday, April 4th
6:30pm
Elementary School Gym**

News from the WSES PE Department



1st Grade PE Night is
rescheduled for Thursday, March 21 from
6:30-7:30.

Once a year, per grade-level, PE (Physical Education) Nights are held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the elementary school gym. Students must be accompanied by a parent. This is a night for the grade-level students and their parent(s) ONLY. Please do not bring younger or older siblings along. Various stations will be set up for students and their parents to participate in different activities. Tennis shoes need to be worn by all students and adults.

Jump for a Cause was a Huge Success!

After an amazing week of collecting items to benefit the West Salem Area Community Care and Share Pantry, we have the total! **2,022** items were donated by our WSES families! 4th grade classes earned the most points!

Thank you for all your support in this great cause!

Welcome to K-4 Summer School 2019

Summer school will be held July 22 - August 9, 2019 for incoming kindergartners through eighth graders from 8:30am to 11:35am.

The daily schedule is as follows:

**8:00-8:25 Student Drop off
8:25 Bell
8:30-9:20 Class 1
9:20-9:45 Student Break/Snack
9:50-10:40 Class 2
10:45-11:35 Class 3
11:45 Buses Dismissed**

****Online registration will be taking place in late April. Watch for more information on how to sign up your child(ren) via Skyward****

****Incoming Kindergartners will register for "On the Road to Kindergarten" only**
Incoming first graders will register for "On the Road to First Grade" only
Incoming second graders will register for "On the Road to Second Grade" only
Incoming third and fourth graders will be able to register for three classes**

Buses for summer school will run on main roads only

Summer school handbooks and registration information will be coming home late March

Swimming lessons will be offered for all levels during the summer months. Swimming lessons will be separate from the three week summer school session but will continue to be free of charge for district residents. Busing will NOT be provided for swimming lessons. The sessions for swimming lessons are TBD.

If you have any questions regarding summer school please contact Lisa Gerke, Summer School Administrator at 786-1662 or gerke.lisa@wsalem.k12.wi.us



MARCH 4, 2019 | 7PM - 9PM

**WEST SALEM MIDDLE SCHOOL
440 EAST AVE. WEST SALEM, WI**

INFO SESSION & BUILDING TOURS

**LEARN MORE ABOUT THE UPCOMING REFERENDUM,
DISCUSS YOUR QUESTIONS WITH SCHOOL BOARD
MEMBERS AND TAKE A TOUR OF THE NEW MIDDLE
SCHOOL. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

In light of recent school cancellations due to weather, district administrators evaluated the school calendar and have made some revisions we need to make you aware of.

At this point, we have had seven cancellation days, four of which we are required to make up. March 15 was included in our calendar as a make-up day, so school will now be held this day. In addition, students will also attend classes June 6 and 7. To avoid potentially having to hold school during the second full week of June, the district has decided that school will now be held on March 29, a previously scheduled day off for teacher inservice.

In summary, these snow days will be made up on March 15 and 29 and June 6 and 7 pending any further cancellations.

WEST SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT **2018-2019 CALENDAR**

AUGUST 2018				
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2/7 & 2/12 Closed

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1/21, 1/28, 1/29, 1/30, 1/31 Closed

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May 8-ER
*ER is only
*9-11 No
School
*12-SEP
presentation
day

JUNE 2019					3
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June 6-7:
School In Session

First Day of School: September 4, 2018
Last Day of School: June 7, 2019
Graduation Day: May 26, 2019
Early Release Days:
October 3, November 7,
December 5, February 13,
March 6, May 8
October 15: Annual Meeting

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NS = No School for students

ER = Early Release (Students dismissed at 12:20, Buses leave at 12:30)

SD = Snow Day or Make-up dates (March 15 June 6, June 7)

*** = Teacher Inservice (August 28 & 29, October 26, January 21, + 2 Floating)**

2/15/19



Announcing...

The West Salem Elementary School 2018-19 YEARBOOK

Our yearbook is planned to include:

All color pages that vibrantly capture school memories

- Sturdy soft cover including school name and year imprinted in foil

Add on any of the following yearbook extras:

- Zoom, a full-color current events insert that captures the top news stories of the year
- Student's school portrait and name printed on the cover adds a personal touch
 - Autograph insert to share messages with friends
- Fun, removable stickers to decorate and personalize yearbook pages

Please order your yearbook by visiting:

<https://ybpay.lifetouch.com>

School ID code: 6830319

Standard book \$10.00

Add any extras for an additional price:

Zoom \$2.00, Personalized Cover \$5.00, Autograph Insert \$1.50, Stickers \$1.50

Discounted packages shown online.

Orders due by March 29, 2019



Yearbooks

March is Youth Art Month in Wisconsin! During this month the West Salem District Art Department will be hosting the Annual K-12 Honors Art Exhibit. This show includes over 100 works from Kindergarten students to Seniors! Artwork will be displayed in the Marie W. Heider Gallery from March 1st through the 31st. The public reception is held on Thursday, March 21st from 6-7:30pm in the gallery.

Six West Salem Elementary students will have artwork featured at the State Youth Art Month exhibit at the Capitol Rotunda in Madison on April 5th! These students displayed work at the West Central Regional exhibit in Black River Falls, and were chosen to advance to the State Exhibit. The Capitol Rotunda exhibit is an annual event that celebrates the best student artists in the state of Wisconsin. It is attended by artists, teachers, politicians and dignitaries, and features approximately 500 works of student art.

Annika Rude



Addison Wuensch



Ryker Athnos



Ava Jambois



Anna Witte



Harley Wight





CYBER CORNER

WSSD Tech News

PLEASE NOTE: This content was produced by the WI Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. We (WSSD Technology Department) agree with the mission of this organization and believe their materials can be helpful for children, parents and educators. However, we have not fully tested the recommendations in this guide.

A Guide to Parental Controls by Device

Chances are your devices already include robust protection features. You just need to activate (and in some cases download) them. Here's how to do it on the most popular devices:

Android Parent Controls



Features: You can restrict apps, games, movies, and TV your child tries to download from the Google Play Store.

Limits/Tracking: You need to download the Family Link app, then create a Google account for your child. From there, select your child's name and tap the Daily limits card, then select Edit limits and follow the instructions. Your child will get a notification when time is almost up and the device is about to be locked. You can also keep track of your child's device's location when it's turned on.

Can You Set Up Separate Accounts? Yes, you can create an account for each child in Family Link.

Best For: Any age. For an older child, download a third-party app to filter mature content.

Where To Start: Open the Play Store app. From the top left Menu, choose Settings, then turn Parental controls. Here you'll select a PIN so that only people who know the PIN can change the parental control settings. Next, select the type of content you want to filter and how you want to restrict access.

Keep in Mind: Make sure your device works with Google Play (some lower-end models don't) so you can download mainstream apps.

Amazon Fire Parent Controls

Features: FreeTime (built into every device) restricts purchases, bans ads, and allows access only to content you approve.

Limits/Tracking: Yes. You can set time restrictions for various activities and prevent the playing of games or videos until your child, say, reads for a set amount of time.

Can You Set Up Separate Accounts? Yes, you can create two password-protected adult accounts and four child accounts; it's easy for you to toggle between them.

Best For: Kids 8 and under. FreeTime is too limiting for older kids. However, Amazon's two-year "worry-free guarantee" promises a replacement if your child drops or breaks the Fire Kids Edition, a huge plus.

Where To Start: Open Settings > Parental Controls > tap the switch next to Parental Controls > enter a password and hit "Finish"

Keep in Mind: Your child's device can be used as a regular Fire tablet by switching to the adult setting on the FreeTime profile.

iOS Parent Controls



Features: Use Screen Time to restrict the use of built-in apps and block iTunes and app store purchases such as movies, music, and TV with specific ratings. You can also limit your child's browsing to sites you specify.

Limits/Tracking: Go to Settings > General > Accessibility. Under Learning, select Guided Access > tap Time Limits. Once that's enabled, you can set time limits on any app by clicking the Home button three times in a row when the app is open.

Can You Set Up Separate Accounts? Unless you're using a shared iPad purchased for an educational setting, there's no simple solution for multiple user profiles on one device.

Best For: Kids 6 and older who are ready for their own device

Where To Start: Go to Settings > Screen Time and create a passcode your kids don't know.

Keep in Mind: Unless you hide your own past purchases by logging into iTunes, your child will be able to see every app, song, and movie you buy.

Windows 10 Parent Controls



Features: FreeTime (built into every device) restricts purchases, bans ads, and allows access only to content you approve.

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To read the full article, visit:

<https://www.parents.com/parenting/better-parenting/advice/a-guide-to-parental-controls-by-device/>

Don't forget gaming systems! Parental controls are available for all current consoles, handhelds, smartphones, and computers, and can be activated to block games by age rating. Certain device settings even allow parents to restrict access to the Internet, disable in-game purchases, regulate the amount of time your child can play and more.

Get guides on how to activate the parental controls on different game systems, such as Nintendo Switch, Xbox One or Xbox 360, Playstation 3 or 4, Wii U, Nintendo 3DS, and Playstation Vita on the Entertainment Software Rating Board's website: <https://www.esrb.org/about/settingcontrols.aspx>

