

WHITESIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT #115

Smoke Signals – November 2018

Mrs. Peggy Burke, Superintendent

Whiteside Elementary School

Mr. Nathan Rakers, Principal

Mr. Kevin Johnson, Assistant Principal

Whiteside Middle School

Mrs. Monica Laurent, Principal

Mr. Jaime Cotto, Assistant Principal

Calendar of Events – November 2018

- 1 5/6 Girls' BB at Central of O'Fallon 4 p.m.
5/6 Boys' BB vs. Central of O'Fallon at Home 4 p.m.
7/8 Girls' BB at Central Jr. High 5 p.m.
7/8 Boys' BB vs. Central Jr. High at Home 6 p.m.
- 6 5th Grade Book Club 3 p.m.
- 7 5/6 Girls' BB vs. Belle Valley at Home 4 p.m.
5/6 Boys' BB at Belle Valley 4 p.m.
7/8 Girls' BB vs. Pontiac at Home 6 p.m.
7/8 Boys' BB at Pontiac 5 p.m.
6th Grade Book Club 3 p.m.
MS Robotics Team Meeting 3 p.m.
MS Photo Club Meeting 3 p.m.
- 8 5/6 Girls' BB at Signal Hill 4 p.m.
5/6 Boys' BB vs. Signal Hill at Home 4 p.m.
8th Girls' BB at Signal Hill 6 p.m.
7/8 Boys' BB vs. Signal Hill at Home 6 p.m.
MS Pack the Gym Night
- 9 Fun Spot Skate Night 7:30-10:30 p.m.
- 12 **No School – Veterans' Day (observed)**
- 13 7/8 Girls' BB vs. West Jr. High at Home 5 p.m.
7/8 Boys' BB at West Jr. High 5 p.m.
MS Sign Language Club 3 p.m.
MS Robotics Team Meeting 3 p.m.
MS Math Team Meeting 3 p.m.
- 14 5/6 Girls BB at Central of O'Fallon 4 p.m.
7/8 Girls' BB at Aviston 6 p.m.
MS Family Math & Science Night 6-8 p.m.
- 15 5th Girls' BB vs. Grant at Home 4 p.m.
5/6 Boys' BB at Grant 4 p.m.
8th Grade Girls' BB vs. Grant at Home 5 p.m.
7/8 Boys' BB at Grant 6 p.m.
- 19 5/6 Girls' BB vs. Signal Hill at Home 4 p.m.
- 20 5/6 Boys' BB vs. EMGE at Home 4 p.m.
7/8 Girls' BB at EMGE 5 p.m.
7/8 Boys' BB vs. EMGE at Home 6 p.m.
MS Math Team Meeting 3 p.m.
- 21-23 **No School – Thanksgiving Break**
- 26 MS Robotics Team Meeting 3 p.m.
- 27 5th Girls' BB at Wolf Branch 4 p.m.
5/6 Boys' BB vs. Wolf Branch at Home 4 p.m.
8th Girls' BB vs. High Mount at Home 6 p.m.
7/8 Boys' BB at High Mount 5 p.m.
Picture Retake Day (Middle School)
MS Sign Language Club 3 p.m.
MS Robotics Team Meeting 3 p.m.

- 28 7/8 Girls BB vs. Smithton at Home 6 p.m.
7/8 Boys' BB vs. Smithton at Home 4 p.m.
MS Robotics Team Meeting 3 p.m.
- 29 5/6 Boys' BB vs. Grant at Home 4 p.m.
7/8 Girls' BB at Shiloh 5 p.m.
7/8 Boys' BB vs. Shiloh at Home 6 p.m.
MS Robotics Team Meeting 3 p.m.
- 30 Picture Retake Day (Elementary School)



No School November 12th

Whiteside Elementary invites veterans and active duty parents, grandparents, and friends to be honored guests at our Veterans' Day Assembly on Friday, November 9th at 1:45 p.m. Thank you for your service.

Whiteside Middle School celebrates Veterans! Do you have a military veteran in your life (family member, friend of the family or neighbor) you want to celebrate? If you answered yes, we would like them to join us for a Recognition Breakfast on Friday, November 9th at 9 a.m. Please stop by Ms. Tami's office to pick up a RSVP form. RSVP's are due by November 6th.



Thanksgiving Break
November 21st-23rd



Watch out for that flu bug! The best prevention - get a flu shot and wash your hands often with soap & water or sanitizer. Check with your doctor when your child, especially a child under age 5 or with health problems, is ill. Stay home if you have a fever and cough, get lots of rest, and drink plenty of fluids. **All students must be fever free for 24 hours, without medication, before returning to school.**



HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVES

The Elementary School and Middle School will be collecting non-perishable food items during the month of November to fill holiday food baskets. At the Elementary School, items will be collected starting Monday, November 5th until Tuesday, November 13th. At the Middle School, items will be collected from Monday, November 5th until Friday, November 9th. Examples of food needed include: canned meats and stews, pasta, canned fruits and vegetables, cereal, macaroni and cheese, soups, rice and beans. Please do not send any glass. All food collected will be distributed to Whiteside families in need. Show your Whiteside Pride by making a contribution!

Those Who Excel Award

Each year the Illinois State Board of Education honors the top educators throughout the state at the annual Those Who Excel Dinner and Awards Ceremony. This year we are proud to announce that Whiteside had three of our very own being honored! Mrs. Peggy Burke, Mrs. Debbie Penrod and Mrs. Lindsay Beaston received their awards from the Illinois State Board of Education on Saturday, October 20th. Congratulations Mrs. Burke, Mrs. Penrod and Mrs. Beaston!

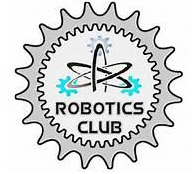
“Unleash Your Good Character” Award By WV/T-Mobile

16 students from the Elementary School were nominated for the “Unleash Your Good Character” Award By WV/T-Mobile this Fall. The nominees include Semaj Lee, Dallas Taylor, Syriah Williams, James Jensen, Kade Lindley, Peighton Barrett, Landon Richardson, Alex Hardy, Beau Redd, Vadim Mosley, Noah Smith, Jordan Cates, Arabella Orellana, Macyn Carter, Maha Zahran, Nolan Metcalfe and Maliya Butler. All the nominees will be honored at an assembly held November 9th at 1:45 p.m. when the winner will be announced.



The Lego League Robotics Competition

All are welcome to come and watch on December 1st. You will get the chance to see up to 32 local teams competing in the First Lego League Competition hosted at Whiteside Middle School. Come cheer on our two teams, watch others compete and have a great time! We will be selling concessions throughout the day, so make a day of it!



Save the
DATE™

Boys' Volleyball (Grades 7-8), Girls' Volleyball (Grades 5-8) and Bowling tryouts will take place the first week of January. Sports packets, physicals and fees are due by December 12th!

Whiteside Middle School Information Center
Find out the latest information for Whiteside Middle School. The blog will be updated on a daily basis. Go to the Whiteside Website and click the link to check it out! You can add your email to subscribe to daily updates!
WSmiddle.blogspot.com

Treats for Troops



A Candy Give-Back Program

Not sure what to do with all of that extra or unwanted Halloween Candy?

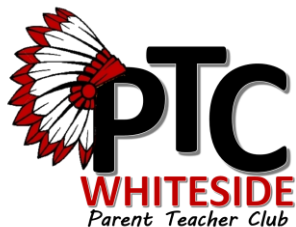
Send it to the Elementary School for our ‘TREATS FOR TROOPS’ Service Project. The 4th Grade is collecting all of the candy and sending it to Scott Air Force Base in bags decorated for Veteran’s Day!

Just place your candy in the bin located in the MPR each morning November 1st-6th.

Thank you for your support!

Questions? Contact Mrs. Brueggeman at maura.brueggeman@wssd115.org

PTC Corner



Upcoming Events

November 6 - PTC Meeting at Middle School 7 p.m.

November 17 - WS Holiday Market

November 30 - Gingerbread House Night

Save the Date

April 6 - GLO Bingo and Auction

April 13 - WS Warrior Wellness Day and 5K

BOX TOPS for Education

Congratulations to the October contest winner - Mrs. Eschman's class!!! Collect those Holiday Box Tops! We will be collecting BOX TOPS at both WS Elementary and WS Middle School. The next contest deadline is February 15 - BOX TOPS must include teacher name and can be turned in at any time on collection sheets or in an envelope or baggie!

For more information on WS PTC events, please contact whitesideptc@wssd115.org or Follow us on Facebook: **Whiteside PTC**



Gingerbread House Night

Friday, November 30, 2018

Whiteside Elementary School

Multipurpose Room (MPR)

6-8 p.m. Gingerbread House Building

6 p.m. Glee Club Performs

Bring your favorite decorations (candy canes, cookies, candies, pretzels, marshmallows, etc.) and your best building ideas. We will provide the cardboard base, two packages of graham crackers, and the icing. Each house costs \$5.00 (*Cash Only*)

Additional bags of icing and crackers available for \$1.00 each

Interested in volunteering? Contact:
iris.hinderliter@gmail.com

Thanks to Whiteside's Girl Scout Troop #92 for assisting with the event!

MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND

Congratulations to the following students for making it into the ILMEA Honor Band:

Alex Petraborg

Ashlyn Tessereau

They will perform at the ILMEA Music Festival on November 17th.



Also, congratulations to Ean DiPasquale for making the ILMEA Jazz Ensemble. He will perform with this honor group on November 3rd.

The annual Butter Braid fundraiser for band starts on November 5 with a final turn in date of November 26. Expected delivery date will be December 8. Please watch for the Butter Braid packets to come home soon!

The Winter Concert will be held on December 5 at 7pm in the gym. This concert will include performances by the 5th Grade Band, 6th Grade Band and the Concert Band. A reception will follow the concert provided by the Band Parent's Association.



Wacky Warrior Week **Monday, Nov. 5-Friday, Nov. 9** **(Middle School)**

Monday, November 5 – Famous Person Day
(or cartoon/superhero)

Tuesday, November 6- Squad Day
(get your friends to all dress the same)

Wednesday, November 7- Salad Dressing Day
(Thousand Island-dress in Hawaiian, Italian-dress as an Italian, Ranch-dress as a cowboy/western theme, French-dress as a French person)

Thursday, November 8 - Wacky Warrior Day!
(Show off your school spirit, Warriors!)

Friday, November 9 – America Day
(wear red, white and blue)

Join us for Pack the Gym Night
Thursday, November 8th!

