Calendar of Events – December

3  Elementary School Picture Re-Take Day
4  Gingerbread House Kit Pick up at ES
   Hat Day at MS for Eden’s Army
5  Butter Braid Delivery at MS
12  Holiday Food Drive-Thru at MS
16-19  Virtual Holiday Market
18  End of 2nd Quarter
21  First Day of Winter Break – NO SCHOOL

December 21 – January 3 is WINTER BREAK!  
HAPPY HOLIDAYS!  
STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY!

If school is cancelled due to inclement weather, the closing will be announced on TV channels 2, 3, 5 and 11. You will also receive a call via Skyward. Whiteside will NEVER dismiss early, but you may pick up your child at your discretion.
EXTRACURRICULAR ATHLETICS UPDATE

Whiteside Middle School will continue to wait for official guidance from the IDPH, IHSA, SIJHSAA, and partnering Belle-Fair Conference schools regarding a final decision whether volleyball, basketball, and cheer will take place this season. Belle-Fair conference has made the decision to delay the start of basketball season. There is a tentative start date of March 1st for all basketball and cheer related activities; however, this is tentative and based on the IDPH’s final decision.

Volleyball will continue to aim for a tentative start date of January 4th. IF volleyball activities are allowed to take place, we will hold tryouts for our boys’ and girls’ volleyball teams on January 4th and 5th; games are set to begin on January 21st.

IF basketball and cheer activities are allowed to take place, we will hold tryouts for our 7th and 8th-grade boys’ and girls’ basketball teams and cheer teams on March 1st and 2nd; games are set to begin on March 11th.

Student-athletes must have a current physical on file with their school; without a current physical, your student will not be permitted to take part in the tryout process. Students can pick up a sports packet in the school office. Students also need to be in good academic standing for the tryout process. It is very important that your student stays on top of their school work.

If you have any questions at all, please email our middle school Athletic Director, Shea Lodes at shea.lodes@wssd115.org.

We hope to see you very soon!

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:

MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Megan Walter - 7th
Kelvin Long - 6th
Jackson Schadegg - 6th
Maha Zahran - 6th
Lena Lockridge - 6th

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

Quincey Perry - K
Zion Williams - K
Isabelle Corrigan - 1st
Landry Wilken - 1st
Julian Gamboa - 2nd
Evan Brewer - 2nd
Juliette O’Dell - 2nd
Brooke Harmon - 3rd
Marshawn Taylor - 3rd
Ayva Guthrie - 4th
Jasmine Lopina - 4th
Jeremiah Gray - 4th

Our first hat day of the year will be held on Friday, December 4th at the Middle School. Please bring $1 to wear a hat and help support Eden’s Army! Mrs. Pruett’s famous cookies will also be sold for $1 each. Eden’s Army provides assistance to families with children in the Cardiac Intensive Care Unit at St. Louis Children’s Hospital.

Extended School Program “ESP”

Our after school ESP program is currently at capacity. We are not accepting any additional students at this time. If you would like to be put on a waiting list for participation in after school ESP, please contact the elementary school office at 618-239-0000 or email Kristy Frazer, kristy.frazer@wssd115.org.
Upcoming Events:
Tuesday, December 1st: PTC meeting at 7pm via Zoom

Friday, December 4th: Gingerbread Kit pick up from 6-7pm at Elementary School circle drive. Pre-register to reserve your kit(s) by Monday, November 30th. Kits are $5 each (cash only) to be paid at pick up. Santa will also be there to take selfies or drop off your letters to him. Submit pictures of your completed gingerbread houses by Dec. 10th for students to vote. Top 3 winners will get a prize.

Tuesday, December 15th: Dine to Donate with Marco’s Pizza. Order Marco’s pizza at Marcos.com or 618-235-5522 anytime between 11a-11p. Be sure to mention Whiteside.

Wednesday, December 16th - Saturday, December 19th - Join us on Facebook for our Virtual Holiday Market and shop local artists, crafters, vendors, boutiques, and more. Visit our Whiteside School PTC on Facebook for event details.

For more information email WhitesidePTC@wssd115.org or follow us on Facebook at Whiteside School PTC.

A NOTE FROM OUR NURSES:
Happy Thanksgiving Whiteside students and families! We are so grateful that we have been able to have in-person learning in our buildings the past couple of months. In order to keep our students safe and in-person learning possible, please remember to keep your student(s) home when ill.

If your children have any of the following symptoms, please call 618-239-0000 and speak to the nurse so that we can advise you on when to send the students back to in-person learning.

Temperature of 100.4 or greater
Cough
Shortness of breath
Fatigue
Chills
Muscle or body aches
Sore throat
Headache (moderate to severe)
New loss of taste or smell
Congestion or runny nose
Nausea and/or vomiting
Diarrhea

In addition, if anyone in your home is symptomatic or has a COVID test pending, please keep all students home as well.

We hope you enjoy your time off. Thank you for all you do to support Whiteside students!
-Nurse Heather and Nurse Kayce

BAND NEWS
Thank you to everyone who sold Butter Braids to support the band. The delivery date will be December 5th at the middle school from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

NO TIME FOR BREAKFAST?
Breakfast is served at both schools from 8-8:30 a.m. Fuel up to start the day! This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Picture Re-Take Day
ES - December 3rd
MS – January 27th
COVID-19 Dashboard

Our COVID-19 Dashboard will be emailed to all parents on Friday’s through our Skyward student management system. The COVID-19 information will provide parents the current, as well as a historical perspective, into the District’s COVID-19 cases.

Many parents have been in contact with the school’s nurses due to many COVID-19 situations. We want to thank and continue to encourage all parents to make these contacts and share COVID-19 information with the district.

Your willingness to share this information helps provide a safe environment for students and allows the district to continue to provide in-person learning.