Calendar of Events

1  MS Toy Drive-LAST DAY  
   Art Club
   7/8 Girls’ BB vs. Emge Home 6 pm  
   5/6/7/8 Boys’ BB at Emge 4 pm  
3  ES Picture Retake Day  
   PTC Gingerbread Night  
4  7 Grade Girls’ BB Tournament at Wolf Branch starting 9:00 a.m.  
   7 Boys BB’ Tournament at Belle Valley starting at 9:00 a.m.  
6  MS Hat Day for Eden’s Army  
   Math Team Meeting  
   STEM Club Meeting  
   8th Grade Girls & Boys Basketball Conference Tournaments  
9  Student Council Meeting  
13 Math Team Meeting  
   STEM Club Meeting  
   7/8 Boys’ BB at Freeburg 6:00  
   Girls BB Smithton Tournament  
15 Art Club  
   Band Concerts  
       6:00 p.m. 5th & 6th Grade  
       7:00 p.m. Concert & Jazz Bands  
17 End of 2nd Quarter  
18 Start of Winter Break- NO SCHOOL  
   Classes Resume January 4, 2022  

Notes from our Nurses

December
We hope everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving. The holiday season is upon us and it is more important than ever to stay as healthy as possible!

A few reminders

• Masks must be worn at all times by students in staff when indoors. Please make sure your student comes to school with a mask every day.

• Please keep your child home if they are ill. If you have questions about returning to school, contact your respective nurse.

• The best way to prevent illness is by washing your hands. Make sure your students practice good hand washing at home and at school.

Dental Information
Each year, students in Kindergarten, 2nd grade and 6th grade must have a dental exam on file by May 15th. If you have not already scheduled a dental appointment, please do so soon to ensure your student is compliant with the State of Illinois.

-Nurse Heather and Nurse Molly

Winter Break
December 18th-January 3rd
Classes Resume January 4th
Teacher Institute January 3rd-(no student attendance).

Have a Safe & Happy Holiday Season!

Elementary School Picture Retake Day is Friday, December 3rd.
PTC Corner

Upcoming Events

- **Friday, Dec 3** - Gingerbread House Night and Selfies with Santa
  - Drive Thru pick up from 6-7 p.m. at Elementary School circle drive
  - Pre-register at [https://2021-gingerbread-night.cheddarup.com](https://2021-gingerbread-night.cheddarup.com)
  - Cost is $5 per kit
  - Top 3 winners will receive prizes!

- **Tuesday, Dec 7** – Monthly PTC Meeting at 7pm.
  - Join us for our monthly Whiteside Parents & Teachers Club meeting. We will have updates from the Administrators and on upcoming events.
  - Join us in person at the Middle School Library (“masks required”) or virtually through zoom [https://zoom.us/j/66617783480?pwd=SuyarZnMwNn0tCz0MEnl0JRUC6rUT09](https://zoom.us/j/66617783480?pwd=SuyarZnMwNn0tCz0MEnl0JRUC6rUT09)
  - Meeting ID: 998 1778 3480
  - Passcode: 528a25

- **Wednesday, Dec 15** - Whiteside Wednesday @ Signature Tap House- Be sure to mention Whiteside!

- **Friday, Dec 17** - Holiday Class Parties at the Elementary School
  - Time and Date to put together class party in box materials is TBD. Please email Whiteside PTC if you are interested in help in anyway.

Save the Date

- **Friday, February 4, 2022** – Family Reading Night
- **Saturday, March 19, 2022** - Glo Bingo & Auction
  - To reserve your ticket or sponsor the event, register at [https://2022-glo-bingo-auction.cheddarup.com](https://2022-glo-bingo-auction.cheddarup.com)
  - We are looking for committee members to help make this event a success through donation solicitations, decorations, marketing, and day of help, please email Whiteside PTC to be part of the committee.
- **Saturday, April 23, 2022** – Whiteside Color Run & Wellness Fair
  - Email Whiteside PTC to learn more about sponsorship, vendor, & committee opportunities.

For more information, email WhitesidePTC@wssd115.org & follow us on Facebook @WhitesideSchoolPTC

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**Gingerbread House Kit**

**Pick-Up**
- Drive Thru Elementary School circle drive
- You must pre-register at [https://2021-gingerbread-night.cheddarup.com](https://2021-gingerbread-night.cheddarup.com)
- Cost is $5 per kit
- Then, submit your best photos to whitesidePTC@wssd115.org on or by 12/10 so that students can vote!
- Top 3 winners will receive prizes!

**Selfies with Santa**

Santa will be available to drop off letters and to take Selfies.

Selfies are $1.00. All proceeds benefit Whiteside PTC.

*Anyone taking a selfie must wear a mask and stay 6 feet away from Santa.

Questions??? Contact amy.jung@wssd115.org

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**ELEMENTARY SERVICE PROJECT**

Thank you to all of the students, families, and staff who helped raise money for UNICEF during the month of October. We collected $980.31!!! Thank you for your kindness and generosity. We should all be proud of ourselves!

The money we raised for UNICEF will help children in over 150 countries around the world. Teachers, thank you for your efforts in collecting the money in your classroom!
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- **Elementary needs:**
  Sizes 5-14 boy & girl cold weather clothing

- **Middle school need:**
  Mostly gym shorts and tee shirts could be used at this time.

Please contact our nurses if you have any questions.

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**Clothing Needs for Nurses**

Our Nurses are running low on extra clothing to give to students who need to change while at school. Please consider adding to their clothing stash!

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If school is cancelled due to weather, the closing will be announced on TV channels 2, 4, 5, and 11 and on the district website. You will also receive a call via Skyward. Please check Skyward to ensure your phone number is current. Whiteside will never dismiss early, but you may pick up your child at your discretion.

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**HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE**

Sponsored by Whiteside Girls Group

**November 15 - December 1**
Toys can be dropped off in the Middle School Lobby.
Only accepting new/unopened toys.

All toys collected will be donated to St. Louis Cardinals Holiday Gift Drive and benefit children in the St. Louis Area.
Whiteside Band Winter Concert will be December 15th. 5th and 6th grade bands perform at 6:00 p.m. The Concert Band and Jazz Band will perform at 7:00 p.m.

Athletic Area

Basketball Tournaments
- 7th grade boys are at Belle Valley on Saturday, December 4th. Games start at 9:00.
- 7th grade girls are at Wolf Branch on Saturday. Games start at 9:00.
- 6th grade boys play their tournament next Monday-Wednesday at EMGE, times TBD.
- 8th grade boys play their tournament Monday, December 6th- Thursday, December 9th, location and time TBD.
- 8th grade girls play their first tournament next Monday, December 6th- Thursday, December 9th, location and time TBD.
- 8th grade girls have another tournament at Smithton starting on Monday Dec 13th. First game Monday 5:45, additional dates/times TBD.

Winter Sports
Boys’ Volleyball (5-8)
Girls’ Volleyball (5-8)
Bowling (5-8)

If your child is interested in trying out for a winter sport this year, please make sure they have submitted a sports packet this school year into the Middle School office by Wednesday, December 8th. (Available in the front office or on the district website.) Physicals must be less than 1 year old at the start of tryouts. Winter tryouts will be at the beginning of January. More details to follow.

Contact the Athletic Director with any questions nathaniel.leingang@wssd115.org

Extended School Program (ESP)
- Registration is still closed, but Waitlist is open. Please turn in any registration forms, but no registration fees will be collected until a space has opened for your child(ren)
- Please email kristy.frazer@wssd115.org for more information.

Middle School Hat Day!
Hat day is Monday, December 6th. Please bring $1.00 to support Eden’s Army! If you have an Eden’s Army shirt, wear it as well!

eden's army
Supporting families in the Cardiac Intensive Care Unit at Children’s Hospital in St. Louis
www.edensarmy.com

Whiteside Wednesdays
On the 3rd Wednesday of every month
Join us this month at Signature Top House at 51 Lincoln Hwy, Fairview Heights on December 15, 2021. Be sure to mention Whiteside!

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