

WHITESIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT #115

Smoke Signals – January 2020

Mr. Mark Heuring, 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 – January

- 6 **Classes Resume**
- 7 7/8 Grade Girls' Volleyball Tryouts 6-8 p.m.
GO Team Meeting 3 p.m.
- 8 Scholar Bowl vs. Wolf Branch at Home 4 p.m.
Chess Match at West HS 4 p.m.
7/8 Grade Girls' Volleyball Tryouts 6-8 p.m.
Student Council Meeting 3 p.m.
- 9 5/6 Grade Boys' Volleyball Tryouts 3-4:30 p.m.
7/8 Grade Boys' Volleyball Tryouts 4:30-6 p.m.
- 11 5-8 Grade Boys' Volleyball Tryouts 9:30 a.m. – Noon
5/6 Grade Girls' Volleyball Tryouts Noon – 2 p.m.
- 13 Chess Match at West HS 4 p.m.
Honor Band Day for 8th Grade Band Members
- 15 **Early Dismissal (2:00 p.m.)**
Yoga Club 3 p.m.
Scholar Bowl vs. West Jr. High at Home 4 p.m.
- 20 **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – NO SCHOOL**
- 22 Scholar Bowl at Joseph Arthur Middle School 4 p.m.
Chess Match at West HS 4 p.m.
- 25 Volleyball Jamboree at Whiteside Middle School – All Day
- 27 Chess Match at West HS 4 p.m.
- 29 5/6 Girls' Volleyball at Wesclin 4 p.m.
Yoga Club 3 p.m.
Scholar Bowl at Grant 4 p.m.



**No School
January 20th**



5 Essentials Parent Survey

Whiteside School District's 5 Essentials Parent Survey is now open. Parents can find the link on our website under the information tab. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey. It is an Illinois State Board of Education survey handled by the University of Chicago and is completely anonymous. An emailed note explaining the survey was sent home to all parents prior to Thanksgiving Break. Thank you in advance for your time. Mark Heuring – Superintendent



A MESSAGE FROM OUR WHITESIDE NURSES

It's that time of year- cold and flu season! Please keep your students home if they have a fever, are coughing continuously or are too ill to participate in their usual school program. Remember, hand washing is your best defense against illness! **All students must be fever free for 24 hours, without medication, before returning to school.**

JOB OPENING

Whiteside School District #115 is currently searching for a District Administrative Assistant to fill a current vacancy. This position will

require the successful candidate to work directly with the Superintendent and will require assisting the middle school office daily. Interested parties should send their resume to the Superintendent, Mark Heuring, via email at mark.heuring@wssd115.org.

NO TIME FOR BREAKFAST?

Breakfast is served at both schools from 8:00-8:15 a.m., with extended time for later arriving bus students. Fuel up to start the day! *This institution is an equal opportunity provider.*



If school is cancelled due to weather, the closing will be announced on TV channels 2, 4, 5 and 11. 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.



The MobyMax MERRY MATH CHALLENGE



Whiteside Elementary students (K-4) are encouraged to participate in the **MobyMax Merry Math Challenge**. An explanatory note containing your child's username and password was sent home. If you can't find it, email Mrs. Simpson (dorothy.simpson@wssd115.org).

Here's what to do: Your child logs in to MobyMax at home (www.mobymax school id: **iL6071**); enters his username/password, clicks on the **Balloon** icon; then clicks the **Contest** icon - - and is ready to go. The challenge runs from Dec 21 - Jan 5. Prizes will be awarded!



Whiteside Elementary Family Science Night will be held on Thursday, January 23rd from 6-8 p.m. Online registration will begin January 6, 2020.

KINDERGARTEN



REGISTRATION IS COMING!

Registration for all incoming Kindergartners for the 2020-2021 school year will be held on Thursday, April 9, 2020 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Elementary School. You will need to provide a copy of

your child's certified birth certificate and your current proofs of residency in order to complete the registration process. Proofs of residency include: (if you are renting) a lease, occupancy permit and 2 current utility bills or (if you are purchasing or own) a mortgage statement or tax statement and 2 current utility bills. Your child must be 5 on or before September 1, 2020 to be eligible for Kindergarten in the 2020-2021 school year.

All current Pre-K and Early Childhood students who will be going to Kindergarten next year MUST come in and complete the Kindergarten registration process.



Attention All Thespians! The audition date for this year's play, The Enchanted Bookshop by Todd Wallinger, is quickly approaching! Auditions will take place on Saturday, February 8th, at 9 a.m. Please see Mrs. Phillips (Room 704) in January for an audition form. Forms are due Friday, January 31st. All school fees must be paid in order to audition.

WINTER SPORTS TRYOUTS

Girls' & Boys' Volleyball tryouts will be as follows:

7th & 8th Grade Girls

January 7 & 8 from 6-8 p.m.

5th & 6th Grade Girls

January 11 from 12 p.m.-2 p.m.

5th & 6th Grade Boys

January 9 from 3-4:30 p.m.

January 11 from 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

7th & 8th Grade Boys

January 9 from 4:30-6 p.m.

January 11 from 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Students must have submitted the proper paperwork by December 20th, all fees must be paid in full, and students must have a GPA of 2.0 or above to tryout. NO EXCEPTIONS! If you have questions, contact Ms. Lodes, Athletic Director, at ext. 3605.



The Middle School Spring Read-A-Thon will be coming in February! Be on the lookout for information soon!

Please help support Eden's Army, Whiteside, and our local hospitals by donating blood.



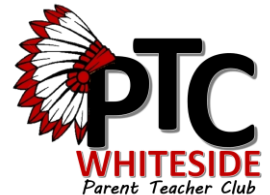
January 16th from 3-6:30 p.m.
Middle School MPR.



Walk-ins are welcome, and appointments are available at bloodcenterimpact.org.

Whiteside Cares and Shares

We are appreciative and proud to share that, during the course of this holiday season, our school community was able to collect over 2,000 food items for over 70 holiday food baskets and provide gifts for over 50 students in need. We want to express our sincere gratitude to the people and organizations who helped to make this possible by providing gifts, hams, turkeys, coats, gift cards, and contributing to the food drives in both buildings: Towerview Baptist Church, Shiloh Police Department, Cornerstone Church, Belleville First Church of the Nazarene and Whiteside staff, students and families. We are grateful to be a part of such a caring community.



PTC Corner

Upcoming Events

January 7 - PTC Meeting at 7 p.m. at the Middle School

January 11 - Pancakes and Pajamas at the Elementary School from 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

-All you can eat Pancakes for \$5 a person

-4 Time Slots - 8:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

-We will even have a pancake eating contest!

January 14 - Dine & Donate at Texas Roadhouse

Save the date

February 9 - Family Puzzler Contest at the Middle School

March 7 - GLO Bingo and Auction

March 27 - Family Reading Night

April 18 - WS Warrior Wellness Day and 5K

BOX TOPS for Education

Don't forget to scan your receipts through the Box Tops for Education Application to get credit for the new digital Box Tops. We will still be collecting the paper Box Tops, too. Our next contest will be February 15th.

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