

# WHITESIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT #115

## Smoke Signals – February 2019

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 – February

- 1 Fun Spot Skate Night 7:30-10:30 p.m.  
Student Council Hat Day (Middle School)
- 2 Boys' Volleyball Jamboree at Belle Valley
- 4 5/6 Girls' Volleyball at EMGE 4 p.m.  
Chess Match at West HS 4 p.m.
- 5 7/8 Girls' Volleyball at Wolf Branch 4 p.m.  
Boys' Volleyball at Wolf Branch 6 p.m.  
Bowling Match at Bel Air 4 p.m.  
GO Team Meeting 3 p.m.  
Sign Language Club 3 p.m.  
Band Parent Association Meeting 6:30 p.m. (Band Room)  
PTC Meeting 7 p.m. at Middle School
- 6 Scholar Bowl Match at Central Jr. High 4 p.m.  
Photo Club Meeting 3 p.m.
- 7 5/6 Girls' Volleyball at St. Teresa 5 p.m.  
7/8 Girls' Volleyball vs. Central Jr. High at Home 4 p.m.  
Boys' Volleyball vs. Central Jr. High at Home 6 p.m.  
Bowling Match at Bel Air 4 p.m.  
Art Club Meeting 3 p.m.
- 8 Spring Picture Day (Middle School)
- 11 Chess Match at West HS 4 p.m. and 4:45 p.m.
- 12 7/8 Girls' Volleyball at Pontiac 4 p.m.  
Boys' Volleyball at Pontiac 6 p.m.  
Bowling Match at St. Clair 4 p.m.  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade Book Club 3 p.m.  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Drawing Group 3 p.m.
- 13 Student Council Meeting 3 p.m.  
Sign Language Club Fundraiser (MS front lobby)
- 14 5/6 Girls' Volleyball at Signal Hill 4 p.m.  
7/8 Girls' Volleyball vs. Signal Hill at Home 4 p.m.  
Boys' Volleyball vs. Signal Hill at Home 6 p.m.  
Bowling Match at Bel Air 4 p.m.  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Book Club 3 p.m.
- 16 Scholar Bowl Tournament at Wolf Branch
- 18 **Presidents' Day – NO SCHOOL**
- 19 5/6 Girls' Volleyball vs. Belle Valley at Home 4 p.m.  
7/8 Girls' Volleyball at West Jr. High 4 p.m.  
Boys' Volleyball at West Jr. High 6 p.m.  
Sign Language Club 3 p.m.
- 20 **Early Dismissal (2 p.m.)**  
Bowling Match at Bel Air 4 p.m.  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Career Day 8:30-11 a.m.
- 21 5/6 Girls' Volleyball vs. Signal Hill at Home 4 p.m.  
7/8 Girls' Volleyball at Grant 4 p.m.  
Boys' Volleyball at Grant 6 p.m.  
Bowling Match at St. Clair 4 p.m.  
Art Club Meeting 3 p.m.  
Read-a-thon (Middle School) 2-6 p.m.
- 23 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls' Volleyball Tourney at Belle Valley  
Band Solo and Ensemble Contest at Whiteside MS
- 25 5/6 Girls' Volleyball at EMGE 4 p.m.  
7/8 Girls' Volleyball vs. EMGE at Home 4 p.m.  
Boys' Volleyball vs EMGE at Home 6 p.m.  
Bowling Match at St. Clair 4 p.m.
- 26 Parent-Teacher Conferences 4-7:30 p.m.  
5th Grade Drawing Group 3 p.m.
- 27 5/6 Girls' Volleyball vs. Belle Valley at Home 4 p.m.  
7/8 Girls' Volleyball at High Mount 4 p.m.  
Boys' Volleyball at High Mount 6 p.m.

- 28 Parent-Teacher Conferences 4-7:30 p.m.  
Art Club Meeting 3 p.m.



In the event that school is cancelled due to severe winter weather, the school closing will be listed on television channels 2, 4, 5, and 11. You will also receive an automated call at the first phone number listed in Skyward.

Please make sure your Skyward contact number is up-to-date. You may also sign up for a text alert from KSDK at <http://www.ksdk.com/textalerts>. Please note that Whiteside will never dismiss early. However, you may pick up your child early at your discretion.



### 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.**



### 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.*



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

13 students from the Elementary were nominated for the “Unleash Your Good Character” Award By WV/T-Mobile this winter. The nominees include Caroline Dickerson, Victoria Hardy, Shafyrah Blake, Isabella Cochran, Jurnee Solomon, Micah Sanders, Kendall Webb-Jackson, Samuel Maddox, Paige Hester, Jayden Chen, Aiyuana Glen, Christien Wagner and Jordan Rivera. All the nominees will be treated to lunch with the Principals and honored at an assembly held February 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:45 p.m. when the winner will be announced.



Elementary School pictures along with class pictures will be taken on Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. Middle School pictures along with club/team photos (NJHS, Chess Club and Team, Student Council and Girls/Boys Volleyball) will be taken on Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. Money and order forms for class pictures and club/team photos only are due at the time the photo is taken.



**KINDERGARTEN**



**REGISTRATION IS COMING!**

Registration for all incoming Kindergartners for the 2019-2020 school year will be held on Thursday, April 18, 2019 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, 2019 to be eligible for Kindergarten for the 2019-2020 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.**



Yearbook order forms are still available in the school office or you can order online. You may order the yearbook at [ybpay.lifetouch.com](http://ybpay.lifetouch.com). and enter the code #1452719. All orders and money are due by February 8<sup>th</sup>.



Students in Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade can register for this fun, hands-on Science Program. Classes begin on Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. The Mad Science Program consists of six after-school sessions held on Tuesdays from 3:15-4:15 p.m. Information on our Mad Science Program will be coming home soon! Registration and payment must be done online. Registration ends on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Lippert by email at [cathy.lippert@wssd115.org](mailto:cathy.lippert@wssd115.org) or by phone at ext. 2218.



The Elementary School Spring Fundraiser will take place from February 8<sup>th</sup> through February 19<sup>th</sup>. We will kick off our Spring Fundraiser with BoBo's Fundraising on February 8<sup>th</sup> at our Character Ed Assembly. All orders and money are due back to the Elementary School by Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. Students can earn a BoBo's pizza party, extra recess with Mr. Rakers and even a portable Boombox Speaker. Profits will be used towards purchasing more technology for our school. Orders will be available for pick up Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> from 2 - 4 p.m. at the Elementary School.



It's time for the Middle School Book Fair! This year's Book Fair will be held on February 20, 21 and 22. This corresponds with the Middle School Read-a-Thon (see below for date and time). Book Fair volunteers are needed for the following shifts: morning, afternoon, setup and take down. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Kelly Suhl at [mickandkelly@charter.net](mailto:mickandkelly@charter.net).



Get your books ready because it's that time again! Whiteside Middle School Read-a-Thon will take place on Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup> from 2 – 6 p.m. Look for permission forms to come home soon. Happy Reading!

All Kindergarten, 2nd and 6th grade students must turn in a dental exam by May 15, 2019. To help with that, the Miles of Smiles Dental team will be at



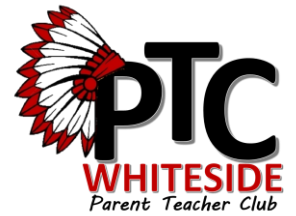
Whiteside on the following dates:  
**Middle School**-Date to be announced  
**Elementary School**-February

14, 15 and 22. While here, they will perform dental exams, cleanings and dental preventative treatments. If you have not turned in a dental permission form and would like for your child to be seen, forms are still being accepted.

## Help Wanted

Interested in working at Whiteside? We are currently taking applications for a part-time (three hours a day) cafeteria position at the Elementary School. Please pick up an application in the school office if you are interested.

## PTC CORNER



### Upcoming Events

**February 5** - PTC Meeting at 7 p.m. at Middle School

**February 23** - Pancakes and Pajamas (Pancake Breakfast at the Elementary School - 8-11 a.m.)

**March 8** - Family Reading Night

### Save the date

**April 6** - GLO Bingo and Auction

**April 13** - WS Warrior Wellness Day and 5K FREE Wellness & Fitness Fair = The PTC is currently seeking various

businesses/organizations that can showcase activities, highlight events, share information, and/or provide giveaways/refreshments. For more information, please contact Kelly Remijan ([wamser.remijan@yahoo.com](mailto:wamser.remijan@yahoo.com))

**April 28** - Family Puzzle Day

### BOX TOPS for Education

Collect those 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](mailto:whitesideptc@wssd115.org) or follow us on Facebook: Whiteside PTC



Attention 6th, 7th, & 8th graders! The audition date for this year's play, 10 Ways to Survive the End of the World, is quickly approaching! Auditions will take place on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 9 a.m. to noon. If interested in auditioning, permission forms must be turned in to Mrs. Phillips by Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Late forms will not be accepted. This year's play is scheduled to be performed on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. Please see Mrs. Philips with any questions.