

WHITESIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT #115

Smoke Signals – February 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 – February

- 3 Scholar Bowl practice 3:00 pm
Chess Team at West High School 4:00 pm
- 4 Student Council Meeting 3:00 pm
5/6 Girls Volleyball vs. Signal Hill 4:00 pm
7/8 Volleyball at Pontiac 4:00 pm
Bowling at Bel Air 4:00 pm
PTC Meeting 7:00 pm at Whiteside Middle School
- 5 Spring Picture Day / Class Picture Day / Glee Club (Elem)
Scholar Bowl Meet at Central Jr. High 4:00 pm
Photo Club 3:00 pm
Yoga Club 3:00 pm
- 6 Last day to order yearbooks
Valegram Sale starts (Middle School)
7/8 Volleyball at Joseph Arthur MS 4:00 pm
Bowling at Bel Air 4:00 pm
Art Club 3:00 pm
Rubiks Cube Club 3:00 pm
- 7 5th Gr. Chorus Field Trip to BTHS East Play
Sports Picture Day (Middle School)
Elementary Pennies for Patients Kick off
Kids Heart Challenge Envelopes Due (Elem)
- 9 PTC Family Puzzler 2:00 pm at Whiteside MS
- 10 7/8 Volleyball vs. Shiloh 4:00 pm
Chess Team at West High School 4:00 pm
DQ Fundraiser for Student Council 5:00-8:00 pm
- 11 5/6 Volleyball vs. BelleValley starting 4:00 pm
7/8 Volleyball at Grant 6:00 pm
Bowling at Bel Air 4:00 pm
Go Team 3:00 pm
- 12 Valegram Sale Last Day (Middle School)
- 13 Art Club 3:00 pm
Bowling at Bel Air 4:00 pm
- 14 Middle School Hat Day for American Heart Association
8th grade cap and gown measurement with Jostens
Valentine Parties 1:30-2:30 pm Elementary School only
Box Top for Education contest ends
Chess Team at Pontiac (TBD)
- 15 Scholar Bowl Tournament at Central Jr High 9:00 am
- 17 **Presidents' Day – NO SCHOOL**
- 18 5/6 Girls Volleyball vs Wesclin 4:00 pm
7/8 Volleyball at High Mount 4:00 pm
- 19 8th Grade Career Day
Early Dismissal (2:00 pm)
Elementary School Hat Day
Book Fair (Middle School)
- 20 Yoga Club 3:00 pm
Middle School Read-a-thon 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Book Fair (Middle School)
Art Club 3:00 pm
Rubiks Cube Club 3:00 pm
5/6 Volleyball at Signal Hill 4:00 pm
7/8 Volleyball vs. Signal Hill 4:00 pm
- 21 Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting 7:45 am
Book Fair (Middle School)

- 22 Band Solo and Ensemble Contest at Whiteside MS
7 B Girls Volleyball Tournament at BelleValley
- 24 Bobo's fundraiser Kick off (Elem)
- 25 Parent / Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:30 pm
7/8 Volleyball vs. West Jr. High 4:00 pm
- 27 Parent / Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:30 pm
Art Club 3:00 pm
5 Girls Volleyball vs St. Theresa's 4:00 pm
6 Girls Volleyball vs St. Theresa's 5:00 pm
6 Boys Volleyball vs St. Theresa's 6:00 pm
7/8 Volleyball at Central Jr High (Belleville) 4:00 pm
- 28 **Parent / Teacher Conferences – NO SCHOOL**
- 29 7/8 Boys Volleyball Tournament at Whiteside



Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting
Friday, February 21st at 7:45 am
Room 612



Yearbook order forms are still available in the school office or you can order online. You may order the yearbook at ybpay.lifetouch.com. and enter the code #1452720. All orders and money are due by February 6th.

NO SCHOOL FEBRUARY 17th

Early Dismissal February 19th (2:00)

NO SCHOOL FEBRUARY 28th



5Essentials Survey parent portion is available on the Whiteside web page (wssd115.org) under the Information tab. The link will be open until February 14th, 2020. Information from this survey is used by the Illinois State Board of Education to help predict important student outcomes.



The Elementary School Service Project for February will be to raise money for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Pennies for Patients campaign. We will have a guest speaker on February 7th to kick off our project. For every \$1 students donate, between Feb. 7 and Feb. 24, they will be entered into a drawing for weekly prizes. Our goal is to raise \$1500. For more information, you can go to the website: www.penniesforpatients.org/mission

Help Wanted

Interested in working at Whiteside? We are currently taking applications for a part-time (3 ½ hours a day) cafeteria position at the Middle School. Please pick up an application in the school office if you are interested.



Monday, February 10th
5:00 - 8:00 pm
Student Council Fundraiser
Dairy Queen on Lebanon Ave.



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.



ATTN: 6th Grade Parents

Dental exams are needed for all students before May 15, 2020.

(Disregard if you have already turned one in or you participated in the Miles of Smiles in January.)

ATTN: Kindergarten and 2nd Grade Parents

Dental exams are needed for all student before May 15, 2020. If you would like your child to see the Miles of Smiles dentists, they will be at the Elementary school the end of February. Permission slips are available at the Elementary nurses' office and are still be accepted.

Nurse's Notes

It's that time of year - cold and flu season! Please keep your student home until they are symptom free for 24 hours without medication. This includes fever, continuous cough or are too ill to participate in normal activities.

The Elementary School Spring Fundraiser will take place from **February 24th through March 11th**. All orders and money are due back to the Elementary School by Wednesday, March 11th. **NEW this year!!!** Top Sellers will earn time playing video games on the Video Game Truck!! Profits will be used towards purchasing more technology for our school. *Orders will be available for pick up Wednesday, April 1st from 2 - 5 p.m. at the Elementary School.*



The little free libraries are now in place outside both schools.

These libraries give the opportunity to take a book and read it, while donating a book to the library that someone else

may enjoy. The elementary school library contains mainly early reader books while the middle school library has young adult to adult books.

Thank You
Graham Gunn



First Annual Whiteside Dodgeball Tournament

March 13th from 6:00 to 9:00 pm at Whiteside Middle School. Teams of 10 (with at least 3 girls per team). Cost is \$8.00 per person and includes a dodgeball shirt. See Mrs. Mentzer or Ms. Tami for entry forms.

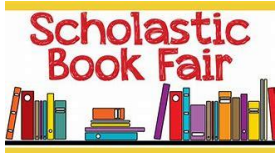
Come support our students and staff for a fun new Whiteside Tradition! Admission \$2.00 for adults, \$1.00 for students. Concessions including pizza and Chick-fil-a will be available.

Picture Day

Elementary School Spring pictures and Glee Club Pictures will be taken on Wednesday, February 5th. Individual and class pictures will be taken. Money and order forms for class pictures and Glee Club photos are due at the time the photo is taken. Proofs of individual photos will be sent home at a later date.

Middle School Sports pictures along with club/team photos (NJHS, Chess Club, Student Council and Girls/Boys Volleyball) will be taken on Friday, February 7th. Money and order forms are due at the time the photo is taken.

Middle School Individual Spring pictures will be taken Monday, March 30th. Proofs of individual photos will be sent home at a later date.



It's time for the Middle School Book Fair! This year's Book Fair will

be held on February 19, 20 and 21. This corresponds with the Middle School Read-a-Thon. Book Fair volunteers are needed for the following shifts: morning, afternoon, setup (afternoon of February 18th) and take down. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Kelly Suhl at mickandkelly@charter.net



Whiteside Middle School 10th Annual Family Science & Math Night - Team Challenge Wednesday, March 4th 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Registration is required. Students need to return the registration form and \$1 per team member to Ms. Tami by Monday, February 17th. (Elementary siblings are welcome to attend with a parent.) Must be present to win door prizes!



Kindergarten through 4th grade students will be participating in the Kids Heart Challenge during their PE classes in

February. Collection envelopes have been sent home. All envelopes and money need to be turned in to the Elementary School office by Friday, February 7th.



Get your books ready because it's that time again!

Whiteside
Middle School Read-a-Thon
Thursday, February 20th
2 - 6 p.m.

Look for permission forms to come home soon.

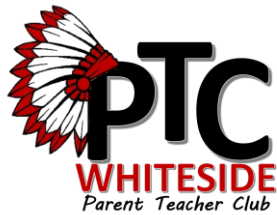
Happy Reading!



Valegram Cookie Sale
February 6th - 12th
\$1.00 each
Whiteside Middle School

Valegrams will be delivered on Feb. 14th.

PTC CORNER



Upcoming Events

February 4 - PTC Meeting -
7 p.m. at Middle School

February 9 – Family Puzzlers - 2 p.m. at Middle School ~Register your team of 4-6 for our Family Puzzler event. Please turn in paper registrations by February 5th or register online at <https://whitesideptc.ticketleap.com/puzzler>. \$20 per team. All proceeds go to Whiteside Special Education Program. Contact Lacey at WhitesidePTC@wssd115.org for more information or to donate.

March 7 – Bibbidi Bobbidi Glo Bingo and Auction - 7 pm at CK & L of I Country Club ~ \$20 per person (tables up to 8 people). Must be 18 to attend. Registration forms will be sent home or register on line at <https://whitesideptc.ticketleap.com/Whiteside>. For donations or to volunteer please contact Jeremy at whitesidePTC@wssd115.org

Save the date

March 27th - Family Reading Night - 6:00 to 8:00 pm

April 18th - WS Warrior Wellness Day and 5K

April 24th - Food Truck Friday and Movie Night

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

BOX TOPS for Education

Box Tops has gone DIGITAL! Instead of clipping from packaging and checking expiration dates, all Box Tops will be earned through Google Play. If you do grocery pick up, you can forward your email receipt to receipts@boxtops4education.com using the same email that's associated with your Box Tops for Education account. Make sure you have a Box Tops for Education account (you can create one via the Box Tops app or website).

If you still have traditional Box Top Clips, we will still be collecting Box Tops at both schools. The next contest deadline is **February 14th**. Box Tops must include teacher's name and can be turned in at any time on the collection sheets or in an envelope or baggie! Be sure to note any digital Box Tops you have scanned or emailed too. The winning class with the most box tops turned in (clips or reported digital) will have a PTC sponsored party!



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration for all incoming Kindergartners for the 2020-2021 school year will be held on **Friday, March 20th** from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm 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 1st, 2020 to be eligible for Kindergarten for 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.**

If you cannot come on this date, please come to the office between 9:00 am to 2:00 pm during the school week.