

WHITESIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT #115

618-239-0000

Smoke Signals – January 2021

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

****Whiteside School District is conducting in-person classes at this time.**

We encourage all families to be prepared for an additional adaptive pause due to future COVID concerns. Whiteside School District may change to remote learning in the event of additional COVID cases, transmission evidence, and/or the availability of staff. **



REMINDER: Transition 4 begins February 8; students attend in-person Monday through Friday

Important Note: If you are not receiving phone calls and/or emails, log into your Skyward account and update your contact information.

Calendar of Events – FEBRUARY

- 3 Spring Picture day at ES
- 8 Transition 4 begins; all students Mon-Friday In-Person (no remote days)
- 15 **NO SCHOOL** – President’s Day



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.



Yearbook order forms were sent home with students. Yearbook orders

are due by Feb. 13, 2021. Students/families can get an extra yearbook order form from our office, or families may order the yearbook online at: ybpay.lifetouch.com Our yearbook ID code is: 1452721

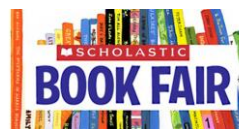
Extended School Program “ESP”

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



Spring Pictures will be taken at the Elementary on **Wednesday, February 3.**

Due to COVID restrictions and social distancing efforts, only individual pictures will be taken this year.



Whiteside Middle School’s Book Fair

Book Fair dates: February 17 – March 2
Shopping hours: 24 hours a day
<http://www.scholastic.com/bf/whiteside>

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:

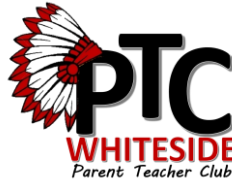
MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Dai'Ja Leonard
Christian Crask
Lainey Burress



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

Georgia King – K
Kaezion Spencer – K
Adam Zahran -1st
Cheyenne Vredeveld – 1st
Nathan Rachels – 2nd
Brody Light – 2nd
Anttania Strong – 3rd
Konrad Sporleder – 3rd
Devlyn Knowles – 4th
Cruz Barnhart – 4th



Tuesday, Feb 2: PTC meeting at 7pm via Zoom

Friday, Feb 12: Box Tops due

If you still have traditional Box Tops clips, we will be collecting BOX TOPS at both schools. **The deadline is February 12th.** Please put Box Tops in a baggie including the teacher's name so your class gets credit for them and turn them into the school office.

Box Tops has gone digital. Download the Box Tops mobile app available on the App Store or through Google Play. Then you just scan your grocery receipts for Whiteside to get the Box Tops credit!

Visit <https://www.boxtops4education.com/> for more information on the app. If you do online grocery ordering and pick up, after creating a Box Tops account, forward your digital receipt to receipts@boxtops4education.com using the same email you used for your Box Tops account.

Wednesday, Feb 16: Dine to Donate TBD

Spirit Wear:

Our online ordering store for Whiteside spirit wear is now open! Items will arrive in mid-March. They have masks & clothing in children & adult sizes that will be perfect to show your Warrior Spirit! *The store will be open until Sunday, February 7th.*

<https://wp2021.wswebstore.com/store>

Save the Dates:

Friday, Mar 26th: Virtual Family Reading Night
April 1st – 30th: Warrior Marathon

We are looking for prize donations and t-shirt sponsors for this event. Please reach out to WhitesidePTC@wssd115.org if you or business would be interested in supporting us.

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

A NOTE FROM OUR NURSES:

Take Care of Your Heart

February is American Heart Awareness Month!
Here are some tips to make sure your heart stays in good health:

- Get 30-60 minutes of exercise each day
- Cook meals that have low sodium (salt) and are low in unhealthy fats
- Eat healthy snacks like fruits and veggies
- Get plenty of sleep each night (at least 8 hours)
- Manage stress by relaxation, yoga, or reading a good book

Make a goal as a family to make one heart healthy change in February!

Need help finding ways to make a health change? Talk to your school nurses for some fun ideas.
-Nurse Heather and Nurse Kayce



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.*



MEAL PACKS AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL DAILY FROM 10:30-12:30

Please remember to complete the online form that is emailed out every day to reserve your meal packs (especially on virtual days)! We want to make sure we always have enough for everyone.

Thank you!

COVID-19 Dashboard

Our COVID-19 Dashboard will be emailed to all parents on Fridays 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.

