

WHITESIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT #115

Smoke Signals – March 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 – March

- 1 **TEACHER CONFERENCE DAY - NO SCHOOL**
- 4 7/8 Girls' Volleyball at West Jr. High 4 p.m.
Boys' Volleyball at West Jr. High 6 p.m.
- 5 Sign Language Club 3 p.m.
Anime Club 3 p.m.
Yoga Club 3 p.m.
5/6 Girls' Volleyball at EMGE 4 p.m.
7/8 Girls' Volleyball vs. Shiloh at Home 4 p.m.
Boys' Volleyball vs. Shiloh at Home 6 p.m.
PTC Meeting at 7 p.m. at Middle School
- 6 Girls' Bowling Finals at St. Clair
Photo Club 3 p.m.
- 7 Art Club 3 p.m.
Boys' Bowling Finals at St. Clair
5/6 Girls' Volleyball vs. EMGE at Home 4 p.m.
7/8 Girls' Volleyball at Central of O'Fallon 4 p.m.
Boys' Volleyball at Central of O'Fallon at 6 p.m.
- 8 End of 3rd Quarter
- 9 8th Grade Girls' Volleyball Tourney at Middle School
- 12 Boys' Volleyball Conference Tourney at East HS (12-13)
Anime Club 3 p.m.
5th Grade Book Club 3 p.m.
5th Grade Drawing Club 3 p.m.
- 13 Student Council Meeting 3 p.m.
Girls' Volleyball Regionals at Belle Valley
- 14 6th Grade Book Club 3 p.m.
Art Club 3 p.m.
- 15 Student Council Hat and Donut Day at Middle School
7th & 8th Grade Spring Dance 6 – 8 p.m.
- 19 Yoga Club 3 p.m.
Sign Language Club 3 p.m.
Anime Club 3 p.m.
- 21 Art Club 3 p.m.
- 22 **TEACHER INSTITUTE DAY – NO SCHOOL**
- 25 Track and Field Tryouts 3 – 4:30 p.m.
- 26 Track and Field Tryouts 3 – 4:30 p.m.
GO Team Meeting 3 p.m.
5th Grade Drawing Club 3 p.m.
Anime Club 3 p.m.
- 28 Art Club 3 p.m.



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Assessment of Readiness

Students in grades 3-8 will participate in the IAR test this year. **IAR testing will be conducted during the following times:**

8th Grade: April 10-15

7th Grade: March 25-29

6th Grade: April 2-4

5th Grade: April 3-12

4th Grade: April 9-11

3rd Grade: April 2-4

S.O.A.R.

Summer of Academics and Recreation



Are you looking for childcare this summer? Each summer Whiteside offers a summer camp to students ages kindergarten to fifth grade. SOAR summer camp begins on the first day of summer break and ends on the last day before students return to school. This summer SOAR will be located at **Whiteside Elementary School**. If you are interested in signing your student up please pick up a registration form from the school office, ESP, or look for the registration attached to this smoke signal newsletter.



The end of the school year is quickly approaching! Please remember all fees have to be paid in full in order for students to attend field trips and any end-of-year activities. Please check your student's account for any outstanding lunch or school fees.



Mark your calendar for this year's 8th Grade Graduation, Thursday, May 23rd at 7:00 p.m. 8th Grade families will receive 6 tickets per graduate.

7th and 8th Grade



Friday, March 15, 2019
Whiteside Middle School
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Whiteside Middle School



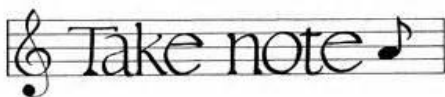
Presents:

10 Ways to Survive the End of the World
April 25th at 7:00pm

Student Council will have a hat and donut day at the Middle School on Friday, March 15th. Pay \$1 to wear a hat and buy a donut to support Joshua's Great Things Foundation! Newly designed Joshua t-shirts will be for sale the entire week before hat and donut day for \$5 each.



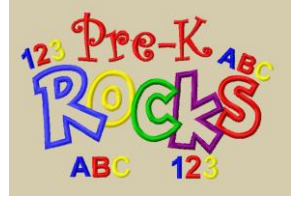
Middle School Band



The Spring Band Awards Concert will take place on Thursday, May 9th at 7 p.m.

Whiteside Elementary School Pre-K

Do you have a child who will be 3 on or before September 1, 2019? Are you interested in having your 3 or 4 year old attend Whiteside Elementary School's half day Pre-K program? **The next screening will take place in the spring.** Please contact Karla or Bridget at the Elementary School Office at 239-0000 x 2317 or x 2314 to add your child's name to the screening list.



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.

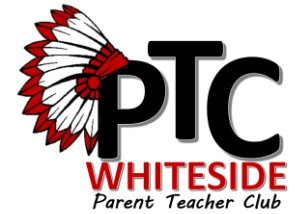
Tryout Dates: March 25th & 26th

Time: 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Where: Whiteside Middle School Track

Bring appropriate clothing for running, as well as water. Sports packet for 2018-2019, current physical and payment for fees must be turned in by March 13th in order to participate in the tryouts. No exceptions!





Thank you to everyone that participated in the Elementary School Spring Fundraiser. Proceeds will be used to purchase technology for our classrooms.



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.**



On Friday, April 12th, the Go Team will be hosting our 3rd annual Game Night at the Middle School. Plan to join us for friends, fun and food. Information about the event will be coming home in mid-March.

Miles of Smiles Dental team will be back in early spring for follow-up treatment. Please return all Miles of Smiles YELLOW permission forms to the nurse's office as soon as possible.



NO TIME FOR BREAKFAST?

Breakfast is served at both schools from 8:00-8:15 am, with extended time for later arriving bus students. Fuel up to start the day!



This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

PTC CORNER

Upcoming Events

March 5 - PTC Meeting - WS Middle School - 7 p.m.

March 8 - Family Reading Night

Save the date

April 6 - WS Star Studded GLO Bingo and Auction - 7 p.m.

CK & L of I Country Club

\$20/person (tables up to 8 people)

Must be 18 to attend

For donations or to volunteer or register, please contact:

Tiffany Kraus at tkraushouse@gmail.com or

Julie Miller at julsmiller3@gmail.com

April 13 - WS Warrior Wellness Day

5K and FREE Wellness & Fitness Fair

PTC is currently seeking various businesses and 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)

April 28 - Family Puzzle Day

BOX TOPS for Education

THANK YOU to everyone who turned in box tops for the February contest!!!

We will be collecting BOX TOPS at both WS Elementary and WS Middle School. The next contest deadline is in **May** - 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 or follow us on Facebook: **Whiteside PTC**