

WHITESIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT #115

618-239-0000

Smoke Signals - APRIL 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. **

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 - APRIL

Spring Break April 1-5 - NO SCHOOL

Welcome to Kindergarten

REGISTRATION for Kindergarten for the 2021-2022 school year will begin April 6th, 2021

Please come to the elementary school office Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

You will need to bring your **Lease/Mortgage Statement, Occupancy Permit, 2 Current Utility Bills, & your child's certified Birth Certificate.**

If your student is currently enrolled in Whiteside's Early Childhood or Pre-K program, you **do not** need to register at this time.

If you have any questions, please call the office at 618-239-0000.



Drama will perform their play on May 7th at 7pm. More details to follow regarding performance attendance.

OPEN POSITIONS for DISTRICT #115

- Whiteside School District is looking for a middle school math teacher
- Whiteside School District is looking for an Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent
- Whiteside School District is currently searching for a nurse at the Middle School

View these positions by visiting the ROE website: <http://www.stclair.k12.il.us/>

Direct link is:

<http://www.sccroe50.org/gdb7/GenericList.asp?URL=/employment/employmentA.asp>



ILLINOIS
Assessment of Readiness

Students are still taking their IAR tests - please check your email for specific dates/time for in-person & virtual learners.



8TH GRADE GRADUATION TUESDAY, MAY 18TH MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW - STAY TUNED!



17th Annual Whiteside Education Foundation Golf Tournament will be held on May 21st, 2021 at Yorktown Golf Course.

This event raises financial support for Whiteside School District #115. All donations and sponsorships will provide our teachers with resources that enrich and supplement the regular education programs offered at Whiteside School District #115.

We have 4 person teams and the cost is \$60 per person* – includes mulligans (*If foursome paid in full by 4/30. \$65 per person after 4/30.)

For more information, please contact Scott Way at 239-0000

All Sports Packets and Physicals Due BEFORE Try-Outs:

- ALL fees need to be paid except for activity fee
- 4th Quarter GPA must be a 2.0 on a 12.0 scale
- Sports Packets completed and signed by a parent or guardian (pick up in office)
- COVID Waiver completed and signed by a parent or guardian (in office)
- Current Physical signed by a physician

Girls' Track 6th-8th -

<https://classroom.google.com/c/MzA3NjQzMDUyOTkz?cjc=m5bvq3d>

Class Code: m5bvq3d

Dates: April 12 and 13

Time: 2:45 - 4:15pm

Coach Erin Strinni



Boys' Track 6th-8th -

<https://classroom.google.com/c/MzA3NjQzMDUyOTU1?cjc=dd7hz2p>

Class Code: dd7hz2p

Dates: April 12 and 13

Time: 2:45 - 4:15pm

Coach Troy Griffith

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Jesse "J.D." Hill - 8th
Jasmyn Thomas - 8th



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Isabella Sanchez
Lucas Promenchenkel
Aubrey Holt
Aidan Donovan
Ian Hall
Samuel Maddox
Josephine Dahlstrom
Brielle Crockett
Nicholas Jenkins
Deja Turner



CONGRATULATIONS!

8th Grade Winners

Katherine Arterburn – 1st

Allison Dorn – 2nd

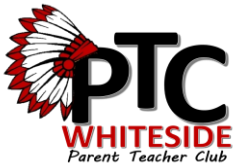
Amilia Howell – Honorable Mention
Sofia Mohammad – Honorable Mention
Lillian Saeger – Honorable Mention

7th Grade Winners

Dai'Ja Leonard – 1st

Alexandria Randolph – 2nd

Maris Endsley – Honorable Mention
Cassandra Matejka – Honorable Mention



Upcoming Events:

April PTC Corner:

- **April 1-30th** – Whiteside Warrior Marathon Challenge (Virtual)
- **April 6th** – April PTC Meeting at 7pm via zoom
 - We will be having our elections for the 2021-2022 board members- President, Vice President, Treasurer, & Secretary. Please reach out to Lacey at WhitesidePTC@wssd115.org if you are interested in a position or learning more.
- **Every weekend in April (3,4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, & 25)** – Dine in, Carry out, or Delivery from Joe’s Pizza & Pasta at 4628 N Illinois St, Fairview Heights -618-416-4464 and mentioned Whiteside for the PTC to get 15% of all sales.
 - They have generously offered to support our PTC and the Marathon throughout the month of April!
 - Daily Lunch Specials – 8” 2 topping pizza, salad, & drink for \$8.99
 - Everyday Family Special – XL 2 topping pizza, large garden salad, garlic bread, and drinks for 4 for \$28.95
 - Sunday’s Specials – All You Can Eat Spaghetti with garlic stix and salad for \$8.99
 - Checkout their Facebook Page for more weekend specials!

We would like to thank our generous Sponsors for our first Whiteside Warrior Marathon Sponsors: Amazing Smiles, Artwear, Coldstone Creamery, Gwinn Chiropractic Center, Joe’s Pizza & Pasta, Muttley & Me, Peace by Piece, Schaufler Equine LLC, Silver Creek Saloon & Grill, T-Mobile, The \$5 Habit, the Tilted Tulip, and the Whiteside School Board!

Congratulations to Eva in Mrs. Jarvis’ 4th grade class whose winning t-shirt design is featured on the front of the Marathon shirts!

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



A NOTE FROM OUR NURSES:

STATE REQUIRED DENTAL EXAMS

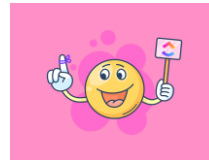


ATTENTION:

Kindergarten, 2nd grade, and 6th grade parents:

It is an Illinois state requirement that students in Kindergarten, the 2nd grade, and the 6th grade have a dental exam performed. Please have your student see a dentist and submit the state dental exam form as soon as possible. **Documentation is due no later than Friday, May 14th, 2021.**
Nurse Heather and Nurse Kayce

OUTSTANDING FEES DUE



The end of the school year is quickly approaching! **Please remember ALL fees have to be paid in full in order for students to participate in any extracurricular activities and attend any end-of-year activities including 8th grade graduation.** Please check your student’s account in skyward for any outstanding lunch or school fees. ****Checks will only be accepted through Friday, April 9th, with the exception of paying for ESP - we encourage you to pay online via RevTrak when possible, or you may bring cash to either school.**

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! We want to make sure we always have enough for everyone.

Thank you!



Extended School Program “ESP”

For information on our after school program, please contact the elementary school office at 618-239-0000 or email Kristy Frazer, kristy.frazer@wssd115.org



April Showers
Bring May Flowers

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.