

WHITESIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT #115

Smoke Signals – April 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

Calendar of Events – April 2019

- 2 **Election Day**
Sign Language Club 3 p.m.
Anime Club 3 p.m.
Track Meet at Home 4 p.m.
PTC Meeting at 7 p.m. at Middle School
- 3 Rubik's Cube Club 3 p.m.
Photo Club 3 p.m.
- 4 Art Club 3 p.m.
Track Meet at Belle Valley 4 p.m.
- 9 Yoga Club 3 p.m.
NJHS Meeting 3 p.m.
Anime Club 3 p.m.
5th Grade Book Club 3 p.m.
5th Drawing Club 3 p.m.
- 10 Student Council Meeting 3 p.m.
- 11 Track Feeder Relays at West HS 1 p.m.
6th Grade Book Club 3 p.m.
Art Club 3 p.m.
- 12 GO Team Game Night
- 16 Anime Club 3 p.m.
Sign Language Club 3 p.m.
Geography Fair 6-7 p.m.
- 17 **Early Dismissal 2 p.m.**
- 18 **SPRING BREAK – NO SCHOOL**
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- 23 Yoga Club 3 p.m.
Anime Club 3 p.m.
5th Grade Drawing Club 3 p.m.
Track Meet at Home 4 p.m.
- 24 Drama Club Dress Rehearsal 3-6 p.m.
NJHS Meeting 3 p.m.
Rubik's Cube Club 3 p.m.
- 25 Art Club 3 p.m.
Track Meet at West Jr. High 4 p.m.
Drama Production at MS 7 p.m.
- 26 Concert Band - Six Flags
- 30 Track Meet at West HS at Noon
NJHS Meeting 3 p.m.
Anime Club 3 p.m.

Help Wanted

Interested in working at Whiteside? We are currently taking applications for a Part Time Cafeteria Position at the Elementary School. Please pick up an application in the school office if you are interested.



ILLINOIS
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 having your child attend, registration packets are available from the school office or ESP.



Field trips and end of year activities are quickly approaching. Please remember all fees have to be paid in order for students to attend field trips and any end of year activities which also includes the 8th grade graduation ceremony. Please check your student's account to see if they have any outstanding lunch or school fees.

The last day to write checks for the 2018-2019 school year is Wednesday, April 17, 2019.

****Checks will still be accepted for ESP and SOAR but we encourage you to pay online via RevTrak when possible.**

REGISTER NOW

**For the 16th Annual
WHITESIDE EDUCATION FOUNDATION
Golf Tournament**

Friday, May 3, 2019
Yorktown Golf Course
5 p.m. registration, 5:45 pm shot-gun start
For more information, please contact
Troy Griffith at 239-0000 ext. 2234



Congratulations to all students who entered a story in the Young Author Conference Writing Contest for Whiteside School. Whiteside has many talented writers! Nine students have been

chosen to be our school representatives at the 37th Annual St. Clair County Young Author's Conference on Saturday, April 6, 2019. They are:
8TH Grade: Elise Penet (Mrs. Mertens's class)
7TH Grade: Addison Suhl (Mr. Murakami's class)
6TH Grade: Allison Dorn (Mrs. Flint's class)
5TH Grade: Maris Endsley (Mrs. Geluck's class)
4TH Grade: Lena Lockridge (Mrs. Lippert's class)
3RD Grade: Ella Piotrowski (Mrs. Frank's class)
2ND Grade: Aria Parker (Mrs. Lay's class)
1ST Grade: Broderick Jung (Mrs. Connolly's class)
Kindergarten: Linden Prince (Mrs. Zalesky's class)

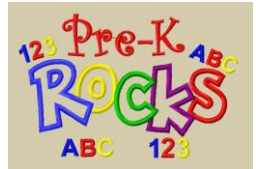


Registration for all incoming Kindergartners for the 2019-2020 school year will be held on Thursday, April 18, 2019 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Elementary School. You will need to provide a copy of your child's certified birth certificate and your current proofs of residency in order to complete the 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.

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.



8th Grade Graduation
Thursday, May 23 at 7:00 p.m.
8th Grade families will receive 6 tickets per graduate.

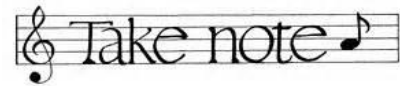


3rd Annual Middle School Game Night
Hosted by the GO Team
Friday, April 12
Join us for friends, fun, and food!



Presents:
10 Ways to Survive the End of the World
Thursday, April 25
7:00pm
Whiteside Middle School

Middle School Band

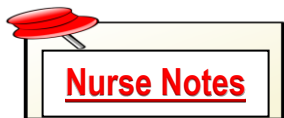


Spring Band Awards Concert
Monday, May 20 at 7 p.m.



Student Council Hat Day
Whiteside Middle School
Wednesday, April 17
Pay \$1 to wear a hat.
All proceeds will benefit St. Jude!

GEOGRAPHY FAIR: Take a trip around the world on April 16th from 6-7 p.m. The 8th graders will have tables set up around the middle school showcasing maps, flags, clothing, and display boards from countries all over the world. Punch and cookies will be provided.



- Reminder: Illinois School health requirements require all students in Kindergarten, 2nd and 6th grades to submit a current dental examination to school by May 15, 2019. Dental forms are available in the office, from the school nurse and on the school website. Your dental provider should have the state required dental exam forms as well.
- Miles of Smiles Dental team will be back at the elementary school on April 4th, 11th and 12th for follow-up dental care.

NO TIME FOR BREAKFAST?

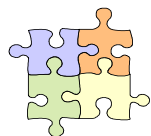
Breakfast is served at both schools from 8:00-8:15 am, with extended time for later arriving bus students. Fuel up to start the day! *This institution is an equal opportunity provider.*



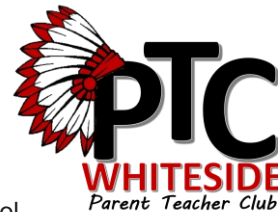
FAMILY PUZZLE DAY

Whiteside Middle School
 Sunday, April 28, 2019
 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Join us for some family fun competition putting a puzzle together! It will be a 300 piece puzzle per team (4-6 players). It is \$20 for advance registration and \$25 registration at the door. There will be prizes for 1st-3rd place teams. All funds raised will benefit the Whiteside Special Education Program that serves over 290 students ranging in age from 3 years old through 8th grade. Teachers use many different devices such as iPad's, Chromebooks, ball chairs, exercise bands, weighted vests and lap pads and hand manipulatives. For more information or if you are able to donate or volunteer, contact Lacey Bochantin at LBochantin@gmail.com.



PTC CORNER



Upcoming Events

- April 2** - PTC Meeting at Middle School, 7:00pm
- April 6** - GLO Bingo and Auction
- April 13** - WS Warrior Wellness Day and 5K Run/Walk
- April 28** - Family Puzzle Day

BOX TOPS for Education

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**

Lights, Camera, BINGO!!!



Whiteside's
 STAR Studded Spectacular
Glo Bingo and Auction
 Saturday, April 6, 2019 at 7 p.m.
 CK & L of I Country Club

Register now before tables sell out! Would you like to make a basket or donate to the auction? Would you like to advertise your business by sponsoring a bingo round? Please contact Tiffany Kraus at tkraushouse@gmail.com or Julie Miller at julsmiller3@gmail.com for more information, to volunteer, or to donate!

**Warrior Wellness 5k Run/Walk
 &
 Little Warrior Fun Run**
 Saturday, April 13, 2019
 8:00am
 Whiteside Middle School



Come join us for our 6th Annual Warrior Wellness 5k Run/Walk, FREE Fun Run and FREE Wellness-Fitness Fair! The 5K registration form along with detailed information can be found at: www.tinyurl.com/warriorwellness5k Hope to see you there!

