

WHITESIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT #115

618-239-0000

Smoke Signals – May 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 – MAY

- 3 Track Meet at Whiteside Middle School
- 6 Track Meet at Whiteside Middle School
- 7 Spring Play – watch via Whiteside Facebook page
- 18 8th Grade Graduation 3:30 – 7:30 pm
- 28 Last day of attendance for Students (K-7th)
(11:30 Dismissal – No Lunch Served)



2021-2022 School Year Registration

On-line Registration will begin Monday, June 28th

In-Person Registration will be

July 22 (2pm – 7pm)

July 27 (7am – 2pm)

July 29 (2 pm – 7pm)

ALL returning students are required to register either online or at one of the In-person registration dates.

You will need to bring 2 current Utility Bills for proof of residency. If you have moved, you will also need to provide a new lease / mortgage statement.

Kindergarten

REGISTRATION for Kindergarten for the 2021-2022 school year has begun!

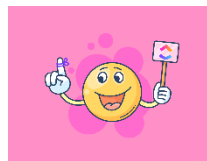
Please come to the elementary school office anytime Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm to register your child.

You will need to bring your Lease / Mortgage Statement, Occupancy Permit, 2 Current Utility Bills, and 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

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. ****We are NO LONGER accepting checks for the remainder of the school year – only cash payments will be accepted in the offices** - we encourage you to pay online via RevTrak when possible, or you may bring cash to either school.



Happy Teacher Appreciation Week to all our Whiteside Teachers and Paraprofessionals!



From Nurse Heather and Nurse Kayce

Vision and Hearing screenings are continuing for the 20/21 school year. If your child has not yet been screened, Nurse Heather will be completing these within the next couple of weeks.

Dental Exams Due:

If you have a current Kindergartener, Second grader, or Sixth grader - the required dental exam documentation is **due to the nurses NO LATER THAN May 14th, 2021**. If your student has recently seen a dentist, they can fax over proof to the nurses at your respective school. If you are unable to obtain an appointment prior to the deadline, please contact your building's nurse for alternatives.

2021-2022 School Year

Looking ahead to next year and as the school year draws to a close, we would like to take this opportunity to remind you of necessary state health requirements.

All students must be up to date with physical and immunizations by the FIRST DAY of school. Students will NOT be able to attend school until ALL required health information is on file.

It is not too early to begin scheduling physical and immunization appointments.

- Physical exam (on the Illinois form) making sure that the health history portion on the back is completed by a parent or guardian.
- Immunizations (see specific requirements by grade below)

Requirements by Grade:

Preschool Students

- Physical exam with health history completed on Illinois form
- Complete immunization record

Kindergarten Students

- NEW physical exam with health history completed on Illinois form - (**NOTE: the physical exam from preschool CAN NOT be used for this requirement. **)
- Complete immunization record

Sixth Grade Students

- New physical exam with health history completed on Illinois form
- Complete immunization record including a Tdap vaccine and a Meningococcal vaccine (after 11th birthday)

Nurse Notes Continued....

Religious Exemption

- A NEW religious exemption certificate is required for children entering Kindergarten and / or sixth grade.

ELEMENTARY SPRING CHARACTER AWARDS

The following Elementary Students were nominated for the Spring Character Award.

Jayce Mettler
Genesis King
Emma Sterns
Sofia Walkusky
Noah Smith
Lillian Fedele
Blayke Lindley
Arabella Orellana
Tra'Mya Edmonds
Tristan Ash
Tevon Caul
Jalayah Burris
Danielle Saulsberry
Isabelle Corrigan
Liam Donaldson
Ally Parker



All nominees will be treated to a lunch provided by the Principals and the winner will be announced during a special video announcement at the end of the year.

Thank you
Nurse Heather
and
Nurse Kayce!
Happy Nurse
Appreciation Day!



Join us for the Middle School Play



by Flip Kobler and Cindy Marcus
Friday, May 7th
7:00 pm

Watch via Whiteside Facebook Page
Cast and Crew Members will receive 2 tickets for in person viewing



**NATIONAL
JUNIOR
HONOR
SOCIETY**

Congratulations to the 2021-2022 NJHS Inductees

Haidyn Anaya, Kingston Brewer, Ryan Emmanuelli, Maris Endsley, Reece Erkman, Jamison Harris, Ryan Hunt, Xavier Jackson, Jacob Kersting, Ana King, Douglas Kingsbury, Rachel Lankford, Dai Ja Leonard, Elijah Lopina, Hayden Neutzling, Kendall O'Neill, Ethan Robinson, Shawn Rozenski, Jada Sinovic, Simon Stock, Avery Tock, Megan Walter, and Eriyanna Williams

NO TIME FOR BREAKFAST?

Breakfast is served at both schools from 8:00 to 8:30 am. 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.



17th Annual Whiteside Education Foundation Golf Tournament

Friday, May 21st

For information contact Scott Way at 239-0000

Raffles, 50/50, Wine Pull and lots more!



MAY PTC CORNER

Tuesday, May 4th – PTC Meeting at 7 pm via Zoom.

- Join us for our May – end of school year PTC meeting. We will have elections for the 2021-2022 PTC Board Members – President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.
- <https://zoom.us/j/98309411362?pwd=ZkVyOHc3YUtFbXZBZDhxckRpWlpiUT09>
- Meeting ID: 983 0941 1362
Passcode: kRM500

Wednesday, May 12th – Dine to Donate at McAlisters from 5pm – 8pm be sure to mention Whiteside

Whiteside Warrior Marathon Challenge:

- Please turn in all completed distance logs to the Elementary or Middle School office or email to WhitesidePTC@wssd115.org by Monday, May 3rd
- Completed participants will receive a Whiteside Warrior water bottle. Water bottles can be picked up Friday, May 7th from 5 – 6 pm at the circle drive of the Elementary School

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



The Elementary is celebrating another successful year with Kids Heart Challenge!

Our students raised a grand total of \$8,952.60 to help save lives. Thanks to all our heart heroes who raised money for the American Heart Association and a special shout out to our top five fundraisers for the 20-21 school year!

- 5th Place – Christian McCray (\$340.42)
- 4th Place – Jasmine & Morris Hemphill (\$358.44)
- 3rd Place – Norah Peterson (\$372.17)
- 2nd Place – Isabelle Sanchez and Josephine Dahlstrom (each raising \$500.00)

Top Student – Camden McErlain (\$1,100.00)

Thank you to all our Whiteside families for all your support with this worthwhile event!

Class of 2021

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2021!

Graduation Drive-thru – May 18th
3:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Watch your email for details.



Last day of Student attendance for K – 7th Grade

Friday, May 28th
11:30 dismissal
No Lunch will be served.