

WHITESIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT #115

Smoke Signals – May 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 – May

- 1 NJHS Induction Ceremony 7 p.m. – MS Gym
- 2 Track Meet at Home 4 p.m.
Booster Club Meeting – MS Library at 6 p.m.
- 6 Girls’ Feeder Track Meet at East HS 3 p.m.
- 7 Boys’ Feeder Track Meet at East HS 3 p.m.
PTC Meeting – MS at 7 p.m.
GO Team Meeting 3 p.m.
Yoga Club 3 p.m.
5th Grade Drawing Club 3 p.m.
Anime Club 3 p.m.
Student Council Field Trip
- 8 Student Council Meeting 3 p.m.
Rubik’s Cube Club 3 p.m.
Photo Club 3 p.m.
- 9 Art Club 3 p.m.
- 11 State Track Meet
- 14 5th Grade Drawing Club 3 p.m.
Sign Language Club 3 p.m.
Anime Club 3 p.m.
- 20 Spring Band Awards Concert (all bands) 7 p.m.
- 22 8th Grade Dance 6 – 9 p.m.
Rubik’s Cube Club 3 p.m.
- 23 8th Grade Graduation 7 p.m.
- 27 **NO SCHOOL – MEMORIAL DAY**
- 29 Last Day of School – Student Dismissal at Noon



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.



**The last day of school is May 29th from 8:30-Noon.
No lunch will be served.
Have a GREAT Summer!**



Congratulations to all Whiteside School District retirees on their retirement. We'll miss you!



**WHITESIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT
2019-2020 REGISTRATION DATES:**

Tuesday, July 23	7 a.m.-1 p.m.
Wednesday, July 24	1 p.m.-6 p.m.
Thursday, July 25	11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Thursday, July 30	7 a.m.-2:30p.m.

Registration will be held at the middle school for both elementary & middle school students.

Don't miss the **Back-2-School Fun Fair**, sponsored by the Belleville Chamber of Commerce, at Belleville West High School on Wednesday, August 7, 2019 from 5:00-7:00pm. This event will feature a YMCA climbing wall, face painting, music, hot-dogs, vendor booths, **FREE** school physicals, and **FREE** dental exams. Free back-packs with school supplies will be given to the first 1,000 students. You must have completed our 2019-20 registration in order to be eligible for a back-pack.

SUMMER LIBRARY HOURS

Need to prevent boredom this summer? Have no fear! The Library is here! All students and families are invited to come to the **Elementary School Library** this summer to check out books and to read as a family!



The library summer hours are Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to noon beginning June 11th and ending July 30th (excluding Fourth of July holiday). **Parents and 8th grade students can read books at the school or check out books under their children's/sibling's accounts.



Congratulations WS Student Leaders!
Elementary students Alanna Wiley and Jackson Schadegg along with middle school students Keara Connolly and Sydney Euchner were honored by the Illinois Principals Association for their positive leadership skills. They were recognized at a breakfast sponsored by the Southwestern Region IPA. Congratulations!

CARNIVAL

The Whiteside School PTC Carnival will be Tuesday, May 21st. The festival will be held at the elementary school. Carnival times are as follows:

Kindergarten 11:15-12:45
1st Grade 11:00-12:30
2nd Grade 12:15-1:45
3rd Grade 1:00-2:30
4th Grade 1:15-2:45



One School One Book

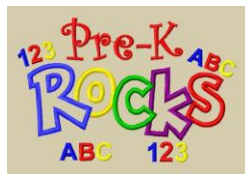
Welcome to the 10th Anniversary of One School One Book! 1S1B is a program designed to create a shared reading experience within a single elementary school. A book is chosen, every classroom receives a copy, and every class reads that book at school. Activities at school coordinate, promote, and enrich the shared reading experience. This year we are reading the classic Wizard of Oz by L. Frank Baum.

After all, there is no place like home here at Whiteside Elementary School!

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 late May.** 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.



Register for Kindergarten



If you missed our Kindergarten registration day, you can still register your child for the 2019-2020 school year. The registration process can be completed by going to the elementary office Monday – Friday between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. 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.



Middle School Band Event Dates:

- May 6:** Concert Band and Jazz Band perform at the Elementary School (also includes 5th and 6th grade trombones)
- May 17:** Jazz Band Tour
- May 20:** Spring Awards Concert - All bands (7:00 p.m. in the gym)
- May 22:** Jazz Band field trip
- May 23:** Graduation (6th and 7th grade band members) 7:00 p.m.



8th Grade Graduation

Thursday, May 23rd at 7:00 p.m.
Whiteside Middle School Gymnasium
Graduates must arrive before 6:30pm.
Tickets are required for admission.



The 8th Grade Celebration & Dance
Wednesday, May 22, from 6-9 p.m.
Katy Cavins Center, O'Fallon, Illinois

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Softball, Baseball, Soccer

July 24th – Fees, sports packets, and physicals (less than a year old) are due.

July 29th – Tryouts from 8 – 10 a.m.

Cross Country

August 14th - Fees, sports packets, and physicals (less than a year old) are due.

August 19th – Tryouts/Practice 3 – 4 p.m.

Please contact Shea Lodes at shea.lodes@wssd115.org with any questions.



Student Council Hat Day
Whiteside Middle School
Tuesday, May 21
Pay \$1 to wear a hat.

All proceeds will benefit Backstoppers/Brett Korves Memorial!

NJHS UPCOMING EVENTS

May 1st: The Induction Ceremony will take place at 7 p.m. in the middle school MPR! Congrats to all!

May 14th & 15th: Trip to Chicago



BOGO Book Fair is coming!
This year's Book Fair will be held on May 15th – May 22nd.
Book Fair volunteers are

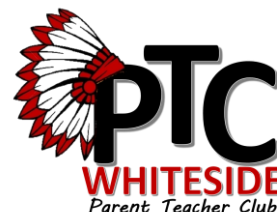
needed for the following shifts: 8:30 a.m. – Noon, 1:15 p.m. – 3 p.m and for set up on May 14th starting at 3 p.m. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Kelly Suhl at mickandkelly@charter.net.



Students in kindergarten, 2nd and 6th grade must submit a current dental examination by May 15th if they haven't done so already. This is a state health requirement.

Please plan ahead and make arrangements as needed... All medications currently at school, including inhalers and epi-pens, will be sent home or must be picked up by the last day of school. Any medication that remains at school will be discarded. Please note that any controlled medication can only be picked up by an adult or guardian. Lastly, if your student needs to take any medication for the 2019-2020 school year a new medication permit is always required.

Thank you for a wonderful school year and have a safe and healthy summer!



PTC CORNER

Upcoming Events

May 7 - PTC Meeting - Middle School – 7 p.m.

May 10 - Food Truck Friday - Middle School

May 17 - Box Tops Deadline

BOX TOPS for Education

We will be collecting BOX TOPS at both WS Elementary and WS Middle School. The next contest deadline is **May 17**. 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**