

WHITESIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT #115

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WHITESIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MR. NATHAN RAKERS, PRINCIPAL

MRS. KIM BOSSLER, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

WHITESIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

MRS. MONICA LAURENT, PRINCIPAL

MR. JAIME COTTO, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 2 Teacher Institute - No Student Attendance
- 3 School Resumes
NJHS Meeting
- 4 Early Dismissal (MS 1:45 PM, ES 2:00 PM)
ES Hat Day
- 8 Glo Bingo planning meeting 1:30 PM @ MS
- 9 STEM Club Meeting
- 10 Student Council Meeting
PTC Monthly Meeting 7 PM
- 11 Art Club Meeting
Girls Group Meeting
Chess Meet @ West HS 4 PM
- 13 Character Day @ MS
- 16 MLK Day - No School
- 17 Sports Day @ MS
Character Coaches Meeting
- 18 Decade Day @ MS
Chess Meet @ West HS 4 PM
- 19 Wacky Warrior Day @ MS
Pack the Gym Night 5 PM
Regular Board of Education Meeting 7 PM
- 20 Anything but a Trapper Keeper Day @ MS
MS Hat Day
- 23 STEM Club Meeting
- 24 Dine and Donate - Coldstone 6 - 8 pm for Washington DC Trip
- 25 Art Club Meeting
Girls Group Meeting
- 26 Scholar Bowl Tryouts
- 27 MS Hat Day
- 28 Drama Club Auditions 9 AM
- 30 Drama Club Mandatory Meeting
- 31 7th/8th Book Club Meeting

NO SCHOOL

January 2 – Teacher Institute
January 16 – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Important Information from the Office

Early Dismissal Date

January 4th

IAR Dates

Both the elementary school and middle school will be administering the Illinois Assessment of Readiness to 3rd - 8th grade students the week of March 27 - 31, 2023. Please avoid scheduling trips and doctors appointments during this time.

January

Student of the Month

Congratulations to the following elementary school students who were selected by their teachers for showing Perseverance!

Abigail Jackson
Hazel LaSalle
Maxx Moore
Sam Wang
Kai Robinson
Montrez Mitchell

Zaniyah Wilborn
Vincent Plumb
Zidane Nijmeh
TJ Smalls
Tommie Holmes

December

Student of the Month

Congratulations to the following middle school students who were selected by their teachers.

Arabella Orellana
Sophia Walls

Extended School Program

- We have openings for A.M. ONLY. We open at 6:45 AM
- At this time, P.M. is full, and is accepting a waitlist.
- Please email kristy.frazer@wssd115.org if you have any questions.

WHITESIDE CARES AND SHARES

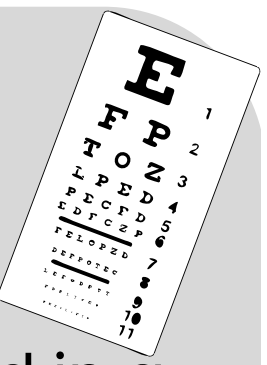
Whiteside social workers and counselors were very busy this holiday season coordinating and organizing efforts to serve our families in need. We are appreciative and proud to share that our school community was able to collect over 1,600 food items for over 60 holiday food baskets and provide gifts and coats for over 60 students in need. We want to express our sincere gratitude to the people and organizations who helped make this possible by providing gifts, coats, gift cards, and contributing to the food drives in both buildings: Towerview Baptist Church, Shiloh Police Department, Belleville First Church of the Nazarene, Firefighters from East Side Fire Department, Whiteside staff (current and retired), and Whiteside families. We are grateful to be a part of such a caring community.

Thank you!!

-Amy Leritz, Jessica Gain,
Kacey Selliers & Beth Schabbing



NURSES' NOTES



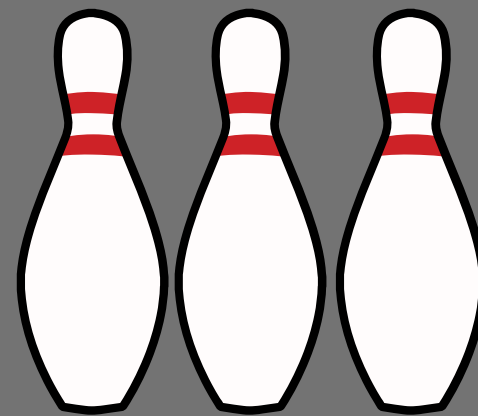
If your kindergarten student has not turned in a vision exam from an eye doctor, please be sure to turn that in ASAP.

If your sixth grade student has not turned in a dental exam from a dentist, please be sure to turn that in ASAP.

Cold and flu season is in full swing. The best protection against germs is handwashing! Remember to check the handbook for a list of illnesses that require a child to stay home. Students must be free of any fever, vomiting or diarrhea for 24 hours without medication before they return to school. Don't forget to call the office to report any absences due to illness.

~Nurse Heather

~Nurse Molly



Bowling Team Tryouts 2023

When: TBD (tentatively the second week of January)

Where: St. Clair bowling alley in O'Fallon

Time: Directly after school until 5pm

- Students must be picked up from the bowling alley after practices and games. A bus will take students to the alley, but students must have transportation home.
- Bowling matches will alternate between St. Clair- bowl in O'Fallon and Bel-Air in Belleville. Matches will start at 4pm.

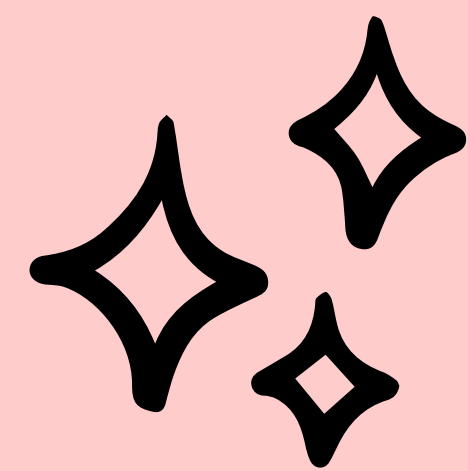
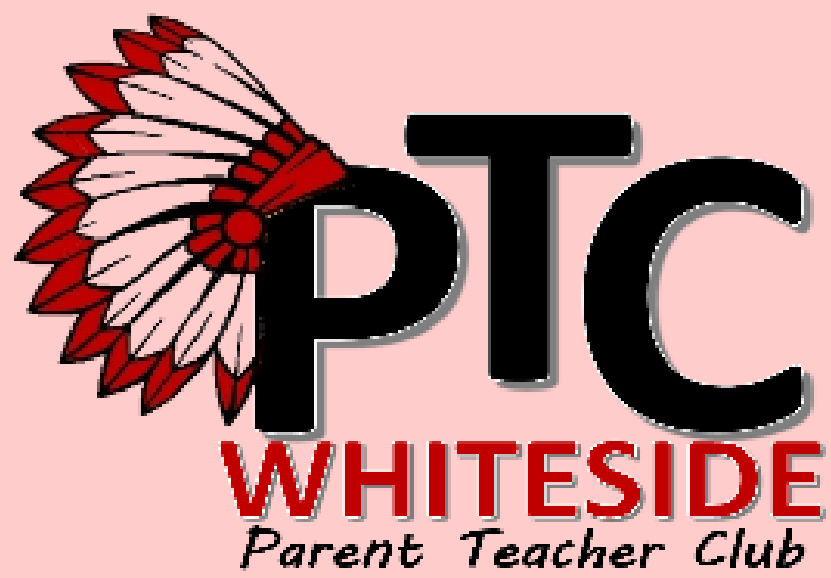
S.T.E.A.M Night

Science Technology Engineering Arts Math

Science Night at the Elementary is back & changing to STEAM Night which will include the arts as well!

Date: Thursday, February 2nd 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Online registration will take place in January and will be limited to the first 200 people. Register today at: <https://forms.gle/Lx98RWxWbfNB2CLh6>



PTC Corner



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday, Jan 8 – Glo Bingo Planning Meeting
 - 1:30 PM at Middle School
- Tuesday, Jan 10 – Monthly PTC Meeting
 - 7pm in Middle School Library
 - Join us for our monthly Whiteside Parents & Teachers Club meeting. We will have updates from the Administrators and on upcoming events.
- Wednesday, Jan 18 – Whiteside Wednesday
 - at Bennie's Pizza in downtown Belleville
- Saturday, Jan 21 – Pancakes & PJ's 8:30 – 11:00 AM
 - All you can eat pancakes, sausage, and juice
 - Adult and Child Pancake Eating Contest!
 - Register today at <https://my.cheddarup.com/c/2023-pancakes-pajamas?cart=add30df6-ee19-440b-9b3f-75f870f32e27%21%2144812557>



SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, February 2

STEAM Night @ ES 6 PM – 8 PM

Tuesday, February 7

PTC Monthly Meeting 7 PM

Tuesday, February 14

Class Parties

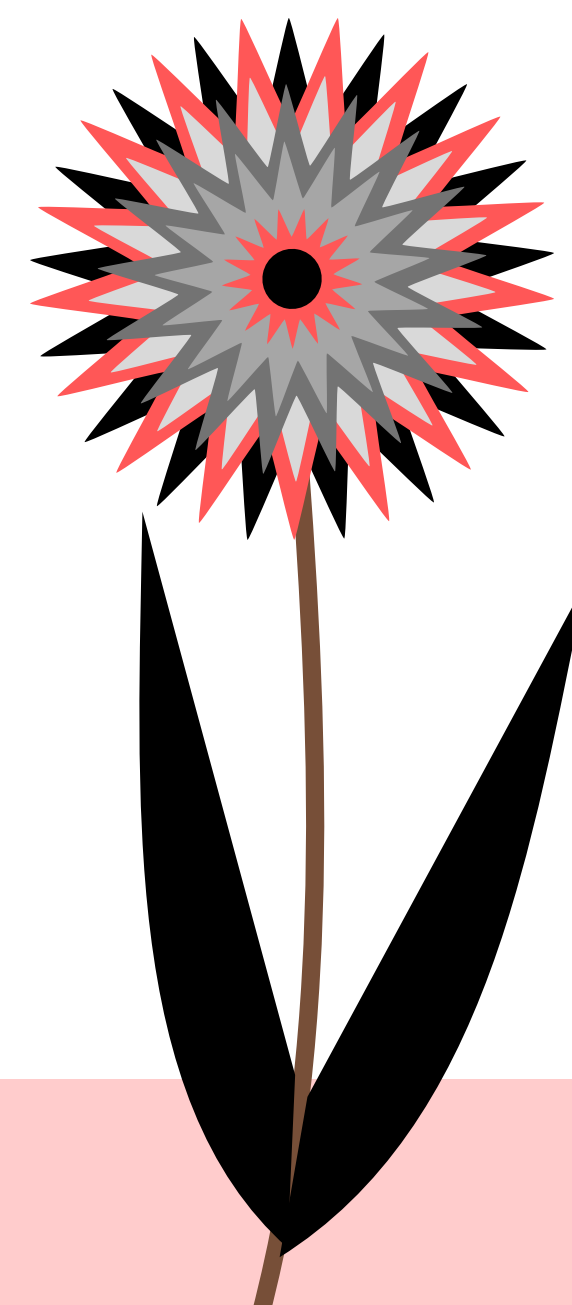
Sunday, February 26

Family Puzzler

ROCKIN' GLO BINGO & AUCTION

Saturday, March 18, 2023

- ✓ We are looking for volunteers to help with planning & getting donations for this fun adults only event! This is our biggest fundraiser and enables to give back to the schools & host fun events throughout the year. Sign up at to help make this event a success!
- ✓ <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F054BAAAE29A5FC1-2023>





Athletic Area

Basketball Season - Wrapping Up

Basketball is nearing the end. Please consider attending some of our final games. Join us for Pack the Gym night to support our 8th Grade Boys' team as they compete against Fulton Jr. High on January 19th at 5 PM.

Thank You Coaches!

Shoutout to our Fall coaches: Troy Griffith, Joe Glynn, Dawson Verhines, Emily Nelson, and Nicole Moore. Thank you so much for leading our Warrior Athletes this season. Thanks also to our parent volunteers who assisted our coaches in any way.

Winter Sports - Tryouts

Boys' Volleyball (Grades 7-8), Girls' Volleyball (Grades 5-8) and Bowling (Grades 5-8) tryouts will take place the first weeks of January. Sports packets and physicals must be turned in to tryout. All fees must be paid in full to participate in tryouts and to maintain eligibility on the team.

-Athletic Director Joe Glynn

WARRIOR PACK THE GYM NIGHT

Come join the fun in the new

STUDENT SPIRIT SECTION

of the bleachers!!

Sponsored by : National Junior Honor Society

We will also have a Spirit Store at home games to purchase items to show off our school spirit and cheer on our Warriors!

January 19th 5:00 pm

Admission Prices for Basketball Games

Adults: \$2
Students: \$1
Under 5: Free
Seniors (65 + with ID): Free

Booster Season Pass

Gives free entrance to all HOME games this season excluding tournaments. Purchase at door.

Families: \$20
Individuals: \$10

Booster Club

The Whiteside Booster Club is looking for more members and encourages everyone to participate in these upcoming events.

- Basketball Teams and Cheerleading are having a Double Good Pop-Up Popcorn sale! It is completely online and the popcorn will arrive in time for Christmas directly to your house! Use this link: <https://popup.doublegood.com/s/6261rpcv>
- December 15th - Booster Club Meeting in the main lobby. 6pm
- Friday December 16th - Hat Day with a Candy Tower raffle \$1 donation allows you to wear a hat!

Sports Calendar

- 4 Whiteside v. Lincoln 8th Boys' Basketball 5 PM
Home v. Waterloo 8th Girls' Basketball 5 PM
- 9 7th Grade Girls' Volleyball Tryouts 3 PM
8th Grade Girls' Volleyball Tryouts 5 PM
- 10 7th Grade Girls' Volleyball Tryouts 3 PM
8th Grade Girls' Volleyball Tryouts 5 PM
- 11 Boys' Volleyball Tryouts 3 PM
- 12 Boys' Volleyball Tryouts 3 PM
Home v. Mascoutah 8th Boy's Basketball 5 PM
- 19 Pack the Gym Night
Home v. Fulton 8th Boys' Basketball 5 PM
- 21 8th Grade Girls' Volleyball Jamboree at Belle Valley
- 23 Home v. St Clare 5th & 6th Girls' Volleyball 4 PM
Home v. St Clare 7th & 8th Girls' Volleyball TBD
- 24 Whiteside v. Mascoutah 7th & 8th Girls' Volleyball 4 PM
Whiteside v. Mascoutah 6th Girls' Basketball 4 PM
Whiteside v. Belle Valley 8th Boy's Basketball 5 PM
Booster Club Meeting 6 PM
- 31 Home v. Signal Hill 5th & 6th Girls' Volleyball 4 PM
Bowling Meet @ Bel-Air 4 PM
Home v. Signal Hill 7th & 8th Boys' Volleyball TBD
Home v. Signal Hill 7th & 8th Girls' Volleyball TBD

Whiteside Middle School's
Wacky Warrior Week

January 13 - 20

Friday 13th: Character Day

(Dress up as your favorite character from a movie, comic or book!)

Monday 16th: No School

Tuesday 17th: Sports Day

(Wear gear from your favorite sport or sports team)

Wednesday 18th: Decade Day

(5th - 50's 6th - 60's 7th - 70's 8th - 80's)

Thursday 17th: Wacky Warrior

(Wear school colors in a wacky style!)

Friday 18th: Anything but a Trapper Keeper & Hat Day

(Carry your books and supplies from class to class in anything but a trapper keeper)

Activities for the Week

- 1) Poster Contest for all Clubs and Extracurricular Activities - all clubs are invited to create a poster that represents the theme "Warriors Forever" that will decorate our gym for the assembly and basketball game. The winning club will receive donuts at their next meeting.
- 2) Penny Wars between grade levels! NJHS will collect money each morning in jars labeled 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. Pennies are worth positive points for each grade while other change and dollars are worth negative points. Students and staff can contribute to any jar to ensure their grade wins. The winning grade level will be announced on Friday, January 20th for a prize!



Drama Club

**Applications
& Auditions!**

Drama Club Applications must be turned into Mrs. Phillips by January 20th to audition. Late applications will not be accepted.

Audition packets will be distributed upon application submission. Auditions will be held for 5th-8th grade students on Saturday, January 28th. 9:00-12:00 pm. Students should bring their practice script and water. Students may bring a snack if needed.

Snow Days

If school is cancelled due to weather, the closing will be announced on TV channels 2, 4, 5, and 11 and on the district website. You will also receive a call via Skyward. Please check Skyward to ensure your phone number is current. Whiteside will never dismiss early, but you may pick up your child at your discretion.

Calling All Writers!

The Young Authors' Conference Contest has started! One person from each grade level will represent Whiteside School at the Young Authors' Conference on Wednesday, March 15th at Westhaven School. Watch for information to come home. Please have stories turned into teachers no later than Thursday, February 9th.

Just a Reminder

Please remember all fees have to be paid in full in order for students to participate in clubs, extra curricular activities, and sports as well as attend field trips, end-of-year activities and for 8th graders to attend graduation. Please check your student's account throughout the school year for any outstanding lunch or school fees.