

WHITESIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT #115

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 2
- NJHS Meeting

Middle School Skate Night at Skate City

Student Council Christmas Wreath Fundraiser Begins
- 3
- Boy’s Mentoring Meeting

PTC Monthly Meeting
- 4
- Early Dismissal (MS 1:45 PM, ES 2:00 PM)

Elementary School Hat Day

NJHS Meal Packing with Rise Against Hunger
- 5
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Meeting

Girls Group Meeting
- 6
- End of First Quarter
- 9
- No School - Columbus Day
- 10
- Boy’s Mentoring Meeting

Elementary Book Fair
- 11
- Miles of Smiles at Middle School

Student Council Meeting

Art Club Meeting

Book Club Meeting 7th/8th

PTC Spaghetti Dinner

Elementary Book Fair
- 13
- Elementary Book Fair

7th Grade Donuts with Grown Ups
- 16
- STEM Club Meeting

NJHS Meeting
- 17
- Early Dismissal (MS 1:45 PM, ES 2:00 PM)

Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00 PM - 7:30 PM
- 18
- Early Dismissal (MS 1:45 PM, ES 2:00 PM)
- 19
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Regular Board of Education Meeting
- 20
- No School - Teacher Conference Day
- 21
- Math Team Competition
- 23
- Red Ribbon Week

STEM Club Meeting
- 24
- Red Ribbon Week

Pink Out Day for Breast Cancer Awareness - MS

Boy’s Mentoring Meeting
- 25
- Red Ribbon Week

MS Character Coaches Meeting

Art Club Meeting

Booster Club Meeting 6 PM

Student Council Wreath Fundraiser Ends
- 26
- Red Ribbon Week

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Meeting

Girls Group Meeting

NO SCHOOL

October 9 – Columbus Day
October 20 – Teacher Conference Day

CALENDAR CONTINUED

- 27
- 8th Grade Donuts with Grown Ups

Red Ribbon Week

Trunk or Treat (PTC)
- 30
- Miles of Smiles at Elementary School

Book Club Meeting 5th/6th
- 31
- Miles of Smiles at Elementary School

Elementary School Hat Day for UNICEF

Fall Class Parties at Elementary School (PTC)

Boy’s Mentoring Meeting

CHARACTER COUNTS

The following fourth graders at Whiteside Elementary School have been chosen by their teachers because they represent the 3 B's: Be Kind, Be Strong, Be Well. They will have a chance to share character advice on the morning announcements and help with school activities throughout the year. Congrats to the following for their AWESOME character!

Zion Adkins	Destiny Randle
Kaleigh White	Colten Childs
Bridget Morse	Adam Zahran
Emma Sterns	Remegio Gutierrez
Marlie Gore	Austin Dimarco
Kayden Brown	

Important Information from the Office

Early Dismissal Dates

October 4th
October 17th
October 18th
October 19th

Job Openings

The district is currently searching for an paraprofessionals at the both the middle school and elementary school. Please contact mark.heuring@wssd115.org with any inquiries.

Trick or Treat for UNICEF!

During the month of October the elementary classrooms will be collecting donations for UNICEF. Your donation can help provide clean drinking water, food, vaccinations, blankets, school supplies, and much more to children around the world.

Donations may be placed in the collection boxes in the elementary classrooms.

The elementary school will have a hat day to raise funds for UNICEF on Halloween which is Tuesday, October 31. Students may donate \$1 and wear a hat to school that day.

You can make a difference! For any questions regarding UNICEF, please contact Ms. Bleich.

Extended School Program

- We are full and no longer accepting any registrations
- Please email kristy.frazer@wssd115.org if you have any questions.

Fall Fest

Fall Fest is back! This event is a great way for middle school students to come together and celebrate the beginning of Fall. Students will enjoy food, music, crafts, games, face paint, an obstacle course and ghost stories!

Who: The first 200 Middle School Students (Grades 5-8) who turn in permission slips

Where: Whiteside Middle School

Cost: Free

Date: Thursday, October 26th

Start Time: The festival will begin after school (students will report to the gym by 2:50 p.m.)

End Time: All students must be picked up from the middle school by 5:00 p.m.

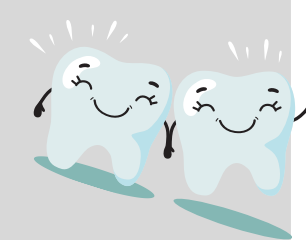
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- Permission slips to attend Fall Fest will be available in student homerooms starting Tuesday, October 10th.
- Only the first 200 students who return their permission slips back into the front office will be able to attend.



NURSES' NOTES

Important Health Date



- October 6th: Last day to turn in Miles of Smiles consents for Elementary School
- October 11th: Last day to turn in Miles of Smiles consents for Middle School
- October 15th: Vision exams are due for all kindergarten students and students enrolled in an Illinois school for the first time.
- Nurse Crystal is in need of boys shirts of all sizes. If you would like to donate shirts, you can deliver to the Middle School office, or by sending them with your student to school.

~Nurse Heather

~Nurse Crystal

September

Student of the Month

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

Nevaeh Gilmore-Kizer
Caleb Sloan
Shiloh Antoine

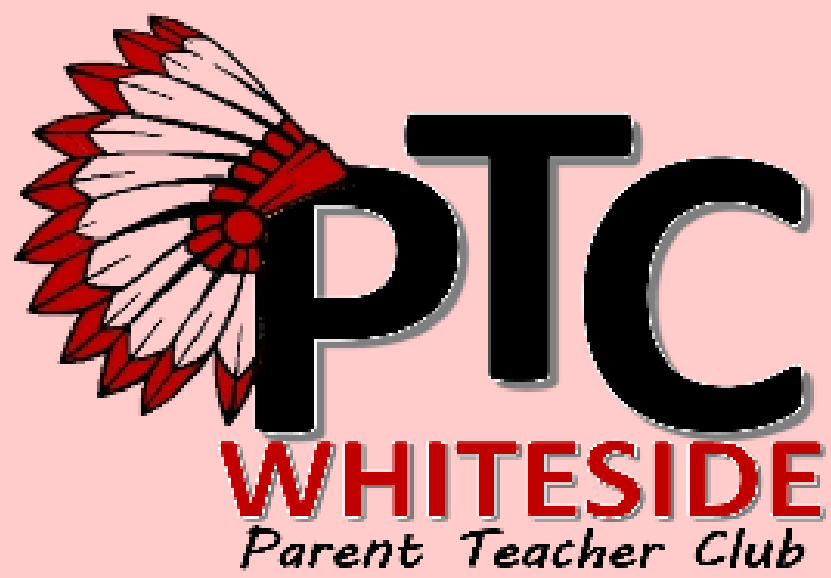
October

Student of the Month

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

Laniya Maloy Massey
Aria Smith
Emberly Tucker
Brock Maddox
Jaliah Rushing
Hayden Roldan

CJ Edwards
K'Yenne Cox
Geordyn Goodwin
Avyaira Allison
Georgia King
Kai Robinson



PTC Corner

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tuesday, October 3rd - Monthly PTC Meeting
 - 7 PM in Middle School Library
 - Join us to find out what's happening in our schools and be in the know with all the events coming.
 - Wednesday, October 12
- Tuesday, Oct. 10th - Thursday, Oct. 13th - Elementary Book Fair
 - watch for volunteer sign-up (pssst.... volunteers get a discount)
- Wednesday, October 12
 - Whiteside Spaghetti Dinner - See side section for more details.
 - We are collecting soda donations for the event. Top 3 classes that donate the most 12 packs of name brand soda will get pizza parties. Be sure to attach the teachers' name to any donations turned into the Elementary or Middle school offices.
- Friday, October 13th – 7th Grade Donuts with Grown Ups
 - 7th grade families please join your student for donuts, juice, & coffee between 7:15 AM - 7:45 AM at the Middle School
- Thursday, October 26th - Fall Fest at Middle School
 - See Fall Fest section of Newsletter
- Friday, October 27th – 8th Grade Donuts with Grown Ups
 - 8th grade families please join your student for donuts, juice, & coffee between 7:15 AM - 7:45 AM at the Middle School
- Friday, October 27th - Trunk or Treat
 - See Trunk or Treat section of Newsletter
- Tuesday, October 31st – Fall Class Parties at the Elementary K-4th
 - See the below section for more details

ELEMENTARY (K - 4TH) CLASS PARTIES

- Whiteside PTC plans 4 parties in collaboration with our teachers for K-4th grade classes including Fall, Winter, Friendship, and End of Year parties.
- To provide the supplies needed, each classroom collects \$10 for every student to support these parties. If you haven't done so for K-4th graders, please submit your child's \$10 today!
 - Congratulations to Mrs. Watkins & Mr. Way's classes for being first in reaching 100% class parties contributions collected. They will be enjoying pizza parties!
 - Congratulations to Mrs. Cason's and Ms. Jarvis' classes for earning a popsicle or ice cream party for their class party contributions collected!

SPAGHETTI DINNER

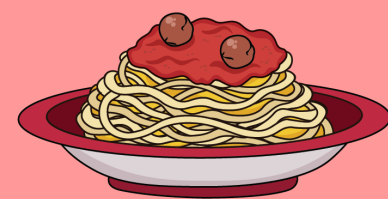
Please join us on Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at Whiteside Elementary School Cafeteria & MPR (multi-purpose room) between 4:30 and 7:00 pm. We will be offering both dining in and carry out options. The Middle School Band will perform at 5:30 pm and the Elementary Glee Club will perform at 6:30 pm. Book Fair will be open from 4:30 to 7:30 pm.

Spaghetti dinner includes spaghetti/meatballs, salad, bread, drink, and dessert.



Adults: \$12 each

Children (12 & under): \$6 each



Order your tickets today!

<https://spaghetti-dinner-whiteside-ptc-2023.cheddarup.com>

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday November 7

PTC Monthly Meeting 7pm

Wednesday, November 12

Whiteside Wednesday at Texas Roadhouse

Friday, December 1

Elementary School Gingerbread House Night

Athletic Area

Early Fall Sports

Softball and Soccer have wrapped up their seasons! They both had a great season and represented Whiteside well! Baseball will be at the State Tournament on Saturday, September 30th in Centralia at 11 am against Waterloo! Cross country has Regionals on October 7th!

Thank You Coaches

We had a GREAT Fall Sports Season. Thank you and Congrats to all the Coaches, Players, and Parents!!!

Congratulations Cheerleading Team

Congratulations to those that made the cheerleading team. We look forward to seeing what you have been practicing for this season.

Basketball Season

Basketball Season is upon us. Tryouts for Basketball will be as follows below. All physicals and sports packets were due to the MS office by September 28th. All fees must be paid in full to participate in tryouts and to maintain eligibility on the team.

-Athletic Director Joe Glynn

Booster Club

The Whiteside Booster Club is looking for more members.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE WHITESIDE BOOSTER CLUB?

The purpose of the Booster Club is to support all sport teams and extra-curricular activities at Whiteside Middle School. We are a club composed solely of volunteers. We offer a variety of ways people can lend a hand and encourage everyone to participate whether in concessions sales or event planning. Through the donations of both time and finances, we are able to provide the kids with such things beyond what the district budget can provide, including but not limited to team pizza parties, game socks, lunches for away games, locker decorations, organizing dances, state send-off's and so much more.

IF I JOIN, WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO?

You can decide how much time and what level of involvement you can provide. The Booster Club meetings will be held on Oct 25, Nov 29, Dec TBD, Jan 31, Feb 28, March 27 and April 24 at 6:00 PM in the Middle School Lobby. We welcome your ideas, attendance to meetings, and your vote in decision-making. You are also invited to become involved in our fundraising activities through volunteering. It is not a requirement of membership to participate in any way, although your ideas and efforts are sure to make a difference.

Admission Prices for Basketball Games

Adults: \$2

Students: \$1

Under 5: Free

Seniors (65 + with ID): Free

October Games

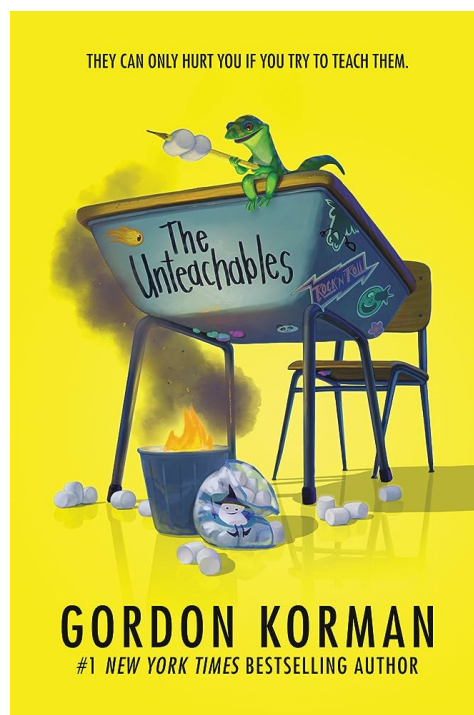
- 2 Cross Country -Belleville Feeder
- 7 Cross Country - Regionals
- 14 Cross Country - State
- 24 7/8 Girls Basketball Home 5:00 PM
- 25 7/8 Boys Basketball Home 5:00 PM
- 30 7/8 Boys Basketball Home 5:00 PM

5th & 6th Girls Coach Dermody	7th & 8th Girls Coach Glynn	5th Grade Boys Coach Verhines	6th Grade Boys Coach Verhines	7th Grade Boys Coach Griffth	8th Grade Boys Coach Griffith
Wednesday, Oct. 11 3:00 - 4:30 pm Middle school MPR	Wednesday, Oct. 4 2:00 - 3:30 pm Middle School Gym	Tuesday, Oct. 10 3:00 - 4:30 pm Middle School MPR	Tuesday, Oct. 10 4:30 - 6:00 pm Middle School MPR	Monday Oct. 2 3:00 - 4:30 pm Middle School Gym	Monday, Oct. 2 4:30 - 6:00 pm Middle School Gym
Thursday, Oct. 12 3:00 - 4:30 pm Middle school MPR	Thursday, Oct. 5 3:00 - 4:30 pm Middle School Gym	Wednesday, Oct. 11 4:30 - 6:00 pm Middle School MPR	Wednesday, Oct. 11 3:00 - 4:30 pm Middle School MPR	Tuesday, Oct. 3 4:30 - 6:00 pm Middle School Gym	Tuesday, Oct. 3 3:00 - 4:30 pm Middle School Gym

Book Club Readings

5th and 6th Grade - Mrs. Moore

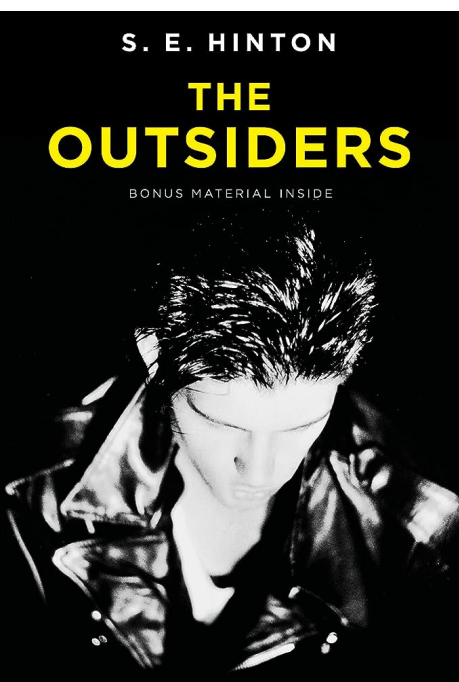
We meet the last Monday of the month. Next meeting is Monday, October 30. We are reading *The Unteachables* by Gordon Korman. Suggested reading schedule is 2 chapters a night. Book needs to be finished by our next meeting on October 30th.



7th and 8th Grade - Mrs. McDonnell

Students should sign up in room 701 as soon as possible. We are having our first meeting on October 11th.

Students will receive their copies of the first book, *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton, at the meeting and be given the suggested reading schedule then.



Elementary Book Fair

The elementary book fair will be in person from October 10th through October 13th. Online book fair is currently underway and will close October 13th. Check out the website and order your books today!

<https://efairs.literati.com/?school=whiteside-elementary->



NJHS Meal Packing

Our National Junior Honor Society students will be participating in the Rise Against Hunger meal packing event on October 4th from 5:45 to 8:00. We will be joining other local honors societies, service groups, scout troupes and more at First United Presbyterian Church in Belleville to pack THOUSANDS of meals for Rise Against Hunger.



Student Council Christmas Wreath Fundraiser

Begins: October 2nd
Ends: October 25th



FOOD DRIVE
OCTOBER 23-31

Middle School

Red Ribbon Week promotes choosing to live a healthy lifestyle. We encourage everyone to do this by making positive choices for yourself and others around you. Please help us succeed in our choice to help families in our school district by donating to our food drive.

Examples of food needed include canned meats; stews; pasta; canned fruits and vegetables; cereal; macaroni and cheese; soups; rice; dessert items, stuffing and beans. Please do not send any glass.

Ms. Selliers & Ms. Gain will be collecting non-perishable food to fill holiday food baskets each morning during Red Ribbon Week. Receive one entry into our prize drawing for each item you donate! Prize drawing will be held on October 31st.

RED RIBBON WEEK

OCTOBER 23-31

Middle School

Ms. Selliers & Ms. Gain will be collecting non-perishable food to fill holiday baskets every day during RRW week before school. Receive one entry into our prize drawing for each item you bring in! The drawing will be held on October 31st.

Monday 10/23	We are Ready to Celebrate Healthy Choices	Wear as much red as possible to kick off Red Ribbon Week!
Tuesday 10/24	Be Aware of Your Health	Participate in the WS Pink Out Day to show your support, wear pink and purchase pink items from Student Council to promote health awareness. Donate to the Food Drive Today & Receive a slip to get your hair sprayed for the Wacky Warrior Assembly!
Wednesday 10/25	Living Drug Free is No Sweat	Wear sweatpants with Whiteside Spirit wear Donate to the Food Drive Today & Receive a No Dress Pass for P.E.
Thursday 10/26	My Future is too Bright, I'm Choosing to live a Healthy Lifestyle	Neon day! Wear bright neon clothing.
Friday 10/27	I am the Ultimate Fan of a Drug Free Lifestyle	Wear a shirt from your favorite sports team, musician, movie, superhero, videogame, or anything else you are a fan of that is school appropriate. Donate to the food drive Today & Receive a pass for free admission to a Whiteside Basketball Game.
Monday 10/30	Be Kind to Your Mind, Go Back in Time	Go back in time and dress like you would in the past. You pick the decade! 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's? Donate to the food drive Today & Receive 1 extra credit point per can donated (10 points maximum).
Tuesday 10/31	Say "Boo" to Drugs	Wear a school-appropriate Halloween shirt. Purchase a Halloween Temporary Tattoo from NJHS for \$1 today!



Trunk or Treat



When: Friday, October 27th at 6:30 PM
Where: Whiteside Elementary
Who: Whiteside Students Early Childhood - 5th Grades (and siblings)

Join the Whiteside PTC for TRUNK or treating, firetrucks, and fun!

How will it work?

Every family must have a trunk and hand out candy. Decorating is not required, but it is encouraged! Children must be in costume. If you would like to participate, complete the registration form no later than Friday, October 13th.

For questions, contact Cassie Downs at cassie.downs@wssd115.org or 618-239-0000.



Red Ribbon Week

Elementary School



"Drug Free Looks Like Me"

October 24th - 31st

Help us celebrate Red Ribbon Week with these fun themes!

Tuesday - Show your Red Ribbon & Whiteside Spirit

(Wear red and/or Whiteside spirit wear)



Wednesday - Twinning & Winning by being Drug Free

(Classes pick a similar color, theme, etc. to wear)

Thursday - Team Up Against Drugs

(Wear a shirt/ jersey of your favorite team)



Friday - My Future is Bright Because I'm Drug Free

(Wear neon colors)

Monday - Sock it to drugs

(wear your craziest socks)



Tuesday - Drugs are a Trick, not a Treat

(Wear Halloween colors- no costumes or masks)