

WHITESIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT #115

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MR. MARK HEURING, SUPERINTENDENT

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

- 1
- Early Dismissal (MS 1:45 PM, ES 2:00 PM)
Elementary School Hat Day
Band Butter Braid Fundraiser Begins
- 2
- Fall Fest Rain Date
Girls Group Meeting
- 3
- Early Fall Sports Celebration 5 PM
- 4
- All District Jazz Band Festival
- 6
- 7th Grade Advisory Council Lunch Mtg
NJHS Meeting
- 7
- Boy’s Mentoring Meeting
PTC Monthly Meeting 7 PM
- 8
- Veterans' Day Breakfast 8:30 AM @ MS
Veterans’ Day Concert (during school at MS)
Student Council Meeting
- 9
- Veterans’ Day Parade 10:00 AM @ ES
STEM Club Field Trip
Girl’s Group Meeting
Picture Retake Day @ both MS & ES
6th Grade Band Picture Day @ MS during school
Fall Sport Picture Day @ MS - after school
- 10
- No School - Veterans’ Day Observance
- 11
- Dog Washing at Fur Child - Fundraiser for Washington DC Trip
- 13
- World Kindness Day @ MS
STEM Club Meeting
Regular Board of Education Meeting 7 PM
- 14
- Boy’s Mentoring Meeting
- 15
- Early Dismissal (MS 1:45 PM, ES 2:00 PM)
Skate City Night for Character Education
- 16
- Band Butter Braid Fundraiser Ends
- 18
- All District Band Festival
- 20
- NJHS Meeting
- 21
- Boy’s Mentoring Meeting
Band Butter Braid Pick Up 3-5 PM @ MS
- 22
- No School - Thanksgiving Break
- 23
- No School - Thanksgiving Day
- 24
- No School - Thanksgiving Break
- 27
- Belle Fair Music Festival
STEM Club Meeting
- 28
- Boy’s Mentoring Meeting
- 29
- Character Coaches Meeting
Booster Club Meeting 6:00 PM @ MS
- 30
- Girls Group Meeting

NO SCHOOL

November 10 – Veterans' Day Observance
November 22 – Thanksgiving Break
November 23 – Thanksgiving Day
November 24 – Thanksgiving Break

Picture Retake Day
at both Elementary School and Middle School



November 9th

6th Grade Band will take pictures during class. Fall Sports Teams will take team pictures after school.



Important Information from the Office

Early Dismissal Date

November 1st

November 15th

Impact Aid Forms

Impact Aid forms were distributed during parent teacher conferences, if you have not already done so, please submit one form for EACH child that attends Whiteside to the office as soon as possible.



Student Council Christmas Wreath Fundraiser

Delivery: Week after Thanksgiving

If you missed the traditional ordering, there is still time to order online! Use the link/QR code with code WHITESIL001 to purchase before December 8th. All online orders will ship directly to the customer.



Thank you so much for your donations to UNICEF. Whiteside Elementary school raised \$573.89!!

Extended School Program

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

Elementary Food Drive

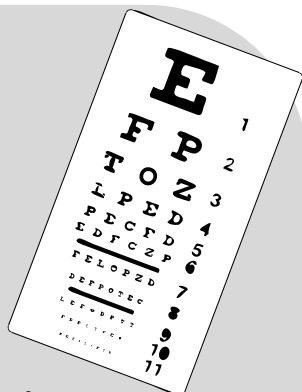
The Elementary will be collecting non-perishable food items during the month of November to fill holiday food baskets.

Items will be collected starting Wednesday, November 1st until Thursday, November 9th. Bins will be in the MPR and in the front foyer at the Elementary for donations.

Examples of food needed include canned meats; stews; pasta; canned fruits and vegetables; cereal; macaroni and cheese; soups; rice; and beans. Please do not send any glass or expired items. All food collected will be distributed to Whiteside families in need during the holiday season. If we reach our goal of 500 items, we will celebrate with a Gym Jam dance party before Thanksgiving break during Specials time. Please show your Whiteside Pride by making a contribution!



NURSES' NOTES



Hearing and vision screenings will be starting soon. Those will be completed by Nurse Heather for both schools.

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

Cold and flu season has begun. 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.

~Nurse Heather ~Nurse Crystal

October

Student of the Month

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

- Brody Ellis
- Roman Pierce Jr.
- Paige Hester
- Kennedi Jackson
- Autumn Pair
- Caitrin Melvin
- Kahmaree Marrow

November

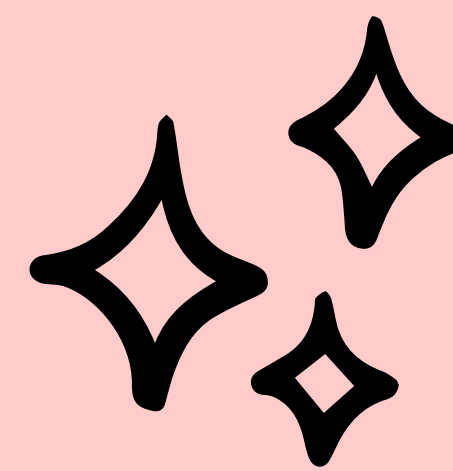
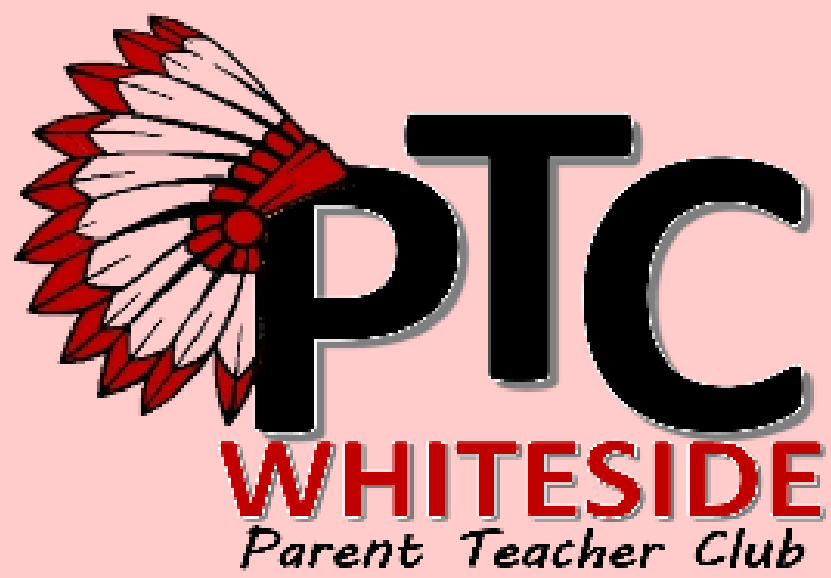
Student of the Month

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

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| Kyrie Lowe | LaTerri Robinson |
| Ruby Snowman | Paisley Crumble |
| Emma Mixon | Carter Hill |
| Hailey Cathion | Auria Alexander |
| Kyonna Fluker | Grayson Ramsey |

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.



PTC Corner

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tuesday, Nov 7th – 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.

GLO BINGO

Mark your calendars and book your babysitters now to attend our Annual Glo Bingo event. This year we are hosting it on Saturday, March 9, 2024. You don't want to miss out on this fun filled night!

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU!

- Congratulations to Mrs. Martin's class for winning a pizza party for the most soda donations for the PTC Spaghetti Dinner.
- Congratulations to Noah Jost's family for taking 1st place in the Pumpkin Drop Challenge. Runner ups belonged to Mia Ellis's family and Lydia and Amelia Downs's family. We can't wait to see how next year's pumpkin drop challenge goes.
- Thank you to our Spaghetti Dinner Sponsors that donated to make our night such a success.
 - Liese Lumber
 - 8th North LLC
 - Joe's Pizza and Pasta
 - Dierbergs
 - Chilis
 - Marcos Pizza
 - Olive Garden
 - Little Caesars
 - 54th Street Bar and Grill
- Thank you to the East Side Fire Department for the use of your fire trucks for our Pumpkin Drop Challenge.

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, December 1

Gingerbread Night

- Join us for Whiteside's 2023 Gingerbread House Night on Friday, December 1st in the Whiteside Elementary School Multipurpose Room (MPR) from 6-8p.
- We'll have a special Performance by the Elementary School Glee & A visit by Santa & Mrs. Claus
- Cost is \$5 per kit (graham crackers, icing, board included). Bring your own decorations to perfect your gingerbread house
- Reserve your kits today at <https://2023-gingerbread-night-copy.cheddarup.com>



Tuesday, December 7

PTC Monthly Meeting 7 PM

Wednesday, December 13

Whiteside Wednesday at Texas Roadhouse

Tuesday, December 19

Winter Class Parties

Athletic Area

Early Fall Celebration

We will hold our Early Fall Sports Celebration On Friday, November 3rd at 5pm at the Middle School. All players and families of the 23-24 Soccer, Baseball, Softball, and Cross Country teams are invited to come celebrate.

Basketball Season - Current Stats

Basketball is just beginning!! Come see our Warriors play at any home or away game! Basketball and Cheerleading Teams will take team and individual pictures after school on Thursday, November 9th. Contact your coach or the middle school office for more details.

Winter Sports - Sports Packets Due

Boys' Volleyball (Grades 7-8), Girls' Volleyball (Grades 5-8) and Bowling (Grades 5-8) tryouts will take place the first week of January. Sports packets and physicals are due by Wednesday, December 6, 2023. 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 and encourages everyone to participate in these upcoming events.

- Early Fall Sports Celebration - Nov. 9 @ 5:00 PM
 - Baseball
 - Softball
 - Soccer
 - Cross Country
- Booster Club Meeting - Nov. 29 @ 6:00 PM

November Games

1	5/6 Girls Basketball Central 4:00 PM
	7/8 Boys Basketball Central 4:30 PM
	7/8 Girls Basketball Home 5:00 PM
2	5/6 Boys Basketball JAMS 4:00 PM
	7/8 Boys Basketball West 5:00 PM
	7/8 Girls Basketball Home 5:00 PM
3	Early Fall Sports Celebration 5:00 PM
6	5/6 Boys Basketball Home 4:00 PM
	7/8 Girls Basketball JAMS 5:00 PM
	7/8 Boys Basketball Home 6:00 PM
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	5/6 Girls Basketball Central 4:00 PM
	7/8 Boys Basketball Pontiac 5:00 PM
	7/8 Girls Basketball Home 5:00 PM
9	7/8 Girls Basketball Home 5:00 PM
13	5/6 Boys Basketball Wesclin 4:00 PM
	5/6 Girls Basketball West 4:00 PM
	7/8 Boys Basketball High Mount 5:00 PM
14	5/6 Boys Basketball Wolf Branch 4:00 PM
	5/6 Girls Basketball Home 4:00 PM
	7/8 Boys Basketball Home 5:00 PM
	7/8 Girls Basketball Shiloh 5:00 PM
15	7/8 Girls Basketball Home 5:00 PM
16	5/6 Boys Basketball Wolf Branch 4:00 PM
	5/6 Girls Basketball Wolf Branch 4:00 PM
	7/8 Girls Basketball Wolf Branch 5:00 PM
	7/8 Boys Basketball Home 5:00 PM
20	5/6 Boys Basketball Home 4:00 PM
	5/6 Girls Basketball West 4:00 PM
	7/8 Boys Basketball High Mount 5:00 PM
28	5/6 Boys Basketball Home 4:00 PM
	5/6 Girls Basketball Belle Valley 4:00 PM
	7/8 Girls Basketball Belle Valley 6:00 PM
	7/8 Boys Basketball Home 6:00 PM
29	Booster Club Meeting 6:00 PM
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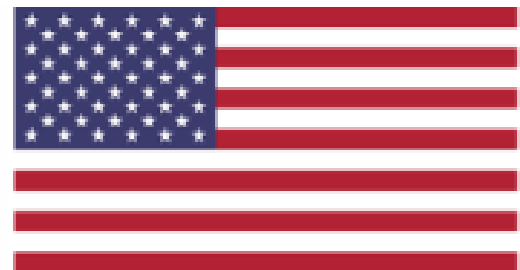
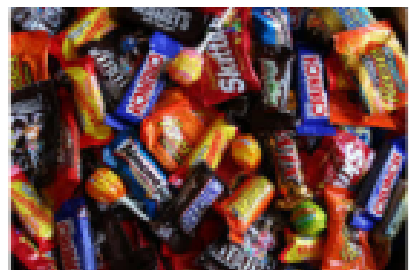
Admission Prices for Basketball Games

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

TREATS FOR TROOPS



A CANDY GIVE-BACK PROGRAM

NOT SURE WHAT TO DO WITH ALL OF THAT EXTRA OR UNWANTED HALLOWEEN CANDY?

SEND IT TO THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR OUR 'TREATS FOR TROOPS' SERVICE PROJECT.

WE WILL BE COLLECTING ALL OF THE CANDY AND SENDING IT TO SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE IN BAGS DECORATED FOR VETERAN'S DAY!

JUST PLACE YOUR CANDY IN THE BIN LOCATED AT THE ELEMENTARY MPR OR MIDDLE SCHOOL FOYER EACH MORNING NOVEMBER 1ST-6TH.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

QUESTIONS? CONTACT MRS. BRUEGEMAN AT MAURAL.BRUEGEMAN@WSSDT15.ORG



Rescheduled for Nov. 2 due to Weather!

Who: The same 200 students that turned in the permission slip for the original date

Where: Whiteside Middle School

Cost: Free

Date: Thursday, November 2

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.

Thank you!

The Middle School Food drive was a huge success! Thank you to each student and family that donated to our total of 513 items collected!

-Ms. Gain and Ms. Selliers

Middle School Students

Do you have a military veteran in your life (family member, friend of the family, or neighbor) you want to celebrate? If you answered yes, we would like them to join us for a Recognition Breakfast on Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 8:30 AM. Please stop by the middle school office to pick up an RSVP to sign your veteran up! Forms are due by Monday, November 7th.



Whiteside Middle School Band

- Congratulations to our All District Jazz Band member. He will perform with the All District Jazz Band on November 4. Way to represent Whiteside!
 - Redmond Jung
- 5th Grade Band Shirt Orders
 - Forms and payments are due to the office no later than November 11
- 6th Grade Band Pictures
 - November 9th during Specials.
 - Please wear your red band shirt, black pants, black socks, and black shoes.
- Butter Braid Sales! – Show Me Dough fundraiser ends November 16. Students can take orders with their packet or through the online store. Every order helps the band so please share the online link. Fundraiser pick up will be November 21 from 3-5 in the lobby.
- Congratulations to our All District Band members. They will perform with the All District Band on November 18. Great job!!!!
 - Maya Dunn
 - Taylor Harrell
 - Keh'Mari Henderson
 - Redmond Jung
- Save the Date for our Winter Concert on Monday, December 18 at 7:00 in the middle school gym featuring the 5th Grade Band, the 6th Grade Band, the Concert Band and the Jazz Band.