

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

- 1 Gingerbread Night
Glee Club Concert
- 4 NJHS Meeting
- 5 Boy's Mentoring Meeting
PTC Monthly Meeting 7 PM
- 6 Early Dismissal (MS 1:45 PM, ES 2:00 PM)
Elementary School Hat Day
MS Hat Day and Donut Day - Eden's Army
- 7 8th Grade Advisory Council Lunch Meeting
- 8 Eckert's Pies Orders Due - Washington DC Trip
- 11 STEM Club Meeting
- 12 Boy's Mentoring Meeting
- 13 Student Council Meeting
Art Club Meeting
Book Club Meeting 7th/8th Grade
Character Coaches Meeting
Whiteside Wednesday - Texas Roadhouse
- 14 Chess Team Tryouts
Regular Board of Education Meeting 7 PM
- 15 MS Donut Day - Washington DC Trip Fundraiser
- 16 Wreaths Across America
- 18 NJHS Meeting
Winter Band Concert @ MS Gym 7 PM
- 19 Elementary School Winter Class Parties
Boy's Mentoring Meeting
7th & 8th Grade Winter Dance 6-8 PM
End of 2nd Quarter
- 22 Eckert's Pies Pick Up - Washington DC Trip

* Sporting Events are on the Sports Calendar on Athletic Area Page

NO SCHOOL

December 20 – January 2

Winter Break

Students Return January 3, 2024*

***Early Dismissal**

**Teacher Institute on Jan. 2
(No Student Attendance)**

Important Information from the Office

Early Dismissal Date

December 6th

January 3rd

IAR Dates

Both the elementary school and middle school will be administering the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) to 3rd-8th grade students the weeks of April 2 - April 8, 2024. Please avoid scheduling trips and doctors appointments during this time.

Job Openings

The district is currently looking for a paraprofessional at the middle school as well as an individual care aide at the elementary school. Please contact the district office for more details.

November

Student of the Month

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

Tylyn Schlegel
Eva Simms Vargas
Ben Jacobs
Kingston Miller
Evelyn Rozenski

December

Student of the Month

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

Julia Vo
Nevaeh Ash
Lydia Downs
Braylon Cook
Zane Jackson
Emma Meidlinger

Reese Doyle
River McMillian
Nahla Jackson
Nicholas Jenkins
Noelle Smith



Middle School Hat & Donut Day Wednesday, Dec. 6th

Student Council Supports Eden's Army

Bring a \$1 donation to Eden's Army to wear a hat. Bring \$1 for a donut. There will be additional Eden's Army items for purchase to benefit this amazing foundation.



Extended School Program

- At this time, A.M. and P.M. are full, and are not accepting a waitlist.
- Please email kristy.frazer@wssd115.org if you have any questions.

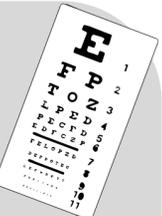


Whiteside Middle School Band Concert

- 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.
 - 5th Grade and 6th Grade Band-wear red band shirts with black pants, black socks, and black shoes
 - Concert Band and Jazz Band-wear black band shirts with black pants, black socks, and black shoes.



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 kindergarten or 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 Crystal

CHESS TRY OUTS

DECEMBER 14

FROM 2:50-3:45

IN ROOM 711

QUESTIONS:

MRS. MADDUX 3700

MRS. WEBSTER 3711

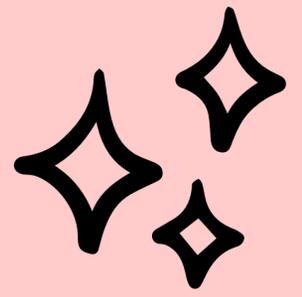


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Save the Date

STEAM Night at the Elementary is getting a make over! Stay tuned for our new & exciting interactive STEAM CARNIVAL to be held on Thursday, February 1, 2024.

Be watching Skyward for a blast coming out in early January!



PTC Corner



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Friday, December 1st – 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.
 - More information about it in the section on the previous page.
- Tuesday, December 5th – Monthly PTC Meeting
 - 7pm 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, December 13th – Whiteside Wednesdays at Texas Roadhouse.
 - Dine in or Carry Out Texas Roadhouse and mention Whiteside and we will receive a percentage of the funds!
- Tuesday, December 19th – Elementary Winter Class Parties

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, January 10

PTC Monthly Meeting 7 PM

Saturday, January 27

Pancakes & Pj's. 8:30 – 11 AM.

Join us for a fun morning of pancakes and pajamas including all you can eat pancakes, sausage, & juice.

Whiteside Elementary School MPR
\$6/person.

Register here:

<https://2024-pancakes-pajamas-whiteside.cheddarup.com>



Sunday, February 25

Whiteside Family Puzzler Contest
\$25/team

More info to come. Register here:

<https://2024-family-puzzler-whiteside.cheddarup.com>



GLO BINGO



Committee Members Needed!

Whiteside Family, it's that time of year to formalize our Glo Bingo Committee. Glo Bingo is our biggest fundraiser and we need your help for it's continued success. If you have a niche in crafts, event planning, fundraising, or just want to learn more to see if you would like to help, please let us know. Reach out to PTC at WhitesidePTC@wssd115.org. We are looking forward to working with you!

Attendees Needed!

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!



Athletic Area

Basketball Season - Current Stats

Basketball is still Rolling!

8th Boys record is currently 7-4

8th Girls record is currently 8-5

7th Boys record is currently 8-2

7th Girls record is currently 3-7

6th Boys record is currently undefeated!

6th Girls record is currently 2-5

5th Boys record is currently undefeated!

5th Girls record is currently 2-5

Winter Sports - Sports Packets Due

Boys' Volleyball (Grades 7-8), Girls' Volleyball (Grades 5-8) and Bowling (Grades 5-8) tryouts will take place in January. Sports packets and physicals are due by Wednesday, December 13, 2023. All fees must be paid in full to participate in tryouts and to maintain eligibility on the team.

-Athletic Director Joe Glynn

December Games

- 4 7/8 Boys Basketball Freeburg 5:00 PM
- 5 5/6 Boys Basketball Home 4:00 PM
- 5/6 Girls Basketball Grant 4:00 PM
- 7/8 Girls Basketball Grant 5:00 PM
- 7/8 Boys Basketball Home 6:00 PM
- 6 5/6 Girls Basketball Home 4:00 PM
- 5/6 Boys Basketball Belle Valley 4:00 PM
- 7 5/6 Boys Basketball Central 4:00 PM
- 5/6 Girls Basketball Home 4:00 PM
- 7/8 Boys Basketball Central J.H. 6:00 PM
- 7/8 Girls Basketball Home 6:00 PM
- 9 7 Girls Basketball Tourney TBD
- 7 Boys Basketball Tourney TBD
- 11-14 6 Boys Tournament TBD
- 8 Boys Tournament TBD
- 13 Winter Sports-Packets & Physicals Due
- 14 Chess Team Tryouts
- 15 7/8 Girls Volleyball Open Gym
- 18 7/8 Boys Basketball Fulton 4:30 PM

January Save the Dates

- 3 8th Grade Night - Boys Basketball
- 4 8th Grade Night - Girls Basketball

Watch Out for More Information on:

- 5/6 Girls Volleyball Tryouts TBD
- 7/8 Girls Volleyball Tryouts TBD
- 5-8 Boys Volleyball Tryouts - Jan 9 & 11 6:30-7:45 AM
- 5-8 Bowling Tryouts - Jan 16 @ St. Clair Bowl

Booster Club

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

- December - No Booster Club Meeting. Join us in January!

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



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 Club & 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
- Submit pictures of your completed house to WhitesidePTC@wssd115.org & Elementary Students with Top 3 winners receiving prizes!
- Reserve your kits today at <https://2023-gingerbread-night-copy.cheddarup.com>
 - All kits must be reserved in advance

(618) 628-8811
1412 Central Park Cr | Shiloh, IL
Don't forget to download our Mobile App to get on the Waitlist!

TEXAS ROADHOUSE

FUNDRAISING
DINE-IN OR TO-GO

»» *Support* ««

Whiteside PTC
Wednesday, December 13
4pm-10pm
*Gift Card purchases will apply towards 10% donation! *

10% DONATION NIGHT

Thank you for supporting Whiteside PTC!
To ensure 10% donation from your visit today, please drop your receipt in the donation bucket at the host stand to give credit!

Whiteside Elementary Glee Club presents:
Jazzy Jingle Holiday
December 1st ~ 6:30 PM

At the elementary school during the PTC Gingerbread night.

Glee Club Members: Meet in the Music Room 15 min. prior to performance to line up. Nice clothes, no holes or sweatpants, Red, Green or Christmas clothes encouraged

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.



Trick or Treat for UNICEF!

Thank you to all of the students, families, and staff who helped raise money for UNICEF during the month of October. Previously in November, we shared that Whiteside Elementary school raised \$573.89, however we had some additional donations!

Our goal this year was to raise \$650. We collected \$605.27 which is only about \$45 short of our goal. Thank you for your kindness, generosity, and compassion. We should be proud of ourselves, even though we didn't reach our goal! The money we raise for UNICEF helps children in over 150 countries around the world. Teachers, thank you for your efforts in collecting the money in your classroom. Also, thank you to Mrs. McKee, Mrs. Runyan, Ms. Julie, and Ms. Jenny for helping to collect, count, and send the money to UNICEF.

Ms. Bleich

THANK YOU!!



The Elementary collected 859 food items during the November Food Drive, which was well over our goal of 500. This allows us to provide more food bags to families in need during the holiday season. Students were able to celebrate their success with Gym Jams during Specials before Thanksgiving break.

Thanks for your support!

Mrs. Leritz, Ms. Schabbing, & Ms. Crowcroft
Whiteside Elementary Social Workers

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.



Washington DC Trip

Upcoming Events:

- Now - Dec. 8 - Eckert's Pie Sales
- Dec. 13 - Selling Reindeer Candy Canes at Texas Roadhouse
- Dec. 15 - Donut Day at Middle School
- Dec. 19 - Glow Sales during Winter Dance
- Dec. 22 - Pie Pick Up for distribution

Please contact Julie Miller, Amy Jung, or Mrs. Laurent to volunteer for or with any questions about upcoming events.



WHITESIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

7th and 8th Grade

Winter Dance

\$2 ADMISSION

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19TH

6PM TO 8PM



*Students must be in good standing to attend



Drama Club will be selling Smencils (smelly pencils) for \$1.00 each in the Middle School Lobby each Tuesday and Thursday until supplies run out! Come get yours today!

DRAMA CLUB

Applications will be available beginning on January 3rd. All 5th-8th grade students interested in becoming a member of the Ccast or crew for this year's performance of Peter Pan, should stop by the office after winter break and get an application!