

# 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

- 2 Teacher Institute - No Student Attendance
- 3 School Resumes  
Early Dismissal (MS 1:45 PM, ES 2:00 PM)  
ES Hat Day
- 4 6th Grade Hot Chocolate Cafe  
Girls Group Meeting 7/8
- 8 STEM Club Meeting
- 9 Boy's Mentoring Meeting  
Student Council Meeting  
Chess Team Practice  
PTC Monthly Meeting 7 PM
- 10 Art Club Meeting  
7/8 Book Club Meeting  
Chess Team Meet
- 11 Girls Group Meeting 5/6  
Dine and Donate at Bennie's Pizza Pub - Washington DC Trip
- 15 MLK Day - No School
- 16 Boy's Mentoring Meeting
- 17 Early Dismissal (MS 1:45 PM, ES 2:00 PM)  
Chess Team Practice and Meet
- 18 Girls Group Meetings 5/6 and 7/8  
Math Team Competition at Belleville East  
Regular Board of Education Meeting 7 PM
- 19 Drama Club Auditions 3-6 PM in MS Library
- 22 STEM Club Meeting
- 23 Boy's Mentoring Meeting  
Chess Team Practice
- 24 Art Club Meeting  
7/8 Book Club Meeting  
Chess Team Meet
- 27 Pancakes and Pajamas
- 30 Boy's Mentoring Meeting  
Chess Team Practice
- 31 Character Coaches Meeting  
Chess Team Meet

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

## NO SCHOOL

**January 2 - Teacher Institute**

**January 15 - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

## Important Information from the Office

### Early Dismissal Date

January 3rd

January 17th

### 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.

## January

### Student of the Month

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

Serinity Moore  
Samuel McNeil  
Ivy Brown  
Janelle Young  
Yara Sharif

Cerenity Jackson  
Zaya Adkins  
Gabrielle Falls  
Dashtyn Tarte  
Kaleigh White

## December

### Student of the Month

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

Anna Byrne  
Elizabeth Duarte

### 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](mailto: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 1,700 food items for over 70 holiday food baskets! We were also able to provide gifts and coats for over 60 students in need. We are sincerely grateful 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, Belleville First Church of the Nazarene, Cornerstone Church, Shiloh Police Department, St. Clair County Police Department, East Side Fire Department, Girl Scout Troop #268, current and retired Whiteside staff from both buildings, and our wonderful Whiteside families. We are grateful to be a part of such a giving and caring community.

Thank you!!

-Amy Leritz, Beth Schabbing,  
Grace Crowcroft, Jessica Gain,  
and Kacey Selliers

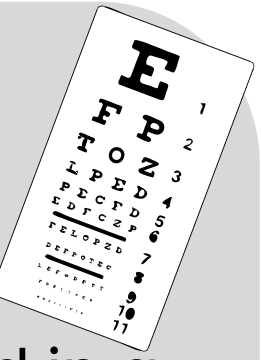


## Snow Days

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.



## NURSES' NOTES



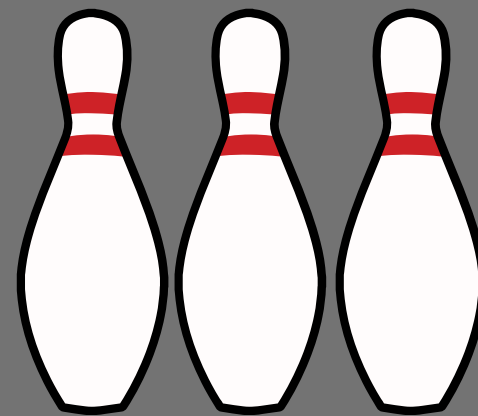
If your kindergarten student has not turned in a vision exam from an eye doctor, please be sure to turn that in ASAP.

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 Crystal



## Bowling Team Tryouts 2024

When: January 16th after school until 5 PM

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.

## IXL District usage!

WE'VE ANSWERED **8 2 7, 3 8 3** QUESTIONS THIS YEAR!

Our district on IXL:



**1,088** students



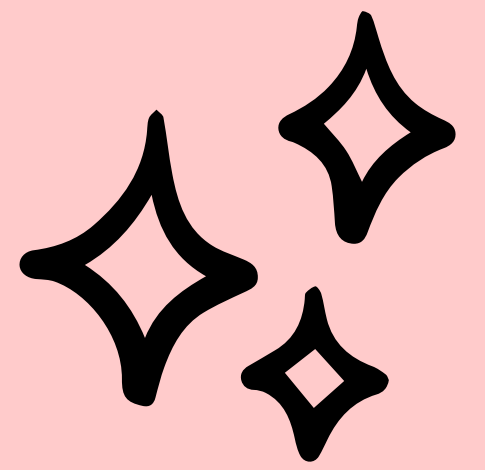
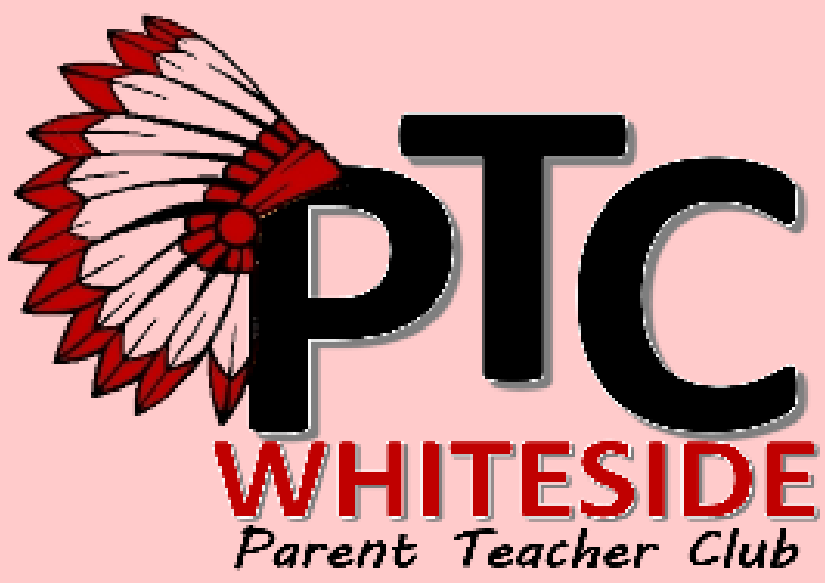
**77** teachers



**2** schools

The district is close to almost 1 million questions answered this School Year! Keep encouraging your students to spend time testing their skills on IXL!





# PTC Corner



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tuesday, Jan 9 – 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.
- Saturday, Jan 27 – Pancakes & PJ's 8:30 – 11:00 AM
  - Join us for a fun morning of pancakes and pajamas including all you can eat pancakes, sausage, & juice.
  - Adult and Child Pancake Eating Contest
  - Whiteside Elementary School MPR \$6/person.
  - Register here: <https://2024-pancakes-pajamas-whiteside.cheddarup.com>
- Order your Whiteside Spiritwear by visiting <https://1stplace.sale/33337>



## SAVE THE DATE

### Thursday, February 1

STEAM Carnival @ ES 6 PM – 7:30 PM

### Tuesday, February 6

PTC Monthly Meeting 7 PM

### Wednesday, February 14

Class Parties

### Sunday, February 18

Whiteside Family Puzzler Contest \$25/team More info to come. Register here: <https://2024-family-puzzler-whiteside.cheddarup.com>

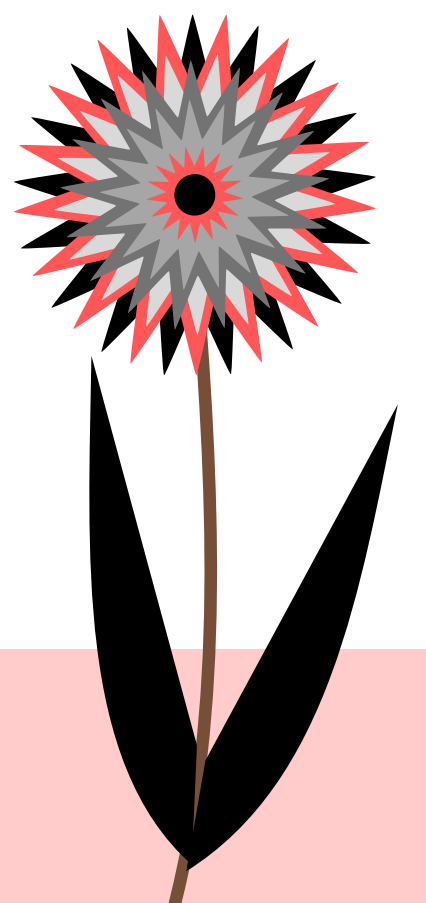


## GLO BINGO

Saturday, March 9th – Whiteside Glo Bingo & Auction

- Join us for our annual Glo Bingo & Auction benefitting Whiteside Parent Teacher Club on Saturday, March 9, 2024 at Tribout's Belle Vegas Bingo Hall
- Event starts at 7p and doors open at 5:30pm. Guests can bring snacks.
- Bingo registration includes 6 cards for 10 rounds of bingo, dauber, and Glo hat. Additional cards can be purchased. The event will also offer raffle tickets, silent auction items, and live auction items.
- Funds raised will be used towards technology needs and student enrichment programs.
- Advanced tickets are \$25 | At Door tickets will be \$30
- Reserve your spot today at <https://whiteside-allstart-globingo-2024.cheddarup.com>

We are looking for a volunteers to help put on this event along with businesses to sponsor and/or donate auction items. Please reach out to Misty & Raven at [WhitesidePTC@wssd115.org](mailto:WhitesidePTC@wssd115.org) if you are able to help make this event successful!



# Athletic Area

## Basketball Season - Wrapping Up

Basketball is nearing the end. Please consider attending some of our final games. Join us for 8th Grade nights: January 3 for the Boys' team and January 4th for the Girls' team.

## Thank You Coaches!

Shoutout to our Fall coaches: Troy Griffith, Joe Glynn, Dawson Verhines, Amanda Dermody, 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 this month. See the section below for the schedule. 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

## Winter Sports Tryout Schedule 2024

### 5th - 8th Boys Volleyball:

- January 9th 6:30 am - 7:45 am
- January 11th 6:30 am - 7:45am

### 7th/8th Girls Volleyball:

- January 2nd 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm 8th Grade
- January 2nd 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm 7th Grade
- January 5th 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm 7th/8th Grade

### 5th/6th Girls Volleyball:

- January 3rd 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm 6th Grade
- January 4th 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm 5th Grade

### 5th - 8th Boys/Girls Bowling

- January 16th 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm St. Clair Bowl

## January Games

- 3 8th Grade night - Boys team  
8 Boys Basketball Home 6:00 PM
- 4 8th Grade night - Girls team  
8 Girls Basketball Home 6:00 PM
- 8 8 Boys Basketball Clark time TBD
- 9 Chess Team Practice
- 10 Chess Team Meet  
8 Boys Basketball Mascoutah 4:00 PM
- 16-18 8 Boys Milton Wiley Tournament TBD
- 17 Chess Team Practice and Meet
- 20 8 Girls Volleyball Jamboree TBD
- 22 7/8 Girls Volleyball Home 4:00 PM
- 23 Chess Team Practice
- 24 Chess Team Meet  
7/8 Girls Volleyball Home 5:00 PM  
6 Girls Volleyball Home 4:00 PM
- 25 Boys Volleyball Home 6:00 PM  
7/8 Girls Volleyball Home 4:00 PM  
5/6 Girls Volleyball Signal Hill 4:00 PM
- 27 Boys Volleyball Jamboree TBD
- 29 Boys Volleyball Home TBD  
Bowling v Belle Valley @ St. Clair
- 30 Chess Team Practice  
Boys Volleyball West Jr. High 6:00 PM  
7/8 Girls Volleyball West Jr. High 4:00 PM  
5/6 Girls Volleyball Emge 4:00 PM
- 31 Chess Team Meet  
Bowling v West Jr. High @ St. Clair  
Boys Basketball Regional Host 5-8 PM
- Feb 1 Boys Basketball Regional Host 6-7:30 PM

## Admission Prices for Basketball and Volleyball 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. (Separate pass for basketball and volleyball games.)

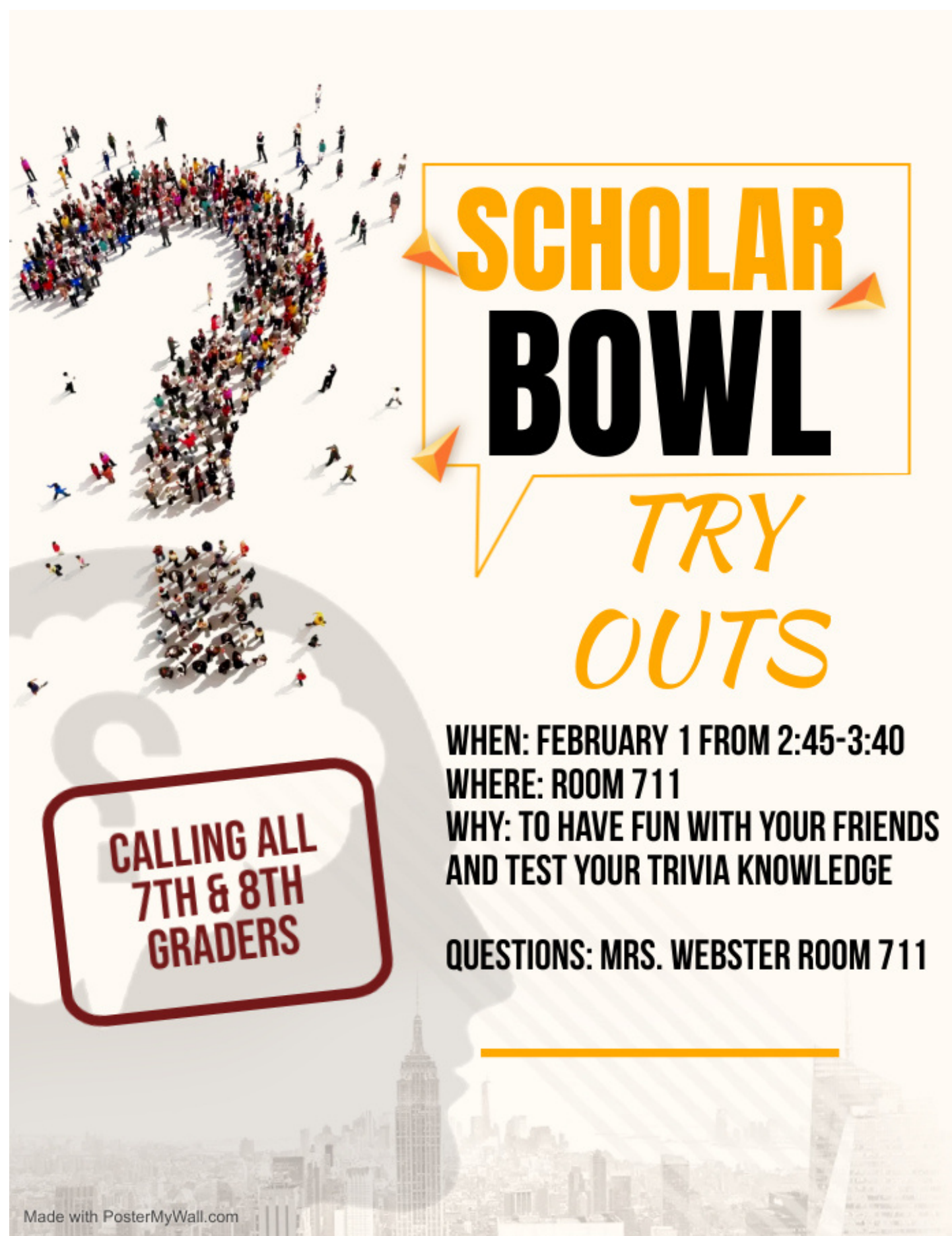
- Families: \$20
- Individuals: \$10

## Booster Club

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

- January 31st - Booster Club Meeting in the main lobby. 6pm





# SCHOLAR BOWL

## TRY OUTS

**WHEN: FEBRUARY 1 FROM 2:45-3:40**  
**WHERE: ROOM 711**  
**WHY: TO HAVE FUN WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND TEST YOUR TRIVIA KNOWLEDGE**  
**QUESTIONS: MRS. WEBSTER ROOM 711**

**CALLING ALL 7TH & 8TH GRADERS**

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**WHITESIDE ELEMENTARY**

# S.T.E.A.M CARNIVAL

**Thursday, February 1, 2024**  
**6:00-7:30pm**  
**Whiteside Elementary School Gym**

Join us for a FUN new experience! This year's STEAM Carnival is a come and go event. Stay for as long or short of time as you'd like. Experience booths with themed activities relating to Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math Activities.

**Cost: \$1.00 per person**  
**CASH ONLY at the door**  
**No Reservations Needed!**

*\*If arriving before 6:00pm please wait outside the gym doors.*



## Drama Club

### Applications & Auditions!

Drama Club Applications must be turned into Mrs. Phillips by January 17th to audition. Late applications will not be accepted.

Audition packets will be distributed at the audition. Auditions will be held for 5th-8th grade students on Friday, January 19th. 3:00 - 6:00 pm. Students should bring their a snack and water. Auditions are for both cast and crew applicants.

## Calling All Writers!

The Young Author's Conference, Story Writing Contest is beginning! The Regional Conference for the Young Author winners of each grade level will be held on Wednesday evening March 15th from 6:30-8:00 at Westhaven School in Belleville. Writing criteria sheets have been sent home. The deadline to turn in finished manuscripts to teachers is February 9th.

## Washington DC Trip

### Upcoming Events:

- Now - Feb. 5 - SAVERS collection
  - We are collecting Kitchen trash bags with soft goods and boxes with books and household items for SAVERS. We will collect all of January until February 5th at the middle school.
  - We will deliver collections to STL SAVERS on February 10th
- Jan. 11 - Dine and Donate
  - Join us at Bennie's Pizza Pub all day long. We will receive 10% of all proceeds.

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