

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 National Assessment of Education Progress
Scholar Bowl Tryouts
STEAM Carnival at the ES 6 PM
- 2 Middle School Game Night
- 5 NJHS Meeting
Drama Crew Meeting
- 6 Boys' Mentoring Meeting
Drama Crew Meeting
PTC Monthly Meeting 7 PM
- 7 World Read Aloud Day
Early Dismissal (MS 1:45 PM, ES 2:00 PM)
ES Hat Day
- 8 Illinois Youth Survey (8th Grade)
Girls Group Meeting
Drama Crew meeting
- 12 STEM Club Meeting
Drama Crew Meeting
- 13 Student Council Meeting
Boys' Mentoring Meeting
- 14 Elementary Holiday Class Parties
Art Club Meeting
Drama Crew Meeting
Middle School Skate night at Skate City
- 15 Regular Board of Education Meeting 7 PM
- 19 President's Day - No School
- 20-22 Dine and Donate at Joe's Pizza
- 20 Boys' Mentoring Meeting
Drama Crew Meeting
- 21 Early Dismissal (MS 1:45 PM, ES 2:00 PM)
- 22 Girls Group Meeting
- 23 End of Quarter 3
- 24 Society of Women Engineers Trip (MS Girls)
- 26 STEM Club Meeting
Drama Crew Meeting
- 27 Early Dismissal (MS 1:45 PM, ES 2:00 PM)
Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00 - 7:30 PM
- 28 Character Coaches Meeting
Art Club Meeting
Drama Crew Meeting
- 29 No School for PreK classes - Conferences all day
Early Dismissal (MS 1:45 PM, ES 2:00 PM)
Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00 - 7:30 PM

NO SCHOOL

- February 19 – President's Day**
- February 29 – No School for PreK classes**
- March 1 – Teacher Conference Day**

Parent Teacher Conferences

February 27th and 29th

4:00 - 7:30 PM

Please schedule a conference with your child's teacher(s) for a specific time.

Important Information from the Office

Early Dismissal Dates

- February 7th
- February 21st
- February 27th
- February 29th

End of 3rd Quarter

February 23rd

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 April 2 - 8, 2024. Please avoid scheduling trips and doctors appointments during this time.

February

Student of the Month

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

Melody Woods
Emma Foster
Henry Byrne
Callen Parker
Caleb Suggs

Olive Hotze-Wilton
Janiyah Henry
Camden Peterson
Daniel Jacobs
Kaleb Ingram

January

Student of the Month

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

DeCarlos Boyd

Ben Bauman

CHARACTER COUNCIL

The following fourth graders at Whiteside Elementary School have been chosen by their teachers because they represent the our Character Program. Congrats to the following for their AWESOME character!

Landry Wilken
Xanderkirk Eickhoff
Kyrie Bunton
Kai Robinson
Brooke Bridges
Grayson Richardson
Caraline Madden
Tatum Branscomb
Rylee Dismuke
Toni Dority
Grayson Ramsey



Glee Club

Glee Club is singing the National Anthem at a Cardinal's Game! Cardinal game will be Saturday, May 4th against the White Sox (Bobblehead giveaway day). Tickets are \$22 each. Glee Club students singing will need tickets for themselves and a parent/guardian. Money and orderforms are due to the elementary office by Friday, April 5th. Contact nicole.keys@wssd115.org with any questions.

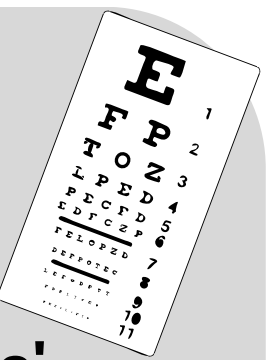


Band

- March 9: Solo and Ensemble Contest (6-8 grade)
- March 18: St. Clair Jazz Festival (selected students)
- April 13: Music for All Band Festival (6th Grade Band)
- April 23: Band performance at Cardinals Game (6-8 grade bands)
- May 4: Six Flags Music Festival (Concert Band)
- TBD: Spring Awards Concert (All Bands)
- TBD 8th Grade Graduation (6th & 7th Bands)



NURSES' NOTES



Nurse Heather is in need of girls' and boys' pants, specifically size 5-16. She will gladly take donations of gently used pants. Nurse Crystal is in need of leggings or sweatpants size small-large and boys pants size small-large. She could also use sweatshirts, hoodies, and lightweight jackets.

If your sixth grade student has not turned in a dental exam from an 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

**WHITESIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL
WACKY
WARRIOR
WEEK
FEBRUARY 12-16**

GRADE LEVEL PENNY WARS COMPETITION

DRESS UP DAYS:

SQUAD DAY MONDAY - MATCH WITH A FRIEND OR GROUP
CLASS COLOR TUESDAY AND ANYTHING BUT A TRAPPER KEEPER DAY

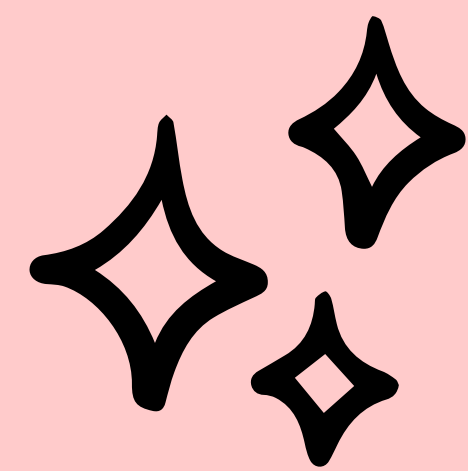
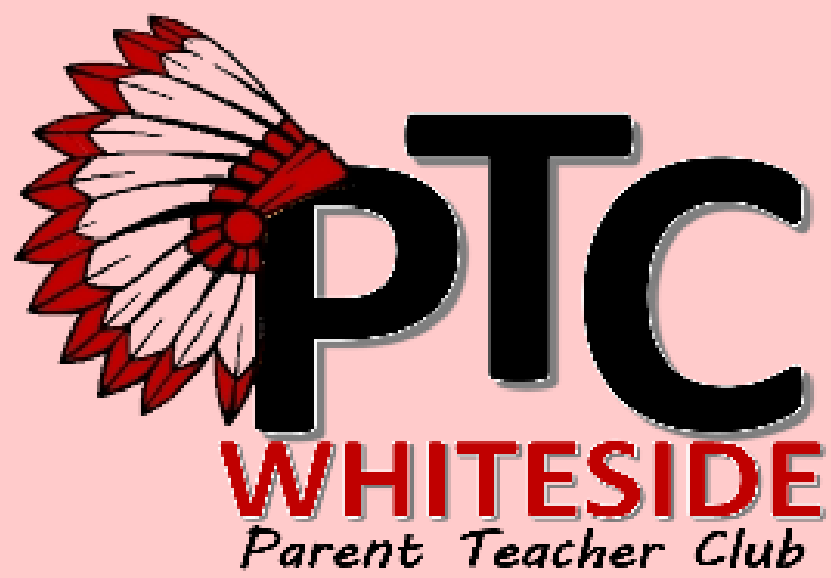
5TH GRADE - YELLOW 6TH GRADE - GREEN
7TH GRADE - PURPLE 8TH GRADE - BLUE

DRESS TO IMPRESS WEDNESDAY
WACKY WARRIOR THURSDAY - GO ALL OUT FOR THE ASSEMBLY
FREAKY FRIDAY - TEACHER/STUDENT SWAP

IXL District usage!

Whiteside students have completed over 1,000,000 IXL questions this school year!

Keep up the great work and keep using this program at home!

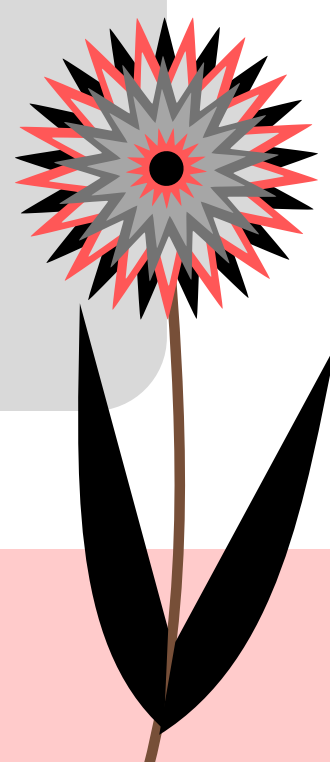


PTC Corner



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Thursday, Feb 1 – STEAM Carnival
 - 6–7:30pm at Elementary School
- Tuesday, Feb 6 – 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, Feb 14 – Elementary Class Parties
- Order your Whiteside Spiritwear by visiting:
<https://1stplace.sale/33337>
- Tuesday–Thursday, Feb 20–22 – Dine and Donate
 - Support our PTC by dining in or ordering out at Joe's Pizza and Pasta in Fairview Heights any day Tuesday–Thursday.



SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, March 5

PTC Monthly Meeting 7 PM

Saturday, March 9

- Join us for our annual Glo Bingo & Auction benefiting Whiteside Parent Teacher Club on Saturday, March 9, 2024 at Tribout's Belle Vegas Bingo Hall
- Event starts at 7p and doors open at 530p. 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 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 if you are able to help make this event successful!

Friday, March 15

Kindergarten Grandparent Luncheon at ES

Athletic Area

Basketball - Boys' State

Our 8th Grade Boys Basketball is going to State for a third year in a row! They will be playing in Carbondale at Rend Lake College at 1:15 PM on February 10th. Look out for details on a fan bus for students to cheer on our team!

Congratulations Volleyball, Bowling, and Chess Teams!

Congratulations to those that made the volleyball, bowling, and chess teams. We look forward to seeing you represent our school in upcoming meets! 8th Grade night for Girls and Boys Volleyball will be Monday, Feb. 26. Join us in recognizing them.

Spring Sports - Tryouts

Boys' Track (Grades 6-8), Girls' Track (Grades 6-8) and Golf (Grades 6-8) tryouts will take place in mid March. Sports packets and physicals must be turned in by March 2, 2024 to tryout. 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.

- February 28th - Booster Club Meeting in the main lobby. 6pm

Admission Prices for Basketball Games or Volleyball Games

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

Booster Season Pass

Gives free entrance to all HOME games for a specific sport season excluding tournaments. Purchase at door.

Families: \$20
Individuals: \$10

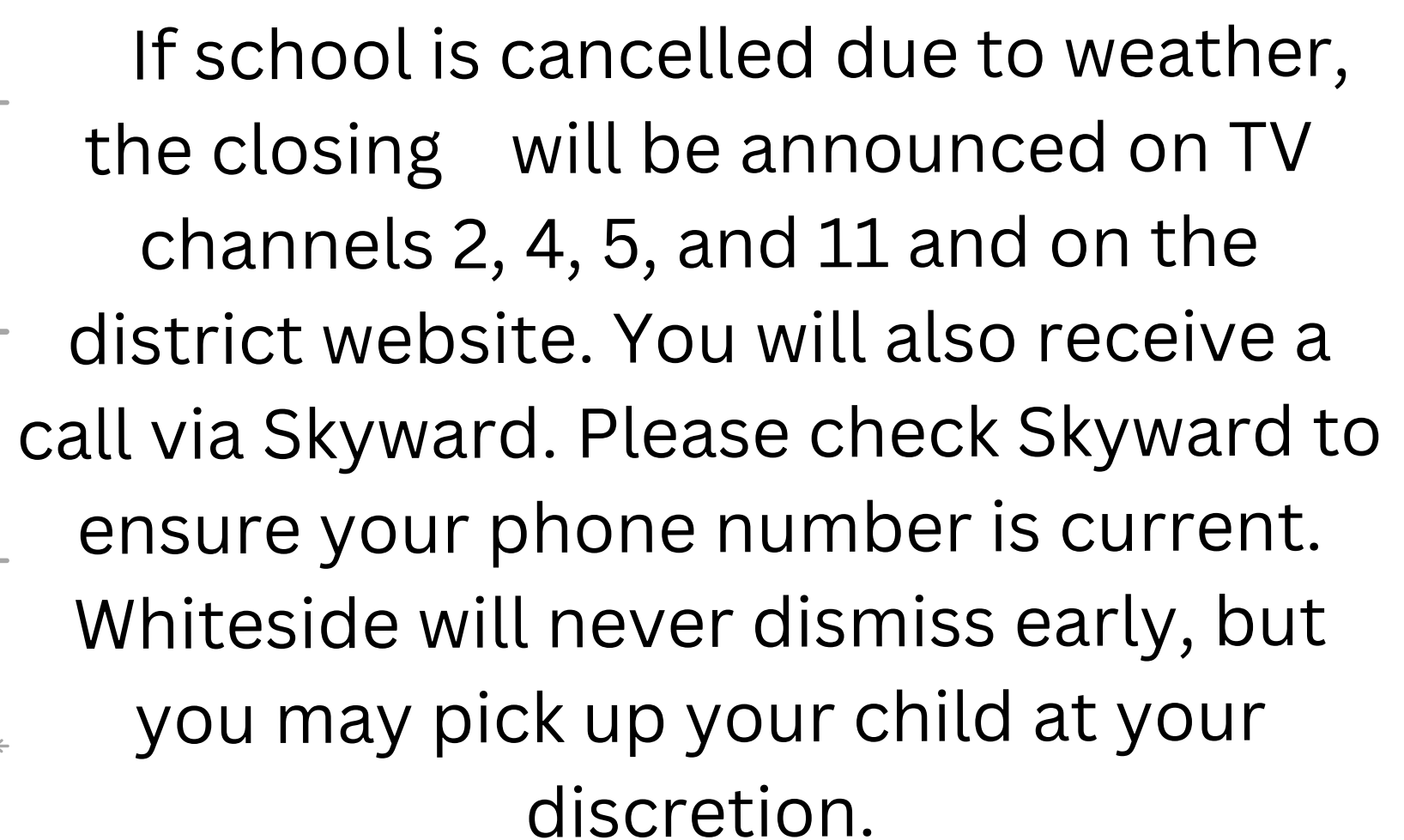
February Games

- Scholar Bowl Tryouts
5/6/7/8 Girls Volleyball Home 4:00 PM
Boys Volleyball Home 6:00 PM
- 6 Girls Volleyball Queen of Peace Tournament TBD
- Chess Meet 4:00 PM
Bowling Meet at Bel Air 4:00 PM
- 7/8 Girls Volleyball Pontiac 4:00 PM
Boys Volleyball Pontiac 6:00 PM
8 Girls Basketball Home 6:00 PM
- SLU Women's Basketball Game Field Trip- 8th Grade Basketball Teams
Chess Meet 4:00
Bowling Meet at St. Clair 4:00 PM
- 7/8 Girls Volleyball Home 4:00 PM
5/6 Girls Volleyball Home 4:00 PM
Bowling Meet at St. Clair 4:00 PM
Boys Volleyball Home 6:00 PM
- 6 Girls Volleyball Queen of Peace Tournament TBD
- 7 Boys Volleyball Tournament TBD
Chess Tournament TBD
- Boys Volleyball St. James Tournament TBD
- 6/7/8 Girls Volleyball Home 4:00 PM
Bowling Meet at St. Clair 4:00 PM
- 7/8 Girls Volleyball Home 4:00 PM
5/6 Girls Volleyball Wolf Branch 4:00 PM
Boys Volleyball Home 6:00 PM
- Scholar Bowl Meet 4:00 PM
- 7/8 Girls Volleyball High Mount 4:00 PM
Bowling Meet at Bel Air 4:00 PM
Boys Volleyball High Mount 6:00 PM
- 5/6/7/8 Girls Volleyball Home 4:00 PM
Boys Volleyball Home 6:00 PM
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Scholar Bowl Meet 4:00 PM
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5/6 Girls Volleyball Home 4:00 PM
Bowling Meet at Bel Air 4:00 PM
Boys Volleyball Emge 6:00 PM
- 7 Girls Volleyball Jamboree
- 8th Grade Night Girls Volleyball
8th Grade Night Boys Volleyball
5/6/7/8 Girls Volleyball Home 4:00 PM
Boys Volleyball Home 6:00 PM
- 7/8 Girls Volleyball Central 4:00 PM
Boys Volleyball Central 6:00 PM
- Scholar Bowl Meet 4:00 PM
Bowling Meet at Bel Air 4:00 PM
- 7/8 Girls Volleyball Home 4:00 PM

Calling All Writers!

The Young Author's Conference, Story Writing Contest is beginning! Writing criteria sheets have been sent home. The deadline to turn in finished manuscripts to teachers is February 9th.

Snow Days

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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.

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.