

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

- 1Teacher Conference Day - No School
- 4NJHS Meeting
Drama Crew Meeting
- 5Boy’s Mentoring Meeting
Drama Crew Meeting
PTC Monthly Meeting 7 PM
- 6Early Dismissal (MS 1:45 PM, ES 2:00 PM)
ES Hat Day
Scholar Bowl Meet 4PM
- 7Girls Group Meeting 5/6 & 7/8
Drama Crew Meeting
- 9Band Solo and Ensemble Contest (Grades 6-8)
PTC Glo Bingo
- 10PTC Family Puzzler
- 11Winter Sport/Club Picture Day at Middle School
STEM Club Meeting
Drama Crew Meeting
- 12Boy’s Mentoring Meeting
- 13Character Coaches Meeting
Student Council Meeting
Art Club Meeting
Scholar Bowl 4PM
- 14Drama Crew Meeting
- 15Kindergarten Grandparents Lunch
STEM Day with US Naval Academy - 7th Grade
- 16Scholar Bowl Tournament
- 18St. Clair Jazz Festival (selected students)
NJHS Meeting
Drama Crew Meeting
- 19Election Day - Referendum on Ballot
Boy’s Mentoring Meeting
Drama Crew Meeting
- 20Early Dismissal (MS 1:45 PM, ES 2:00 PM)
Skate City Night for Character Education 5 PM
Whiteside Excellence Awards (select students) 6 PM
- 21Girls Group Meeting 5/6 & 7/8
Regular Board of Education
- 22Teacher Institute - No Student Attendance
- 25Spring Break - No School
Drama Crew Meeting 9AM - 1PM
- 26Spring Break - No School
- 27Spring Break - No School
- 28Spring Break - No School
- 29Spring Break - No School

NO SCHOOL

March 1- Conference Day
March 22 – Teacher Institute
March 25–29 Spring Break

Important Information from the Office

Early Dismissal Date

March 6th
March 20th

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.

No Checks after April 1st

All school fees and food service payments after April 1st must be online payments or cash in either office for the remainder of the school year. Checks will not be accepted after students return from spring break. Checks will still be permitted for ESP payments only through the end of the school year.




Whiteside 115
Referendum

Election Day

March 19, 2024

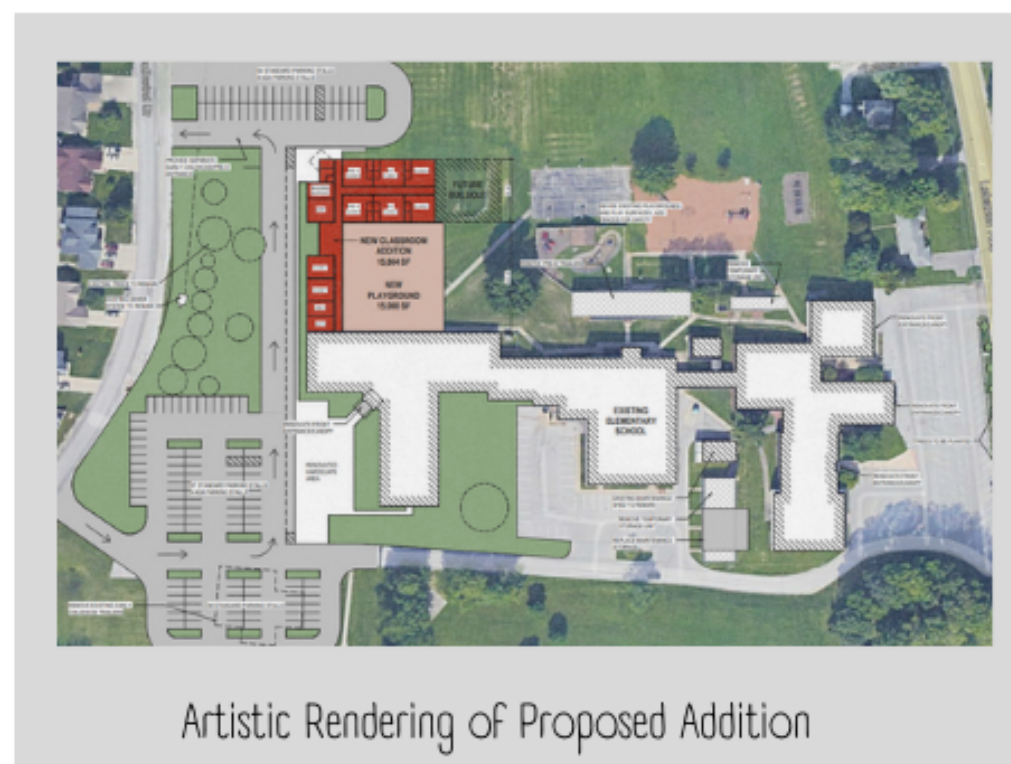
Find your polling place today!





Whiteside 115 Referendum

Facts and Information

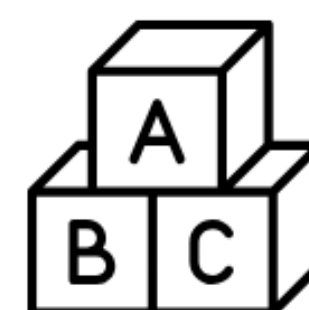


Artistic Rendering of Proposed Addition

Project Information

Elementary Site Improvements and Additions include:

- Permanent Classrooms (6 total) for Pre-K and Early Childhood (EC) with space for expansion
- Additional primary student bathrooms
- Upgraded playground for Pre-K and EC
- Basic storage space due to portable storage removal
- Building-wide solar project
- Additional parking



Total Cost Estimate: 10.2 million dollars

Safety

Providing a safe learning environment for all ages of our students is our first priority.

- Portable classrooms are 30 + years old
- Current concerns with existing portable classrooms
 - Accessibility (between buildings)
 - Safety (active shooter and intruders)
 - Weather related incidents

Academics

We are striving to reach the highest level of academic excellence in all areas.

- Improvement to the Pre-K and EC educational environment would provide students with the opportunity for increased success
- Space for additional classrooms and physical and occupational therapy rooms

Financially Responsible

- Current Budget shows positive funds balances
- Each school year a reduction to deficit spending
- Working to maintain a balanced budget

Election Day

March 19, 2024

Find your polling place today!



More information on our website.

5 Essentials Survey

Parents are invited to take the 5 Essentials Survey. A parent survey report will be generated if at least 20 percent of parents respond to the survey. While the parent data will not be made public, the parent report will be made available to our district's Principals and Superintendent and will enable them to make considerations based on the responses given by Whiteside parents. Your participation in the parent survey will help us to understand the conditions at your child's school and guide improvement. Your identity and individual survey responses will be kept completely confidential and will never be connected to you or your child.

Band Calendar of Events

March 9: Solo and Ensemble Contest for 6th-8th Grade

March 11: Picture Day for 5th Grade Band, Concert Band, and Jazz Band

March 18: St. Clair Jazz Festival

April 13: Music for All Band Festival (6th grade band)

April 23: Band performance at Cardinals game (6-8th bands) See last page to order tickets!

May 4: Six Flags Music Festival -Concert Band

May 9: Spring Awards Concert (all bands)

May 14: 8th Grade Graduation-6th & 7th Grade band

March

Student of the Month

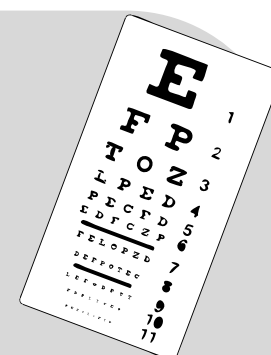
Congratulations to the following elementary school students who were selected by their teachers for showing Cooperation!

Almri Huff
Julia Vo
Josiya Johnson
Penny Smith
Brooklyn Cates
Martell King

Adelynn Powers
Le'Veon Wilson
Sophia Norton
Austin Bowens
Aubri Powers



NURSES' NOTES



Nurse Heather is in need of boys' pants, specifically size 6-14. She will gladly take donations of gently used pants. As of right now, other items are not needed.

Miles of Smiles will be here in April for dental exams and cleanings. If you haven't turned in a consent yet, but would like your child to see the dentist, please contact Nurse Crystal or Nurse Heather.

Dates:

Middle School: April 16, 2024

Elementary School: April 15, 2024

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.

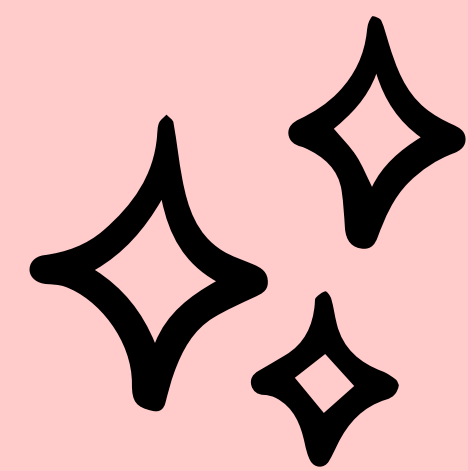
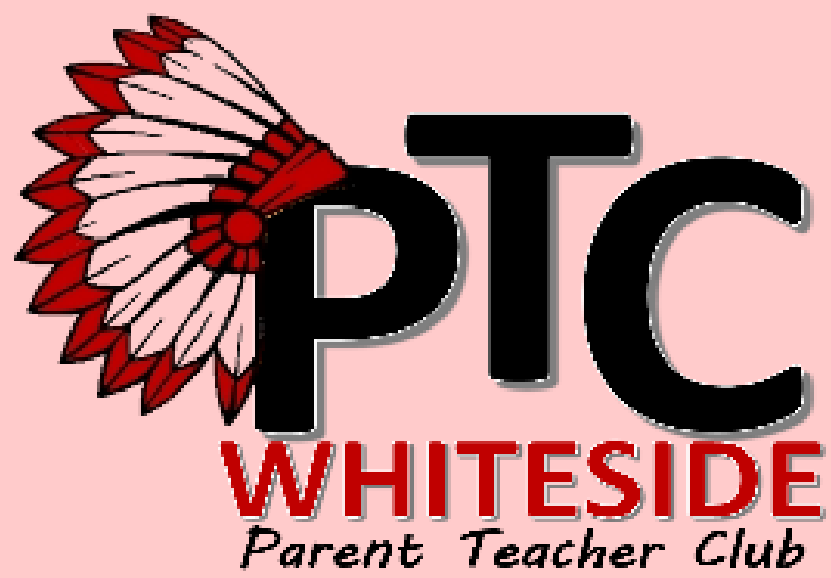
~Nurse Heather

~Nurse Crystal



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.



PTC Corner



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tuesday, March 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, March 9 th – Whiteside Glo Bingo & Auction
 - 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!
- Sunday, March 10 – Whiteside Family Puzzler Contest
 - It's the Small Puzzle Pieces that make a Big Difference! Come join the fun and puzzle for a purpose helping the WS Special Education Program.
 - \$25/team. More info & sign up here: Whiteside Wednesday

Friday, March 15 – Kindergarten Grandparents Lunch

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, April 6

Spring Craft Market

Tuesday, April 2

PTC Monthly Meeting 7 PM

May 6-10

Elementary Spring Book Fair – volunteers needed: watch for sign up

Monday, May 20

Elementary Carnival– volunteers needed: watch for sign up



Athletic Area

Thank you Winter Sports Coaches!

We are finishing up a GREAT Winter Sports Season! Thank you to all Coaches, Players, and Parents for an awesome season!

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 6, 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

Admission Prices for 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.
Families: \$20
Individuals: \$10

Booster Club

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

- March - Monthly Meeting

March Games

- 2 8th Grade Boys' Volleyball Tournament
- 4 Bowling Make ups
- 5-7 8th Grade Girls' Volleyball Tournament
- 6 Scholar Bowl Meet - West Jr. High 4:00 PM
- 9 Bowling Regionals
- 11 Winter Sport Picture Day
- Bowling Team and Individual Finals - Boys
- 12 Bowling Team and Individual Finals - Girls
- 12-19 7/8 Girls Volleyball Regionals
- 13 Scholar Bowl Meet - Belle Valley 4:00 PM
- 16 Bowling State TBD
- Scholar Bowl Tournament TBD

SPRING SPORTS TRYOUTS

GIRLS & BOYS TRACK

6th - 8th Grade

Wednesday, March 13,
2024

3:00-4:30 PM

Thursday, March 14, 2024
3:00-4:30 PM

GIRLS & BOYS GOLF

7th - 8th Grade

Tuesday, March 12, 2024
3:00-4:30 PM
at Yorktown Golf Course



Doughnuts for a Cause!!



Whiteside Education Foundation is giving you the best reason to indulge in a dozen (or two) Krispy Kreme doughnuts. Until April 30, 2024, 50% of your order will be donated back to Whiteside Education Foundation when you purchase via our fundraising sales page! Simply buy online, visit your local store & redeem using your code. Treat yourself or even gift them to friends and family here: group.praise.com/krispykreme39221sa

#krispykreme #doughnuts #group.praise #digitaldozen
#whitesideeducationfoundation #donuts #fundraiser

Extended School Program

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

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.



Presents



PTC FAMILY PUZZLER 2024

It's the Small Puzzle Pieces that make a Big Difference!

Come join the fun and puzzle for a purpose helping our Special Education Program.



Whiteside Family Puzzler Contest
Sunday, March 10, 2024

Doors open at 1:30pm, Contest Starts at 2:00pm.

Whiteside Middle School, 111 Warrior Way, Belleville, IL 62221
\$25/team

- Each team of 4-6 members will get a 300 piece puzzle to complete together.
- Prizes will be given out to the first 3 teams to finish their puzzle.
- Funds raised will go to the Whiteside's Special Education Program that serves over 290 students ranging in age from 3 years old through 8th grade.
- Teachers use many different devices like iPad's, Chromebooks, ball chairs, exercise bands, weighted vests and weighted lap pads and hand manipulatives.



SIGN UP TODAY!



Join us for Whiteside Night at Busch Stadium

Tuesday, April 23
6:45 start time
Cardinals vs. Diamondbacks
Left Field Box

Join us at Busch Stadium and see the 6-8th grade band
students on the field as they lead the crowd in
God Bless America

Reserve your tickets now! (Performing students will also
need a ticket.) Return the bottom section to the Whiteside
Middle School office to reserve your seats. Final day to
buy tickets will be April 2 or when we sell out.

Student's Name _____

of tickets _____ x \$25= \$_____

Tickets are Left Field Box

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Make checks payable to **Whiteside School**