

# WHITESIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT #115

618-239-0000

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 NJHS Meeting  
Drama Crew Meeting
- 2 IAR Testing 3rd-8th Grade  
Boy's Mentoring Meeting  
PTC Monthly Meeting 7 PM
- 3 IAR Testing 3rd-8th Grade  
Early Dismissal (MS 1:45 PM, ES 2:00 PM)  
Elementary School Hat Day
- 4 IAR Testing 3rd-8th Grade  
Kindergarten Field Trip to Science Center  
Girls Group Meeting 5/6 & 7/8  
Drama Crew Meeting
- 5 IAR Testing 5th-8th
- 6 Sonia Kovalesky Day at Wash U
- 8 IAR Testing 5th - 7th Grade  
ISA Testing 8th Grade  
STEM Club Meeting  
Drama Crew Meeting
- 9 ISA Testing 8th Grade  
Boy's Mentoring Meeting  
Student Council Meeting  
Drama Crew Meeting
- 10 Washington DC Trip  
Art Club Meeting
- 11 Washington DC Trip
- 12 Washington DC Trip
- 13 Washington DC Trip
- 14 Washington DC Trip  
6th Grade Field Trip to Aquarium
- 13 Metro East Band Festival - 6th Grade Band
- 15 Miles of Smiles at Elementary School  
NJHS Meeting  
Drama Crew Meeting
- 16 Miles of Smiles at Middle School  
Boy's Mentoring Meeting  
Drama Crew Meeting
- 17 Early Dismissal (MS 1:45 PM, ES 2:00 PM)  
No PreK or EC Classes  
PreK Screening Day - call to schedule  
Middle School Hat Day and Donut Sale - Joshua's Great Things  
Drama Crew Meeting
- 18 4th Grade Field Trip to Skate City  
Drama Club Dress Rehearsal  
Regular Board of Education Meeting
- 19 4th Grade Field trip to MS for Play and Band Performances  
Drama Club Peter Pan Production 7:00 PM

## **NO SCHOOL**

**April 17- No School for PreK and Early Childhood classes**

### Important Information from the Office

#### **Early Dismissal Date**

April 3rd  
April 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.

#### **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.

#### **Field Trips and Fees**

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.



# Whiteside 115 Referendum

## Thank you!

March 19th, our school community provided a clear message about the importance of student safety. Voters supported a 10.6 million dollar referendum. This will allow the Whiteside School District to add pre-k and early childhood permanent classrooms along with removing out-of-date mobile units. While the polling results are currently unofficial, the District's ballot question received a 68% approval from voter turnout.

This support is truly appreciated by our Board of Education along with every stakeholder associated with District #115. We want to extend a Warrior Thank You to everyone who voted or took the time to support this measure. We appreciate your dedication to our school and the success of our students.

Whiteside School District #115 is excited about this endeavor and we look forward to seeing our smallest learners move into a permanent classroom space. This provides them an environment to grow and learn while remaining safe and secure.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS CONT.

- 22 STEM Club Meeting  
Drama Crew Meeting
- 23 ISA Testing 5th Grade  
Band Performance at Cardinals Game
- 24 ISA Testing 5th Grade  
Character Coaches Meeting  
Art Club Meeting
- 25 ISA Testing 5th Grade  
Girls Group Meeting 5/6 & 7/8  
NJHS Induction Ceremony
- 26 NJHS Field Trip  
Drama Club Field trip to Belleville East
- 29 1/3rd 8th Grade Field Trip to Holocaust Museum
- 30 2/3rd 8th Grade Field Trip to Holocaust Museum

## April

### Student of the Month

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

Rodrigo Luzquinos  
Kamryn Hicks  
Saja Jadallah  
Jaxon Kosidowski  
Paisley Eversole  
Lanndon Teeter

Lainey Tree  
David Byrne  
Hunter Roldan  
Evelyn Remijan  
Bridget Morse

## Pre-Kindergarten Screenings

PreK and Early Childhood programs are available for Whiteside School District residents who will be 3 or 4 on or before Sept. 1, 2024 for the 2024-2025 school year.

Screenings will take place on April 17th. Please call the elementary office at 618-239-0000 opt. 2 to make an appointment. Children must have already turned 3 to be screened. There will be additional screenings available in the fall.

Our PreK and Early Childhood are half day programs that meet Monday - Friday according to the District Calendar. Please contact the office with any questions.

## Kindergarten Registration

Please come to the elementary school office 9am - 2pm starting Monday, April 8, 2024 to register for Kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school year. Children must be 5 by Sept. 1, 2024 to attend Kindergarten in the fall.

When you come to register, you will need:

1. Current Lease/Mortgage Statement
2. Occupancy Permit
3. Two Current Utility Bills
4. Your child's certified Birth Certificate
5. Current Custody agreements (if applicable)



## 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](https://group.praise.com/krispykreme39221sa)

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

## March

### Student of the Month

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

**Mariana Eickhoff**



### Eclipse

Please make sure to submit your child's permission slip to participate in the Solar Eclipse activities on April 8th.

### Graduation Save the Date

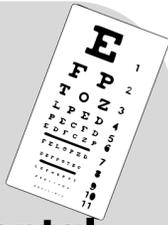
8th Grade Graduation will be Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 7:00 PM at the Middle School. More information about tickets will be coming to families shortly.

Congratulations to all students who entered a story in the Young Author Conference Writing Contest for Whiteside School. Whiteside has many talented writers! Nine students were chosen to Represent Whiteside School District 115 at the annual St. Clair County Regional Young Author's Conference on Wednesday, March 13th. The are:

- Eighth Grade: Nakiya Davis
- Seventh Grade: Aiden Donovan
- Sixth Grade: Adeline Jung
- Fifth Grade: Elizabeth Duarte
- Fourth Grade: Caraline Madden
- Third Grade: Georgia King
- Second Grade: Lydia Downs
- First Grade: Bryson Marino
- Kindergarten: Hunter Lipina



## NURSES' NOTES



**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.**

~Nurse Heather

~Nurse Crystal



Whiteside Education Foundation  
presents our annual  
**GOLF Tournament**  
Friday, May 17, 2024

This fundraiser's sole purpose is to provide our teachers with items to enrich student learning by awarding mini-grants of \$250 for items not otherwise available to them. This is not just a golf outing, but a chance for the teachers and staff to unwind as the school year is wrapping up. There are attendance prizes and a silent auction as well plus we are introducing a WS Stein that you can purchase for \$10 and you can fill it with draft... beverages for \$2 a pull!

Sign your 4 person team up today or sign up to donate and sponsor a Hole!

Golf Team

Donations and/or Hole Sponsor

Contact Scott Way with any questions  
[scott.way@wssd115.org](mailto:scott.way@wssd115.org)

### 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](mailto:kristy.frazer@wssd115.org) if you have any questions.



## Drama Club Peter Pan Performance

Drama Club would like to invite everyone to our see our performances on Friday, April 19th.

4th and 5th Grade students will watch one performance on the morning of the 19th. 6th-8th Grade students will have the opportunity to watch an afternoon performance.

We will then host a performance open to the public at 7:00 PM on April 19th at the middle school. Doors will open at 6:30. We will have concessions until curtain call at 7:00. Seats will be first come first serve.

Admission will be \$5 for adults and \$3.00 for children 5 years and up. Children 4 and under will be free.



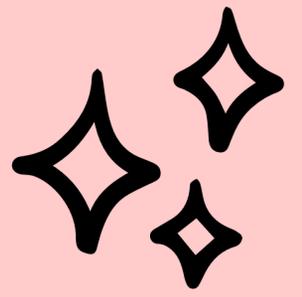
Please bring any military uniforms  
ABU, ACU, AFSDU, AGSU, BDU, DCU,  
MCCUU, MCSU, NWU, OCP, ODU, etc.

**18 MARCH – 5 APRIL**

Whiteside Middle School Lobby

Uniforms will be made into wreaths for 8th grade students to lay at the Arlington National Cemetery during their Washington D.C. trip.

For questions, contact Mrs. Rhona Catania at 325.864.6112 or [rhonacatania@hotmail.com](mailto:rhonacatania@hotmail.com)



# PTC Corner



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tuesday, April 2nd – 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.
  - We will be taking nominations for the vacant board positions and chair positions occurring in the 2024-2025 school year.
- Whiteside Families,
  - Effective June 1, 2024 the current board of the Whiteside Parent Teacher Club will be stepping down from their positions due to term limits and graduations. At this point we have only one candidate for replacement which means that the following events and programs are in jeopardy
  - Popsicles on the Playground, New Parent Welcome Night, Ice Cream Social, Class Parties, Book fairs, Spaghetti Dinner (second biggest fundraiser), Gingerbread House Night, Glo - Bingo (our biggest fundraiser), Kindergarten Grandparent Luncheon, Teacher Appreciation Lunch, Year End Carnival, Family Puzzler and much more
  - We need parent volunteers to step up to fill the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer along with volunteers to chair the above listed events.
  - The Parent Teacher Club at Whiteside is an integral part of what makes Whiteside fun and helps with behind the scenes funding of field trips, computers, needed supplies, support toward teachers. Without parent participation all of these things will go away. We ask any interested persons to attend our April meeting on Tuesday, April 2 at 7pm in the Middle School Library or email us at [whitesideptc@wssd115.org](mailto:whitesideptc@wssd115.org).

## SAVE THE DATE

### May 6 – 10

Elementary Spring BOGO BookFair

<https://literati.com/store>

Volunteers are needed to make this a successful event. Just one shift could make the difference.

Use the link below to sign up.  
<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/60B0E4BA4AE2AA5FA7-45386553-spring>

### May 6-10

Teacher Appreciation Week

### Tuesday, May 7

PTC Monthly Meeting 7 PM

### Monday, May 20

Elementary Carnival-  
volunteers needed: watch for sign up

# Athletic Area

## **Congratulations Spring Sports**

Congratulations to those that made the track and golf teams. We look forward to seeing you represent our school in upcoming meets!

## **Bowling State**

Congratulations to our bowling team members that represented our school at state. You did a great job showing what Whiteside Warriors can do.

-Athletic Director Joe Glynn

## **Booster Club**

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

- April - Monthly Meeting

## **April Games**

- 2 Track Meet at Belle Valley 4:00 PM
- 4 Track Meet at Wolf Branch 4:00 PM
- 9 Track Meet at HOME 4:00 PM
- 11 Track Meet at Shiloh 4:00 PM
- 16 Track Meet at HOME 4:00 PM
- 18 Track Meet at HOME 4:00 PM
- 22 Golf Regionals
- 23 Track Meet at HOME 4:00 PM
- 25 Sadlemans Track Competition 11:00 AM
- 30 SIJHSAA Track Regionals 10:00 AM

## **SUMMER SPORTS TRYOUTS**

## **BASEBALL, SOFTBALL, AND CROSS COUNTRY**

**Incoming 5th - 8th  
Grade**

Watch out next month for updated dates and times for tryouts over the summer.

## **SOCCER**

**5th-8th Grades Co-Ed**

Soccer is changing to a spring sport for the 2024-2025 school year. More information about this new season schedule will come next year.

Congratulations to the 30 middle school students awarded the Whiteside Excellence Award on March 20th. We enjoyed a night of celebrating with your families.

~Whiteside Excellence Awards Committee

It's time for our  3rd and 4th graders to



the IAR state test!



Let's cheer on our Whiteside champions as they complete state testing **April 2nd-5th.**

Show your support by wearing the color/theme of the day!



★ **Tuesday 4/2:**

○ Wear **BLUE** or **Blues Gear!**



★ **Wednesday 4/3:**

○ Wear **PINK**  
or **STL City Soccer Gear!**



★ **Thursday 4/4:**

○ Wear **RED**  
or **Cardinals Gear!**



★ **Friday: wear 4/5:**

○ Wear **RED/WHITE/BLUE**  
go **team USA!**

Girls Group is collecting

# Self Care Items

**April 1-12**

Items collected will benefit families in Whiteside School District. Items will be distributed through the Weekend Warrior Program.



## Items Being Collected:

Deodorant	Body Lotion
Body Wash	Hair Brush
Toothpaste	Maxi Pads/Tampons
Toothbrush	Bar Soap
Shampoo	Lip Balm
Conditioner	Vaseline

Donations can be dropped off in the donation box in the Middle School Lobby.

## Band Calendar of Events

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



## 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](mailto:nicole.keys@wssd115.org) with any questions.

**Whiteside School District #115  
2024-2025 School Calendar**

August	12	Teacher Institute - <u>No Student Attendance</u> Elementary Open House - TBD
	13	Teacher Institute - <u>No Student Attendance</u> Middle School Open House - TBD
	14	First Day of Class - Full day ( <u>Kindergarten - Only Last names A-K attend</u> ) (8:15 am - 2:45 pm - Middle School / 8:30 am - 3:00 pm Elementary School)
	15	<u>Kindergarten - Only Last names L-Z attend</u>
	21	Early Dismissal (1:45 pm - Middle School / 2:00 pm Elementary School)
September	2	Labor Day - <u>No School</u>
	4	Early Dismissal (1:45 pm - Middle School / 2:00 pm Elementary School)
	18	Early Dismissal (1:45 pm - Middle School / 2:00 pm Elementary School)
October	2	Early Dismissal (1:45 pm - Middle School / 2:00 pm Elementary School)
	11	End of 1st Quarter
	14	Columbus Day - <u>No School</u>
	16	Early Dismissal (1:45 pm - Middle School / 2:00 pm Elementary School)
	22	Early Dismissal (1:45 pm - Middle School / 2:00 pm Elementary School) Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00 pm - 7:30 pm
	24	Early Dismissal (1:45 pm - Middle School / 2:00 pm Elementary School) Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00 pm - 7:30 pm
	25	Teacher Conference Day - <u>No School</u>
November	4	<u>No School</u>
	5	<u>No School</u> - Election Day Holiday
	11	<u>No School</u> - Veterans' Day Observation
	20	Early Dismissal (1:45 pm - Middle School / 2:00 pm Elementary School)
	27 - 29	Thanksgiving Break - <u>No School</u>
December	4	Early Dismissal (1:45 pm - Middle School / 2:00 pm Elementary School)
	18	Early Dismissal (1:45 pm - Middle School / 2:00 pm Elementary School)
	20	End of 2nd Quarter
	23	First Day of Winter Break - <u>No School</u>
January	6	Teacher Institute - <u>No School</u>
	7	School Resumes
	15	Early Dismissal (1:45 pm - Middle School / 2:00 pm Elementary School)
	20	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - <u>No School</u>
February	5	Early Dismissal (1:45 pm - Middle School / 2:00 pm Elementary School)
	17	Presidents' Day - <u>No School</u>
	19	Early Dismissal (1:45 pm - Middle School / 2:00 pm Elementary School)
	28	End of 3rd Quarter
March	4	Early Dismissal (1:45 pm - Middle School / 2:00 pm Elementary School) Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00 pm - 7:30 pm
	5	Early Dismissal (1:45 pm - Middle School / 2:00 pm Elementary School)
	6	Early Dismissal (1:45 pm - Middle School / 2:00 pm Elementary School) Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00 pm - 7:30 pm
	7	Teacher Conference Day - <u>No School</u>
	19	Early Dismissal (1:45 pm - Middle School / 2:00 pm Elementary School)
	28	<u>No School</u> - Teacher Institute Day
April	2	Early Dismissal (1:45 pm - Middle School / 2:00 pm Elementary School)
	16	Early Dismissal (1:45 pm - Middle School / 2:00 pm Elementary School)
	17 - 21	<u>No School</u> - Spring Break
May	7	Early Dismissal (1:45 pm - Middle School / 2:00 pm Elementary School)
	21	End of 4th Quarter Last Day of attendance IF no emergency days used 11:15 Dismissal - Middle School / 11:30 Dismissal Elementary School (no lunch)
	29	Last Day of attendance IF 5 emergency days used 11:15 Dismissal - Middle School / 11:30 Dismissal Elementary School (no lunch)