

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1

Elementary School Hat Day
Early Dismissal (MS 1:45 PM, ES 2:00 PM)
Whiteside Spaghetti Dinner 4:30 - 7:00 PM
Middle School Bobo’s fundraiser begins

2

Math Team Meeting
Student Council Meeting 2:50 - 3:45 PM

3

Final Day - Elementary Fall Book Fair

6

NJHS Meeting
PTC Monthly Meeting 6:00 PM
Elementary Miles of Smiles

7

1st Grade Field Trip - Willoughby Farm
STEM Club Challenge
Elementary Miles of Smiles begins

9

Pink Out Day - Breast Cancer Awareness
Final Day - Elementary Miles of Smiles
End of 1st Quarter

10

No School - Teacher Institute

13

No School - Columbus / Indigenous Peoples Day

14

Middle School Miles of Smiles begins
Final Day - Middle School Bobo’s fundraiser

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Early Dismissal (MS 1:45 PM, ES 2:00 PM)
Final Day - Middle School Miles of Smiles
Booster Club Meeting - 6:00PM

16

Math Team Meeting

17

Elementary Trunk or Treat

18

Math Team Competition 8:45 AM - 12:00 PM

20

NJHS Meeting

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Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00 - 7:30 PM

23

Early Dismissal (MS 1:45 PM, ES 2:00 PM)
Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00 - 7:30 PM
Marching Lancer Day - 7th and 8th Grade Band

24

No School - Teacher Conferences

27

Elementary and Middle School Food Drives Begin
Middle School Red Ribbon Spirt Week Begins

29

Band Butter Braid Fundraiser Begins

30

Math Team Meeting

31

Elementary Fall Class Parties
Final Day - Food Drives & Red Ribbon Week

NO SCHOOL



- OCTOBER 10

- OCTOBER 13

- OCTOBER 24

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

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

Jabari Ball

Henry Byrne

Jordyn Costello

Kendrick Evans

Kameron Gause

Marley Gill

Ramiah Kelley

Auri Mabe

Jaxon McErlain

Jalil Mosby

Jeremy Rushing

Ellis Trippi

Zurich Wilson

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

KENDALL MARTIN

Brody Jung

Kendall Martin

Mila Strinni

1ST SEMESTER CHARACTER COUNCIL

The following elementary students were chosen by their teachers for being leaders in our school, always showing great character!

Cadence Bochantin

Austin Bowens

Amelia Cook

Sariyah Douglas

Jonathan Hopkins

Nahla Jackson

Caleb Logan

Camden Peterson

Abigail Reed

Morgan Robinson

Zola Soriano

Joseph Woodrome

Ayden Woods

WHITESIDE BAND

A special welcome goes out to all 60 of our 5th graders who are getting started in Beginning Band. We are excited to have you join our program!

Good luck to all the 7th and 8th graders auditioning for the All - District Band.

Take note of these important dates:

October 1 Spaghetti Dinner performance at Elementary School (6th Grade Band and Concert Band)

October 23 Marching Lancer for the day at Belleville East for 7th and 8th graders. (details coming soon)

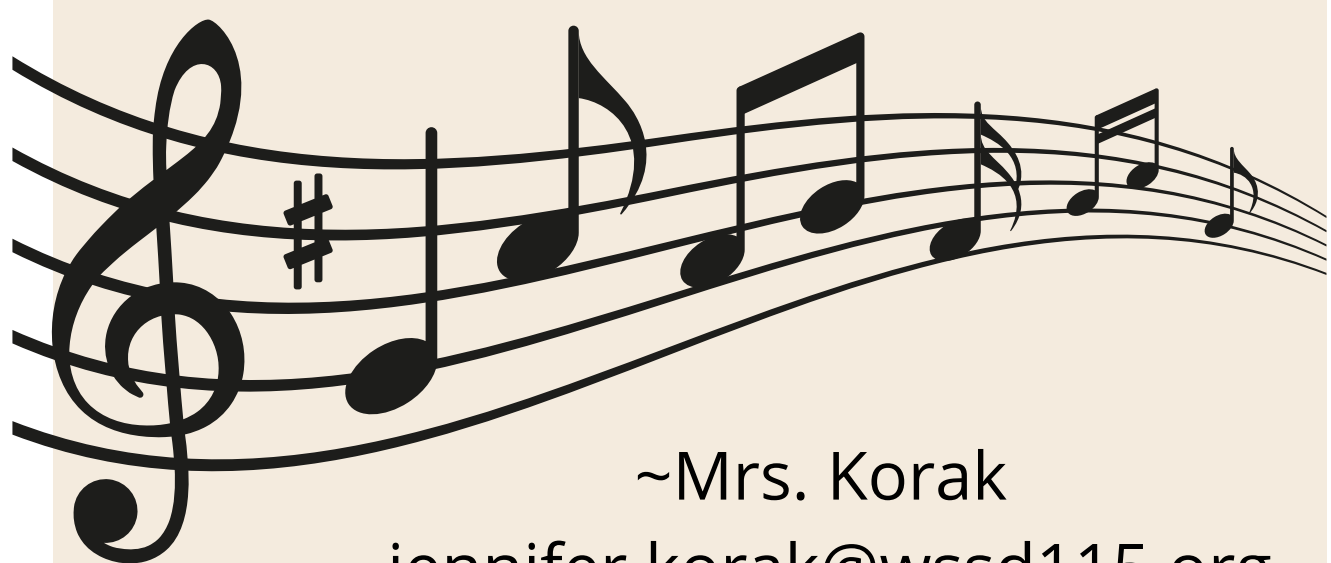
October 29 Butter Braid Fundraiser begins

November 1 ILMEA Jazz Band festival (selected participants)

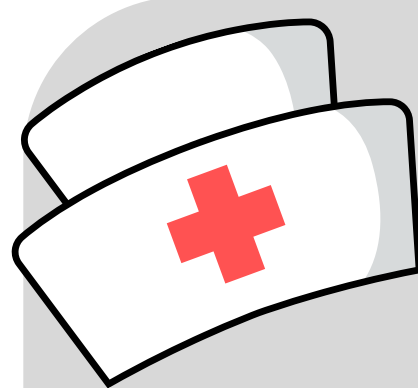
November 18 Butter Braid delivery

November 22 ILMEA All-District Music Festival (selected participants)

December 18 Winter Band Concert featuring: 5th Grade Band, 6th Grade Band, Concert Band and Jazz Band.



Congratulations to Mrs. Laurent for being awarded the **Matoesian Gavel** by the Illinois Judges Association for her dedication and leadership at Whiteside. We appreciate all that you do!



NURSES' NOTES



Reminder for Dental Days:

Miles of Smiles will be at the Elementary School October 6th through the 9th and at the Middle School October 14th and 15th.

If you would like your child to see the dentist when they come on site, please turn in the consent forms that have been sent home with your child. Forms can even be turned in on the dental days!

Thank you,

~Nurse Heather ~Nurse Crystal



STAFF SHOUT OUTS

A special THANK YOU to these staff members for their hard work and dedication to excellent service for our students.



AUGUST

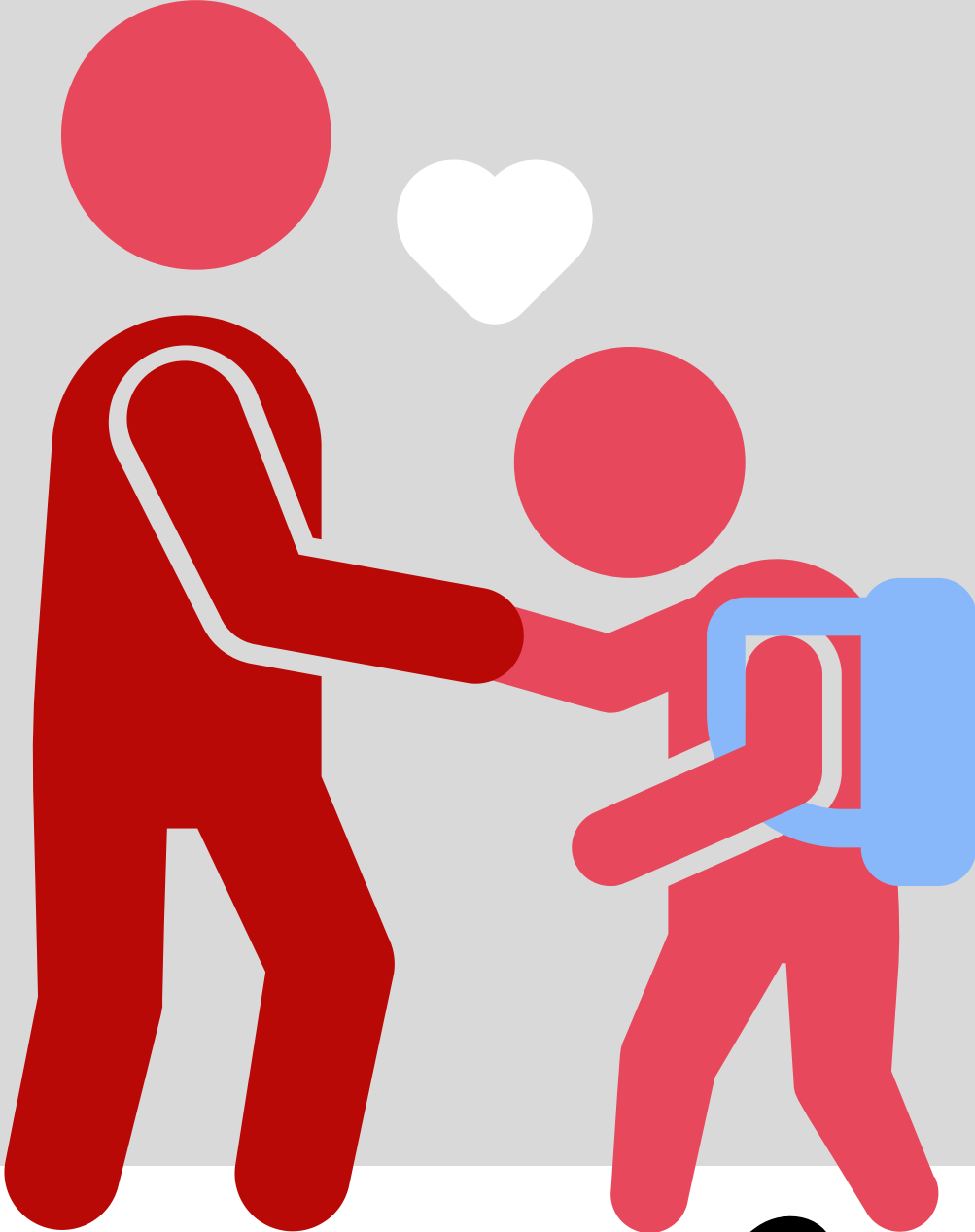
Gena Hamilton
Amy Hartung

Jennifer Korak
Tracy Mentzer

SEPTEMBER

Cristina Ferrenbach
Cody Schmitz

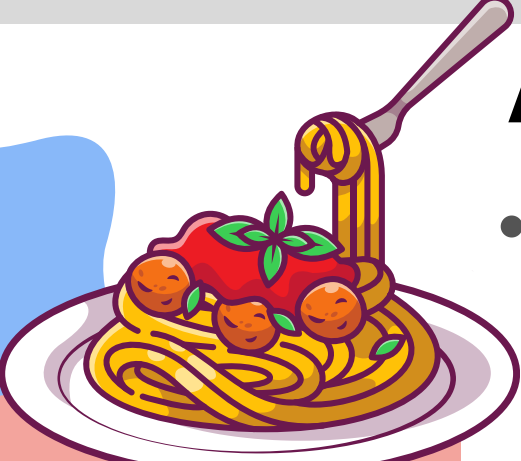
Mary Nowak
Kayla Nowak
Emma Nowak
Allyson Nowak



PTC CORNER

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept 29 - Oct 3 - Elementary Fall Book Fair
 - Volunteers needed, sign up [here!](#)
- Monday, October 6th - Monthly PTC Meeting
 - 6 PM 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.
 - Can't join us in person? Join us on [Zoom](#)
- Tuesday, October 14 - Nintendo Switch 2 Raffle Sales begin
 - More information coming soon!
- Friday, October 17 - Elementary Trunk or Treat
 - Sign up today to host a trunk and sign up to protect a pumpkin for the pumpkin drop from the fire truck ladder. Contact Mrs. Downs for more information.
- Thursday, Oct 31 - Elementary Fall Class Parties



Annual Whiteside Spaghetti Dinner

- Please join us on Wednesday, October 1, 2025 at Whiteside Elementary School Cafeteria and MPR (multi-purpose room) between 4:30 and 7:00 pm. We will be offering both dining in and carry out options. The menu includes spaghetti, meatballs, salad, bread, dessert, & drink. Adult tickets are \$12/person and children 12 and under are \$6/person.
- The Sixth Grade Band and Middle School Concert Band will perform at 5:30. The Elementary Glee Club performance will be at 6:30.
- Shop the Elementary Book Fair from 4:30-7:00!
- Purchase your tickets and guarantee your order as soon as possible!



SAVE THE DATE

Monday, November 3

Monthly PTC Meeting

November 11 - 13



Dine & Donate - Joe's Pizza & Paste Fairview Heights

Thursday, November 20

Nintendo Switch 2 Raffle Winner Announced at Basketball Game

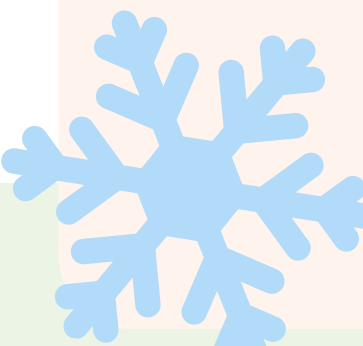
Friday, December 5

Elementary School Gingerbread House Night






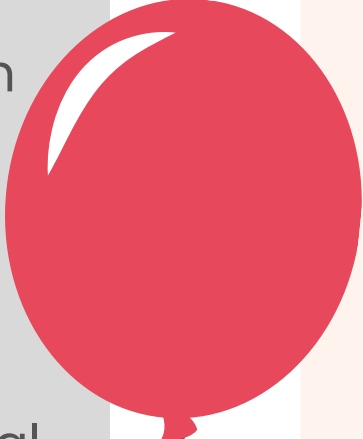
Friday, December 19

Elementary School Winter Class Party



ELEMENTARY (K - 4TH) CLASS PARTIES

-  Whiteside PTC plans 4 parties in collaboration with our teachers for K-4th grade classes including Fall, Winter, Friendship, and End of Year parties.
-  PTC offered a pizza to the classes that first hit 90% student payment. Congratulations to **Mr. Way's Third Grade Class** as the 1st class to reach our goal
-  We are excited to share that Mr. Rakers and Mrs. Bossler have agreed to a school-wide pajama party when we reach 75% completion! We are so close to this milestone and can't wait to celebrate together. If you haven't contributed yet, there's still time! And if you've already paid, but would like to help us "bridge the gap" for families who may need extra support, you are welcome to make an additional donation toward the effort. Make your payment or donation [here!](#)



Athletic Arena

Congratulations!

Shoutout to our Baseball, Cross Country, and Softball teams for making regionals! You should be proud of your accomplishments this season. Thank you to all the Coaches, Players, and Parents for a GREAT fall season!!

Fall Sports Stats

Baseball: 16-1

Softball: 6-9

Basketball Season

Basketball Season is here! Be on the lookout for more information regarding tryouts for the 5th and 6th Boys and Girls teams.

Students MUST have a current sports packet & physical on file, be in good academic standing, and have **ALL** fees paid to be eligible.

Admission Prices for Basketball Games:

Adults - \$2

Students - \$1

Seniors (65+ with ID) - Free

Under 5 - Free

- Athletic Director Luke Ryterski

7th & 8th Grade Cheerleading



Mandatory Clinics

September 30 - 2:45-4:30PM

October 2 - 2:45-4:30PM

Tryouts

October 3 - 2:45-4:30PM



7th & 8th Grade Boys Basketball

8th Grade Tryouts

October 1

2:00 - 4:00 PM

October 2, & 3

After school to 5:00 PM

7th Grade Tryouts

October 6, 7, & 8

After school to 5:00 PM



7th & 8th Grade Girls Basketball

Workouts

October 2

3:00 - 5:00 PM

October 4

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Tryouts

October 6, 7, & 8

3:00 - 5:00 PM

Booster Club

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

- Wednesday, October 15th - Booster Club Meeting in the MS lobby at 6pm



ARTWORK: 10" WIDE X 10" TALL



PRODUCT COLOR:  LIGHT PINK INK COLOR:  WHITE  RASPBERRY

Whiteside Warriors, get ready to support **Breast Cancer Awareness** Month this October!! Whiteside Student Council will be selling t-shirts before school on October 6-9th, or send order forms to school and pre-order.

The Student Council will be sponsoring a **Pink Out Day** on Thursday, October 9th. All staff and students are encouraged to wear pink to school that day. A limited number of shirts will be available, so be sure to order as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support of this important awareness month!



When: Friday, October 17th at 6:30 PM
Where: Whiteside Elementary
Who: Whiteside Students Early Childhood - 4th Grades (and siblings)

Join the Whiteside PTC for TRUNK or treating, firetrucks, and fun!

How does it work?


Every family must have a trunk and hand out candy. Decorating is not required, but it is encouraged! Children must be in costume or Halloween themed outfit. If you would like to participate, complete the registration form no later than Friday, October 12th.

For questions, contact Cassie Downs at cassie.downs@wssd115.org or 618-239-0000.



MIDDLE SCHOOL RED RIBBON SPIRIT WEEK

OCTOBER 27-31

MONDAY "WE ARE RED-Y TO CELEBRATE HEALTHY CHOICES"	WEAR AS MUCH RED AS POSSIBLE TO KICK OFF THE WEEK	DONATE ITEMS (NO GLASS) IN THE FRONT LOBBY BEFORE SCHOOL EVERY DAY THIS WEEK! 
TUESDAY "LEVEL UP BY BEING DRUG-FREE"	WEAR A SHIRT REPRESENTING YOUR FAVORITE GAME OR CHARACTER	DONATE TO THE FOOD DRIVE TODAY AND RECEIVE ONE EXTRA CREDIT POINT PER ITEM DONATED (MAX 10 POINTS).
WEDNESDAY "BE BRIGHT, DON'T LET DRUGS PUZZLE YOUR FUTURE"	COLOR EXPLOSION: WEAR BRIGHT COLORS	DONATE TO THE FOOD DRIVE TODAY AND RECEIVE A PASS FOR FREE ADMISSION TO A WHITESIDE BASKETBALL GAME
THURSDAY "DON'T LET DRUGS TURN YOU INSIDE OUT"	WEAR EVERYTHING BACKWARDS	DONATE TO THE FOOD DRIVE TODAY AND RECEIVE A NO DRESS PASS FOR P.E.
FRIDAY "A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE IS NO SWEAT"	WEAR SWEATPANTS WITH A HALLOWEEN SHIRT	PRIZE DRAWING TODAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE MADE A DONATION THIS WEEK!



CHARACTER COACHES, MS. SELLERS & MRS. SPILLER WILL BE COLLECTING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS FOR THE HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE EVERY DAY DURING RRW WEEK BEFORE SCHOOL. RECEIVE ONE ENTRY INTO OUR PRIZE DRAWING FOR EACH ITEM YOU BRING IN! THE DRAWING WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 31ST.

THIS YEAR'S RED RIBBON WEEK THEME IS:

"LIFE IS A PUZZLE. SOLVE IT DRUG FREE"



Middle School Bobo's Fundraiser

The Middle School will be running a fundraiser through Bobo's October 1 - 14. The profits will directly benefit our Middle School students. Support our students by ordering delicious pizzas, cookies, and more!

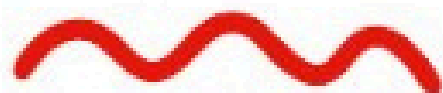
Students will receive appreciation prizes based on the number of items they sell!
Stay tuned for more information.

RED RIBBON WEEK FOOD DRIVE

OCTOBER 27-31



RED RIBBON WEEK PROMOTES CHOOSING TO LIVE A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE. WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO DO THIS BY MAKING POSITIVE CHOICES FOR YOURSELF AND OTHERS AROUND YOU.



PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING US SUCCEED IN OUR CHOICE TO HELP FAMILIES IN OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT BY DONATING TO OUR FOOD DRIVE.



EXAMPLES OF FOOD NEEDED INCLUDE: CANNED MEATS, SOUPS, PASTA NOODLES, TOMATO SAUCE, CANNED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES, CEREAL, MACARONI AND CHEESE, RICE, DESSERT ITEMS, BOXED STUFFING, BEANS, AND BOXED OR CANNED POTATOES.

CHARACTER COACHES, MS. SELLERS & MRS. SPILLER WILL BE COLLECTING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD TO FILL HOLIDAY BAGS EACH MORNING BEFORE SCHOOL DURING RED RIBBON WEEK.
RECEIVE ONE ENTRY INTO OUR PRIZE DRAWING FOR EACH ITEM YOU DONATE!
PRIZE DRAWING WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 31ST.

Elementary Food Drive

The Elementary will be collecting non-perishable food items during the month of October to fill holiday food baskets.

Items will be collected starting Monday, October 27th until Friday, October 31st. Collection bins will be in the MPR and in the front foyer at the Elementary.

Examples of food needed include canned meats, stews, pasta, canned fruits and vegetables, cereal, macaroni and cheese, soups, rice, and beans. Please do not send any glass. All food collected will be distributed to Whiteside families in need during the holiday season. If we reach **our goal of 300 items**, we will all celebrate with a Gym Jam dance party during Specials time. Please show your Whiteside Pride by making a contribution!

