



WHITESIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT #115

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MR. MARK HEURING, SUPERINTENDENT

WHITESIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

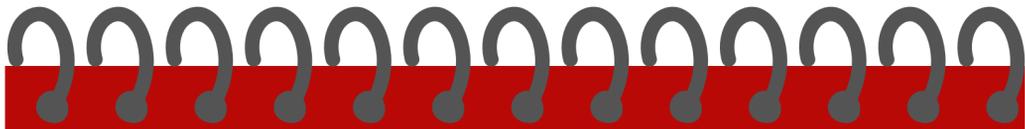
MR. NATHAN RAKERS, PRINCIPAL

MRS. KIM BOSSLER, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

WHITESIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

MRS. MONICA LAURENT, PRINCIPAL

MR. JAIME COTTO, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 2** MS Book Fair Begins
- 3** Early Dismissal (MS 1:45 PM, ES 2:00 PM)
Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00 - 7:30 PM
- 4** Elementary School Hat Day
Early Dismissal (MS 1:45 PM, ES 2:00 PM)
- 5** Final Day MS Book Fair
Early Dismissal (MS 1:45 PM, ES 2:00 PM)
Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00 - 7:30 PM
- 6** No School - Parent Teacher Conferences
PTC Dine and Donate at Papa John's
- 9** Student Council Meeting 2:50 - 3:45 PM
PTC Monthly Meeting 6:00 PM
- 11** Booster Club Meeting - 6:00 PM
- 13** Kindergarten Grandparents Lunch
MS Club and Winter Sports Pictures
Band Solo and Ensemble Contest
5Essentials Survey Deadline
- 16** Rescheduled Belle Fair Music Festival
- 17** STEM Club Challenge
- 18** Elementary Spring Pictures
Early Dismissal (MS 1:45 PM, ES 2:00 PM)
- 23** IAR Testing Begins (3rd - 8th Grade)
- 26** 2nd Grade Science Center Field Trip
- 27** Final Day IAR Testing
PTC Glo Bingo



NO SCHOOL

MARCH 6

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

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

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|---------------------|-----------------|
| Ka'Niya Davis | Ka'Mya Monroe |
| Breon Dillard | Logan Odens |
| Rosalie Fuenfhausen | German Sanders |
| Henry Gillespie | Azir Spence |
| Jonathan Hopkins | Dominic Taylor |
| Jonah McNeil | Rosemary Wilmer |

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

- Owen Hotze-Wilton
Aubri Powers



NURSES' NOTES



Reminder!

Any new students to Illinois, Kindergarten, 2nd, and 6th Grade must have a dental exam by May 1, 2026.

Miles of Smiles will be back at the Elementary School on March 30 and 31.

They will be at the Middle School on April 1.

Thank you!

~Nurse Crystal and Nurse Heather



SAVE THE DATE!
Pre-K Screenings
Wednesday, April 22nd

WHITESIDE BAND

Join us for a Whiteside Night at Busch Stadium as the middle school band (grades 6-8) play the National Anthem on Tuesday, April 14.

Take note of these important dates:

March 13: Solo and Ensemble Contest for Grades 6-8)

March 13: Picture Day for 5th Grade and Jazz Band

March 16: Rescheduled Belle Fair Music Festival (Select Students)

April 14: Whiteside Night at Busch Stadium

May 2: Six Flags Band Contest for Concert Band

May 7: Spring Awards Concert at 6:30 PM featuring the 5th and 6th Grade Band, the Concert Band and the Jazz Band with reception following.



~Mrs. Korak

jennifer.korak@wssd115.org

IAR & ISA Testing

Elementary School IAR
(3rd and 4th Grade Only!)
March 23 - March 27

Middle School IAR
March 23 - March 27

5th Grade ISA
April 14 - April 16

8th Grade ISA
March 27



Please take the 5Essentials Parent Survey ahead of Parent Teacher Conferences. We value your input!

*Survey open until March 13, 2026

Congratulations to the **Winning Whiteside School Young Author Representatives**. The following students will be attending the St. Clair County Regional Young Author Conference at Westhaven School on Wednesday Evening, March 11th.

Kamryn Jenkins - Kindergarten, Mrs. Reeb

Ellis Trippi - 1st Grade, Mrs. Whitaker

Adairis Cid-Jime'nez - 2nd Grd, Mrs. Casole

Charlotte Peterson - 3rd Grade, Mr. Way

Lukus Lipina - 4th Grade, Mrs. Geasley

Georgia King - 5th Grade

Amori Sims - 6th Grade

Gracie Doty - 7th Grade

Locklyn Endsley - 8th Grade



STAFF SHOUT OUTS

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

FEBRUARY

Taryn Harwell

Katie McNeil

Join us for Whiteside Night at Busch Stadium



Tuesday, April 14

6:45 start time

Cardinals vs. Guardians

Join us at Busch Stadium and see the Whiteside Band perform The National Anthem

Reserve your tickets now!

Save the Date!! April 14

Please return this form with payment to the Elementary or Middle School office by April 1.

Student's Name _____

#of tickets _____ X \$25 each = \$ _____

Tickets are Lower Left Field Box/ Left Field Box

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Make checks payable to Whiteside School

Tickets are non refundable

Drama Club!

Save the Date for the Play on **Friday, April 24th**!



School Fees Reminder!

Please remember all fees, including lunch balances, 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. If you have any questions or would like to set up a payment plan, please contact Mrs. Rist at rachel.rist@wssd115.org or 618-641-6051.

Spring Pictures!

Friday, March 13
Middle School Clubs
and Winter Sports

Wednesday, March 18
Elementary School



The **Middle School Art Room** is looking for donations! We love to make **ART** with **FOUND** and Recycled Objects. Ms. McGehee is looking for bottle caps, recycled plastic food containers, lids, old buttons, cans, jars (especially cleaned baby food or yogurt jars), water bottles, magazines, newspapers, and other knick-knacks. Help us breathe new life into something you might otherwise throw away.



Whiteside Education Foundation Fundraisers

Need groceries? Why not make them count for something bigger? **Until May 15, EVERY** Instacart Gift Card you buy through our fundraising page helps support Whiteside Education Foundation. Redeem it on the Instacart app for delivery or pickup nationwide from top stores like Target, Walmart, Costco, Safeway, Kroger, and CVS. Get all your groceries, snacks & essentials while giving back at the same time. Groceries that give back? Yes, please! Get yours here:



Doughnuts for a cause!! Whiteside Education Foundation is giving you the best reason to indulge in a dozen (or two) Krispy Kreme doughnuts. **Until May 15, 2026, 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:



Athletic Arena



Congratulations!

8th Boys Basketball won the State Championship for the first time in Whiteside history! Their overall season record was 33-1. Such an amazing accomplishment rewriting the school's history.

Spring Sports

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

Sports packets for Track, Golf, and Soccer are **due Tuesday, March 3rd**.

- Athletic Director Luke Ryterski

Sports Calendar

- 2** 4:00 PM Home v. Wolf Branch 7&8 Girls VB
4:00 PM Whiteside v. Wolf Branch 5&6 Girls VB
6:00 PM Home v. Wolf Branch JV & Varsity Boys VB
- 3** 3:00 PM Whiteside v. Wolf Branch Bowling @St. Clair
- 4** 3:30 PM Whiteside v. Grant Bowling @St. Clair
4:00 PM Home Scholar Bowl Match
- 5** 3:30 PM Whiteside v. West Bowling @Bel-Air
4:00 PM Whiteside v. Pontiac 7&8 Girls VB
6:00 PM Whiteside v. Pontiac JV & Varsity Boys VB
- 6** 6:30 PM 5th Girls VB Tournament at ICS
- 7** TBD Varsity Boys VB Tournament at Belleville East
- 11** 4:00 PM Home Scholar Bowl Match
TBD 8th Girls VB Tournament at Belle Valley
- 14** 12:30 PM Community Basketball Event
TBD Bowling Regionals
- 17** TBD 8th Girls Volleyball Regionals
- 18** 4:00 PM Home Scholar Bowl Match
- 21** TBD Bowling State
- 28** TBD 8th Girls Volleyball State



Booster Club

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

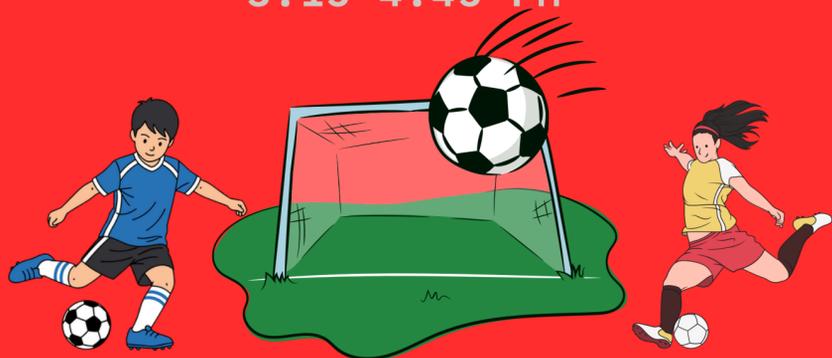
- Wednesday, March 11th - Booster Club Meeting in the MS lobby at 6pm



SOCCER TRYOUTS

5TH, 6TH, 7TH & 8TH GRADE
GIRLS AND BOYS

THURSDAY, MARCH 12 & FRIDAY, MARCH 13
3:15-4:45 PM



ALL TRYOUTS WILL BE HELD AT
WHITESIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.
STUDENTS WILL BE BUSSED TO THE
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. PICKUP WILL BE
AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

Track and Field Tryouts!

3:00 - 4:45 PM Each Day

- Wednesday, 3/11 - **6th Grade** Girls and Boys
- Thursday, 3/12 - **7th Grade** Girls and Boys
- Friday, 3/13 - **8th Grade** Girls and Boys

Athletes must have a completed athletic packet on file with the office and a current physical on file with Nurse Crystal. Please bring a water bottle and appropriate clothing for any temperature, cold or hot!

If you have any questions, please contact Coach Strinni: Erin.strinni@wssd115.org or Coach Stacy: camren.stacy@wssd115.org



COMMUNITY BASKETBALL SHOWDOWN

Whiteside Middle School *vs.* Shiloh Police Department



Saturday, March 14, 2026

12:30 PM | MAIN GYM

FREE ADMISSION

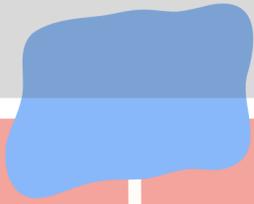
8th Grade Girls • 8th Grade Boys • 7th Grade Boys

Let's Pack the House!





PTC CORNER



UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 2-5 - Middle School Book Fair
 - Adult volunteers needed! [Sign up today!](#)
 - Open 4-7 PM on Tuesday and Thursday during parent teacher conferences.
- Tuesday, March 3 - Conference Meal for Teachers
 - We are looking for volunteers to help PTC with set up and clean up. [Sign up here!](#)
- Friday, March 6 - Dine & Donate at Papa John's
 - Carlyle Ave Location
- Monday, March 9 - 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](#)
- Friday, March 13 - Kindergarten Grandparents Lunch
 - Parent volunteers needed for check in! [Sign up today!](#)
- Friday, March 27 - GLO BINGO!!!

Glo Bingo!

Get Ready to Build Some Fun! Join us for **Whiteside's Annual Glo Bingo & Auction** on **Friday, March 27, 2026** at **Tribout's Belle Vegas Bingo Hall** (517 S Illinois St, Belleville).

Doors open at 5:30 PM | Bingo starts at 7:00 PM

Ages 18+ only
Grab your hard hat and get ready to light up the night. Guests can bring their own snacks to fuel up, and there will be a cash bar.

Bingo Registration Includes:
-10 rounds of Glo Bingo (with your bingo cards)
-A dauber to mark your blueprint for success
-A glowing hard hat to help you shine on site ✨

Need more tools in your belt? Extra bingo cards will be available for purchase. Plus, don't miss our raffle tickets, silent auction treasures, and live auction excitement—there's always something worth "building on"!

Come ready to play, bid, and help **Whiteside Parent Teacher Club** lay the foundation for another amazing year.

Buy your tickets today!



SAVE THE DATE

Monday, April 13

Monthly PTC Meeting
6 PM



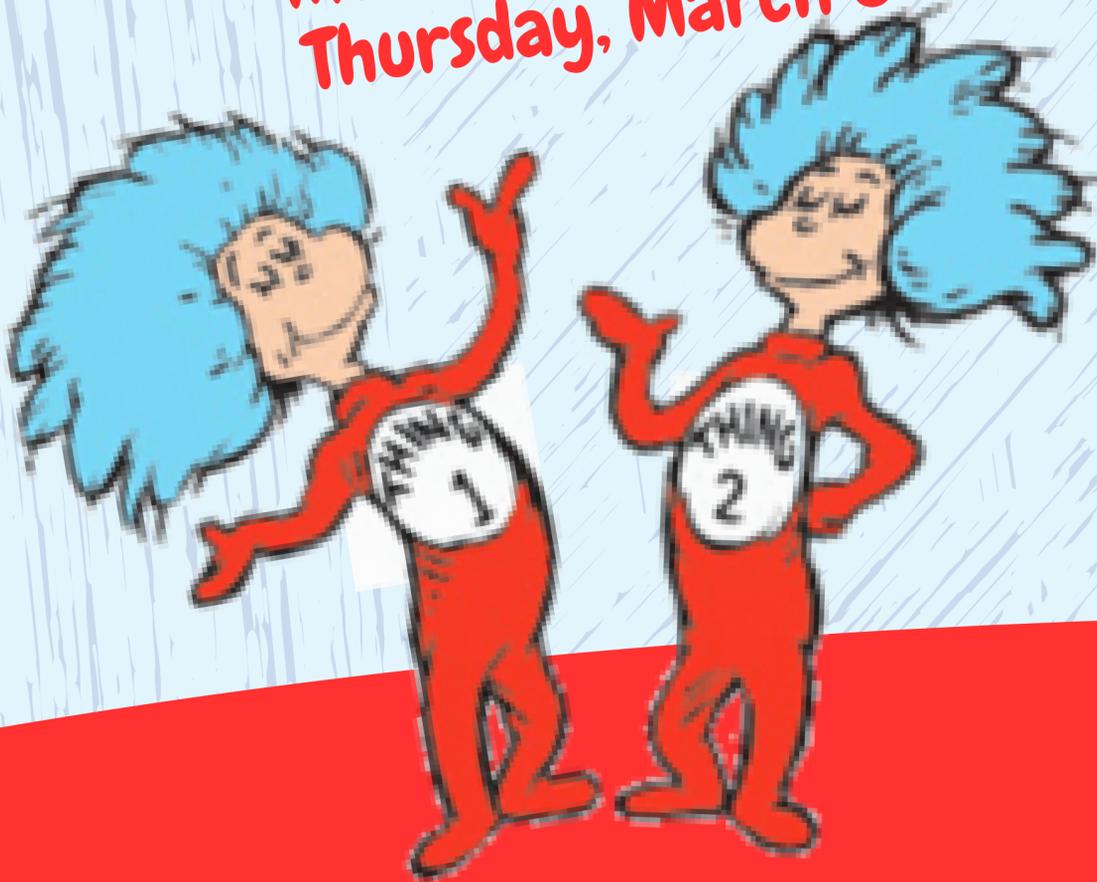
Whiteside PTC thanks **GRP Wegman** for serving as a Premier Sponsor for Glo Bingo.



WHITESIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

BOOK FAIR Week

Monday, March 2 -
Thursday, March 5



SPIRIT WEEK THEMES

MONDAY

5TH

GRADE

Green Eggs and Ham

Wear Green!

TUESDAY

6TH

GRADE

Thing 1 & Thing 2

Dress as Twins with someone in your Homeroom

WEDNESDAY

7TH

GRADE

Wacky Wednesday

Crazy socks, fun hairstyles, and silly outfits.

THURSDAY

8TH

GRADE

Cat in the Hat

Hat Day!
(no charge)

Help us Celebrate Dr. Seuss at our Middle School Book Fair! We will be hosting a Spirit Week while the fair is going on.

Each day you participate, you will be entered into a drawing to win a free book from the bookfair! We will select 1 winner from every homeroom on Thursday (must be in attendance Thursday to be selected). Students are encouraged to dress out each day to increase their chances of winning!

Each grade will have the opportunity to visit the book fair with their literature or reading teacher.

Donations to the fair can be made here:

