



WHITESIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT #115

618-239-0000

MR. MARK HEURING, SUPERINTENDENT

WHITESIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

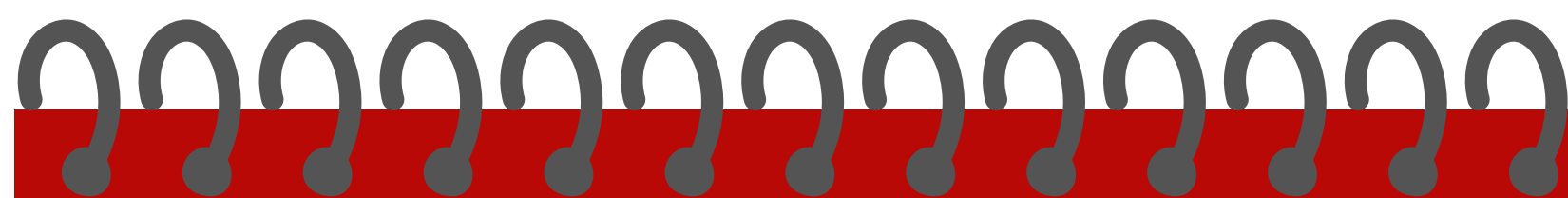
MR. NATHAN RAKERS, PRINCIPAL

MRS. KIM BOSSLER, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

WHITESIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

MRS. MONICA LAURENT, PRINCIPAL

MR. JAIME COTTO, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL



CALENDAR OF EVENTS


- 1 Student Council Field Trip - Edison's Middle School Spring Play 6:00 PM
- 2 Six Flags Band Contest
- 4 First Day Teacher Appreciation Week
Student Council Meeting 2:50 - 3:45 PM
- 5 STEM Club Challenge
- 6 Elementary Hat Day
Early Dismissal (MS 1:45 PM, ES 2:00 PM)
- 7 Kindergarten Field Trip - Science Center
7th Grade Field Trip - St. Louis Zoo
Band Spring Awards Concert 6:30 PM
- 8 Final Day Teacher Appreciation Week
8th Grade Field Trip - Six Flags
- 11 8th Grade Graduation Practice 8:30 AM
PTC Monthly Meeting 6:00 PM
- 12 8th Gr. Algebra Final at Belleville East 8:00 AM
8th Gr. Graduation Practice 8:30 AM
8th Gr. Final Day of Attendance - Dismissal 10:30 AM
8th Gr. Graduation 7:00 PM
- 13 3rd Grade Field Trip - St. Louis Zoo
Final Day of Attendance - EC and Pre-K Classes
- 15 Dental Forms Due
8th Gr. Field Trip - Holocaust Museum
Education Foundation Golf Tournament 4:30 PM
8th Gr. Celebration Dance 6:00 PM
- 16 Glee Club Performance at Busch Stadium
- 18 3rd Grade Luau
- 19 Elementary Field Day
- 20 4th Grade Bingo Party
Booster Club Meeting - 6:00 PM
- 21 Elementary Carnival
Middle School Field Day & Barbecue
- 22 Last Day of Attendance (MS 11:15 AM, ES 11:30 AM)
No Lunch
- 25 Offices Closed - Memorial Day

LAST DAYS OF SCHOOL

May 12: 8th Grade
10:30 AM Dismissal

May 13: EC & Pre-K

May 22: KG - 7th Grade
11:15 AM MS Dismissal
11:30 AM ES Dismissal
No Lunch



Summer

OFFICE HOURS

June and July
Monday - Thursday
closed on Fridays
8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Lunch: 12:00 - 1:00 PM

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

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

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|------------------------|-----------------|
| Derek Calderon | De'Mari Manuel |
| Morgan Finley | Laniya Massey |
| Abigail Jackson | Harper Mathis |
| Saja Jadallah | Emy DePew Ralph |
| Bernadette "Etta" King | Lily Swanson |
| Caleb Logan | Kira Wood |

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

Kamarion Sams

8TH GRADE CHECK LIST

Graduation Pictures: Thursday, May 7

Six Flags Trip: Friday, May 8

Graduation Practices:
8:30 AM May 11th & May 12th

Graduation: Tuesday, May 12

Holocaust Museum Trip: Friday, May 15

Celebration Dance: Friday, May 15

**HAPPY
Retirement!**

Congratulations to Whiteside's 2026 Retirees! Thank you for your years of dedicated service to our students and school.

**Gena Hamilton
Amy Hartung
Jennifer Korak
Tracy Mentzer**



NURSES' NOTES

Reminder!

Any new students to Illinois, Kindergarten, and 6th Grade must have a dental exam by May 15, 2026.

Thank you!

~Nurse Crystal and Nurse Heather

26-27 Kindergarten Registration

Come register at the Elementary School office Monday - Friday between 9AM - 2PM! Children must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2026 to register for Kindergarten.

Required Documents:

1. Child's Certified Birth Certificate
 - a. Custody Agreements (if applicable)
 2. Current Lease/Mortgage Statement
 3. Occupancy Permit
 4. Two Current Utility Bills
 5. Most Recent Physical
 6. Immunization Records
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ABC

Pre-K Screenings

Pre-K Screenings will take place on Monday, August 17, 2026. Please call the Elementary School Office at 618-239-0000 Opt. 2 to schedule an appointment.



STAFF SHOUT OUTS

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



APRIL

Stacy Korba Kelly Suhl
Ashley Brown Amber Phillips



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 BAND

Whiteside Spring Awards Concert will be on Thursday, May 7 at 6:30 PM. It will feature the 5th Grade Band, the 6th Grade Band and the Concert Band. A special reception will be held after the concert featuring the Whiteside Jazz Band and alumni guests.

Take note of these important dates:
May 2: Six Flags Band Contest - Concert Band
May 7: Spring Awards Concert - All Groups
May 12: Graduation Band - All 6th and 7th Grade Band Members



~Mrs. Korak
 jennifer.korak@wssd115.org

SAVE THE DATE

In-Person Registration for the 26-27 School Year

Thursday, July 16
Wednesday, July 22
 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM
 Whiteside Middle School

Register for the Extended School Program on 7/16 or 7/22. ESP registration payment due at time of enrollment!

Email amanda.konradt@wssd115.org with any questions.

GLEE CLUB

Glee Club is performing at the Cardinal Game on Saturday, May 16. Tickets are on sale for \$30. Get yours now before they sell out!



~Mrs. Keys
 nicole.keys@wssd115.org

PurposeFULL People

Let's be PurposeFULL about character this summer!

Throughout the school year, Whiteside students have been practicing social emotional skills through lessons, games, stories, and songs. Here are some resources to help keep the learning going all summer long!

Sing along to character songs with the PurposeFull People Family Playlist:
<https://www.characterstrong.com/purposefull-playlist>



Use PurposeFULL breathing exercises to help with big emotions:

<p>5-Finger Breathing</p>	<p>Candle Breathing</p>	<p>Box Breathing</p>	<p>Rainbow Breathing</p>
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A Year of Purpose!

What a PurposeFull year it's been! Let's take a look at all we have learned this year.

BE KIND

- We have grown in **Respect, Empathy, and Cooperation.**
- We have learned strategies for resolving conflict.
- We have built stronger connections.

BE STRONG

- We have grown in **Responsibility, Perseverance, and Courage.**
- We have learned focus strategies and goal-setting.
- We have tried new things!

BE Well

- We have grown in **Gratitude, Honesty, and Creativity.**
- We have learned how to name our emotions.
- We have practiced emotion regulation strategies.



PTC CORNER

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 4 - May 8
 - Teacher Appreciation Week
- Monday, May 11 - 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](#)
- Thursday, May 21
 - Elementary School Carnival
 - Volunteers are needed, sign up [here!](#)
- Saturday, May 30
 - St. Louis City 2 - Whiteside Night!
 - Get your tickets [here!](#)

IXL Update

1,000,000 Questions Answered!!

We are thrilled that our district's students answered over **one million questions** on IXL! This incredible achievement shows the dedication and hard work of our students and teachers.

We are relaunching the **IXL Summer Challenge!**

* The Goal: Reach **500 minutes** of practice. Use Clever to access your account or reach out to your homeroom teacher for your login credentials.

- **Dates:** June 1 - July 31
- **Reward:** Exciting awards and recognition when we return to school in August!



There is still time to volunteer!

Did you know as a volunteer you can stay and play with your kiddo, come early or stay after your shift to enjoy time with your kiddo.



Athletic Arena

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Braylon Williams, Josiah Kilpatrick, Raymond Winfrey, and Zyhaun Bean for breaking the Whiteside School record in the 4x100 relay!

Soccer Team Stats: 5-2-0

- Athletic Director Luke Ryterski

Booster Club



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

- Wednesday, **May 20th** - Booster Club Meeting in the MS lobby at 6pm

Sports Calendar

- 4** 10:00 AM Regional Track Meet at Belle Valley
10:00 AM Golf Match at Tamarack Golf Course
- 5** 3:00 PM Girls Track Feeder Meet at Belle Valley
- 6** 4:30 PM Home v. Wolf Branch Soccer
- 7** 4:30 PM Whiteside v. Pontiac Soccer



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 and end-of-year activities. Cap and Gown fees **MUST** be paid for 8th graders to attend graduation. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Rist at rachel.rist@wssd115.org or 618-641-6051.



EXPLORE MORE.
RIDE MORE.
EARN MORE.



GO TRAILING
ST. CLAIR COUNTY
TRANSIT DISTRICT

DO MORE THIS SUMMER WITH

ST. CLAIR COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT'S "GO TRAILING" PROGRAM

Earn incentives this summer by exploring SCCTD's MetroBikeLink System, which features more than 39 miles of interconnecting trails and bike paths in St. Clair County.

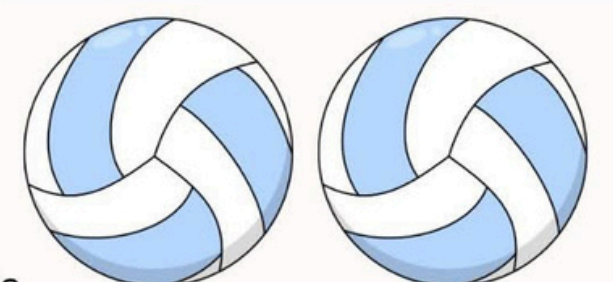
Through the "GO TRAILing" Program, people of all ages can track miles as they ride, walk, roll, hike, run, skip or jump along the trail system from May 9 to August 8 and earn prizes like a bike helmet, t-shirt, hat and more. Those who track 100 miles during the program timeframe will be entered into a drawing to win one of several grand prizes, including a Fitbit fitness tracker, Bluetooth earbuds and a \$100 gift card to use towards a new bike.

FIND OUT MORE AT SCCTD.ORG



**BELLEVILLE EAST
VOLLEYBALL
GRADE SCHOOL
(INCOMING K-8TH)**

**SUMMER
CAMP**



ENTRY FEE **\$59** PER PLAYER

Come join us for Belleville East Girl's Volleyball incoming freshman summer camp! Run by the BE coaches and players, camp will provide an amazing instructional opportunity prior to tryouts in the fall!

INFO

Ages: Incoming K-8th Graders

Time:

K-4th - 11 AM-12:15 PM

5th - 8th - 1:30-3:30 PM

Link to register:

<https://www.bellevilleeastcamp.com/girls-volleyball.cfm>

EVENT DATE

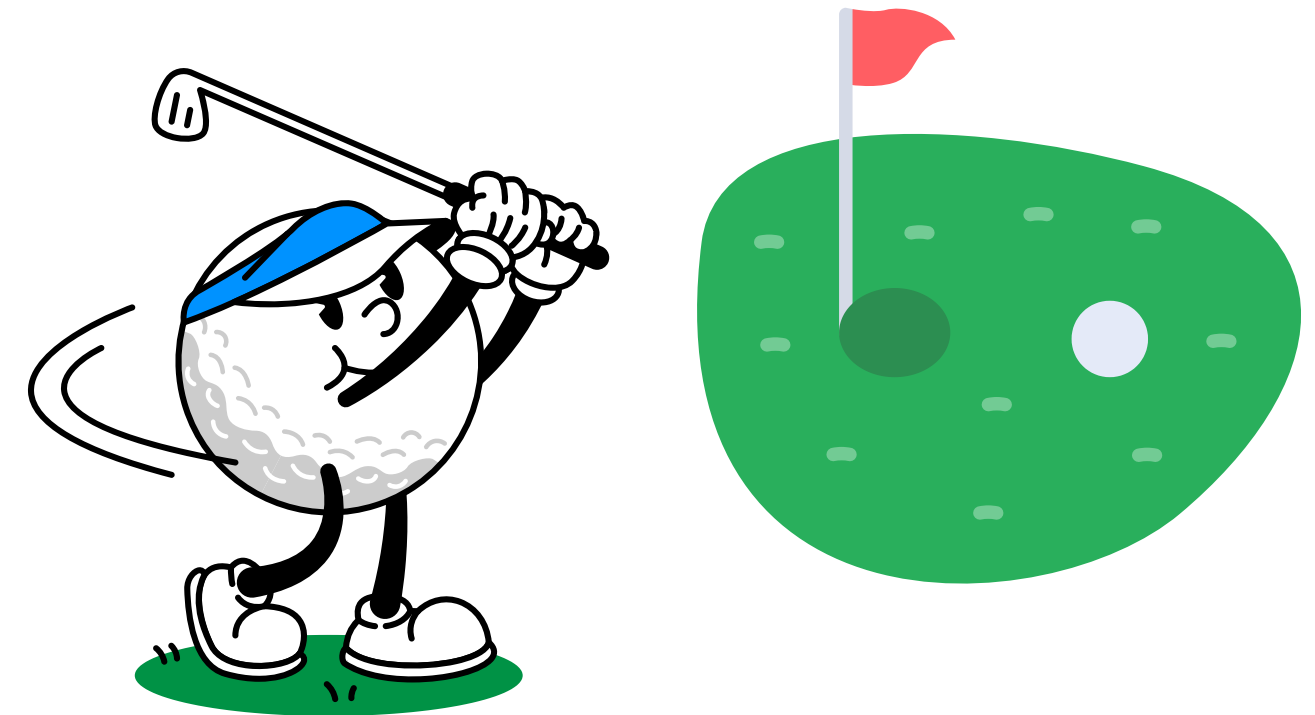
**JUNE 8-10TH
2026**

**BELLEVILLE EAST
GYM**

FOR MORE INFORMATION ahanger@bths201.org aburris@bths201.org

Whiteside Education Foundation Mission: To accept and disburse contributions, gifts, and bequests to enrich and supplement the regular education programs offered in the Whiteside School District. All donations and sponsorships will provide our teachers with resources that enrich and supplement the regular education programs offered at Whiteside School District #115. As you know, improving our learning environments benefits the community.

The Foundation Golf Tournament is on **Friday, May 15th** at Yorktown Golf Course. We have a few foursomes left! Join the Tournament here!



We are still looking for hole sponsors! Help us achieve our mission by making a donation or signing up as a sponsor below!



4:30 PM Registration
5:45 PM Shotgun Start

Food is served before and after the tournament.



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](#):





2026 *Junior* PROGRAM

INSTRUCTIONAL CLINIC

For kids ages 5 & up covering irons, woods, putting & chipping. Children are welcome to register for multiple sessions throughout the year. Cost is \$115 per student.

Multiple child and multiple session discounts available.

Spring Saturday Session	April 11th – May 2th (10am-11am)
Spring Sunday Session	April 12th – May 3rd (10am-11am or 12pm-1pm)
Session I	June 1st – 4th (10am - 11am)
Session II	June 1st – 4th (12pm - 1pm)
Session III	June 8th – June 11th (10am – 11am)
Session IV	June 8th – June 11th (12pm – 1pm)
Session V	June 29th – July 2nd (9am - 10am)
Session VI	June 29th – July 2nd (11am - 12pm)
Session VII	July 6th – 9th (9am - 10am)
Session VIII	July 6th – 9th (11am - 12pm)
Fall Saturday Session	Sept 12th – Oct 3rd (10am-11am)
Fall Sunday Session	Sept 13th – Oct 4th (10am-11am or 12pm-1pm)

PLAYING CAMP & MINI PLAYING CAMP

Combines instruction & on course play for kids ages 5-8 (Mini Camp) or 9 & up (Regular Camp). The playing camp teaches junior golfer's etiquette, rules of golf, club selection and countless other tools to help them grow in the game of golf. Cost for Mini Camp is \$95 per student & Regular Camp is \$115 per student.

SESSIONS

Session I June 15th – June 18th
Session II June 22nd – 25th
Session III August 3rd – 6th

MINI CAMP

(9am – 10am)
(9am – 10m)
(9am – 10m)

REGULAR CAMP

(10:30am – 12pm)
(10:30am – 12pm)
(10:30am – 12pm)

PRIVATE LESSONS

The private lesson consists of a half-hour session with Dale who will analyze the entire golf swing. The one-on-one session includes range balls, V1 Golf video analysis, points to work on, and drills to practice. This format is geared toward juniors of all skill levels and ages. Contact Dale to schedule the lessons.

SUMMER PASSES ARE AVAILABLE



All classes & lessons are taught by PGA Professional Dale David II & his staff at The Orchards Golf Club

Visit www.orchardsgolfclub.com & click on the junior golf information link to register. Contact Dale at 618-233-8921 or by email at info@orchardsgolfclub.com with any questions.

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2026-2027 School Calendar

August	11	Teacher Institute - <u>No Student Attendance</u>
	12	Teacher Institute - <u>No Student Attendance</u>
	13	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)
	14	<u>Kindergarten - Only Last names L-Z attend</u>
	19	Early Dismissal (1:45 pm - Middle School / 2:00 pm - Elementary School)
September	2	Early Dismissal (1:45 pm - Middle School / 2:00 pm - Elementary School)
	7	<u>No School</u> - Labor Day
	16	Early Dismissal (1:45 pm - Middle School / 2:00 pm - Elementary School)
October	7	Early Dismissal (1:45 pm - Middle School / 2:00 pm - Elementary School)
	9	<u>No School</u> - Teacher Institute
	12	<u>No School</u> - Columbus Day
	16	End of 1st Quarter
	20	Early Dismissal (1:45 pm - Middle School / 2:00 pm - Elementary School) Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00 pm - 7:30 pm
	21	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
	23	<u>No School</u> - Teacher Conference Day
	November	4
11		<u>No School</u> - Veteran's Day
18		Early Dismissal (1:45 pm - Middle School / 2:00 pm - Elementary School)
25 - 27		<u>No School</u> - Thanksgiving Break
December		2
	16	Early Dismissal (1:45 pm - Middle School / 2:00 pm - Elementary School)
	18	End of 2nd Quarter
	21 - Jan 4	<u>No School</u> - Winter Break
January	4	<u>No School</u> - Teacher Institute
	5	School Resumes
	6	Early Dismissal (1:45 pm - Middle School / 2:00 pm - Elementary School)
	18	<u>No School</u> - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Day
	20	Early Dismissal (1:45 pm - Middle School / 2:00 pm - Elementary School)
February	3	Early Dismissal (1:45 pm - Middle School / 2:00 pm - Elementary School)
	15	<u>No School</u> - Presidents' Day
	17	Early Dismissal (1:45 pm - Middle School / 2:00 pm - Elementary School)
March	3	Early Dismissal (1:45 pm - Middle School / 2:00 pm - Elementary School)
	5	End of 3rd Quarter
	9	Early Dismissal (1:45 pm - Middle School / 2:00 pm - Elementary School) Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00 pm - 7:30 pm
	11	Early Dismissal (1:45 pm - Middle School / 2:00 pm - Elementary School) Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00 pm - 7:30 pm
	12	<u>No School</u> - Teacher Conference Day
	17	Early Dismissal (1:45 pm - Middle School / 2:00 pm - Elementary School)
	22 - 26	<u>No School</u> - Spring Break
April	7	Early Dismissal (1:45 pm - Middle School / 2:00 pm - Elementary School)
	21	Early Dismissal (1:45 pm - Middle School / 2:00 pm - Elementary School)
May	5	Early Dismissal (1:45 pm - Middle School / 2:00 pm - Elementary School)
	20	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)
	27	Last Day of Attendance IF 5 emergency days used 11:15 Dismissal - Middle School / 11:30 Dismissal - Elementary School (no lunch)