



# WHITESIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT #115

618-239-0000

MR. MARK HEURING, SUPERINTENDENT

## WHITESIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

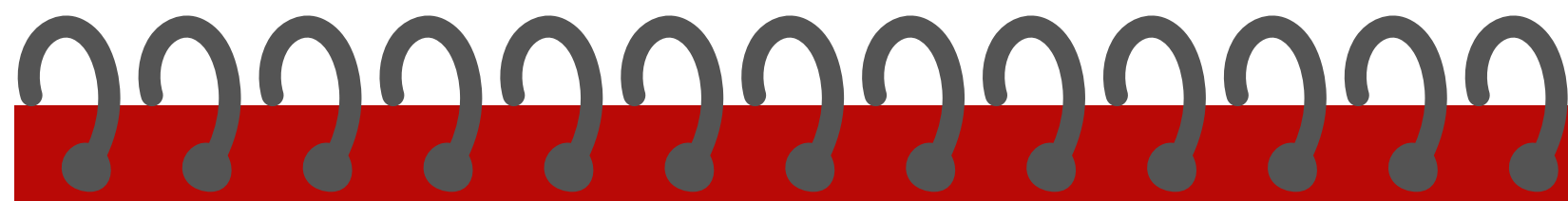
MR. NATHAN RAKERS, PRINCIPAL

MRS. KIM BOSSLER, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

## WHITESIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

MRS. MONICA LAURENT, PRINCIPAL

MR. JAIME COTTO, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### June:

- 1** Summer Office Hours Begin  
First Day of Summer School \*invitation only  
Online Registration Opens \*returning students only  
Sacks of Summer Begins

**25** Last Day of Summer School

**30** Final Day of Online Registration

### July:

**1** Free/Reduced Lunch Application Opens

**6** Offices Closed - 4<sup>th</sup> of July Observed

**16** In-Person Registration 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM

**22** In-Person Registration 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM

**23** Offices Closed

### August:

**13** First Day of School 1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
First Day of School KG - Last Names A-K Only

**14** First Day of School KG - Last Names L-Z Only

**17** Pre-K Screenings

**19** Early Dismissal (MS 1:45 PM, ES 2:00 PM)

**20** First Day of EC and Pre-K Classes

## OFFICE CLOSURES

*\*All Fridays in June and July\**

July 6

July 16\*

July 22\*

July 23

\*Staff will be away from desks and phones for in-person registration\*

# HAPPY Retirement!

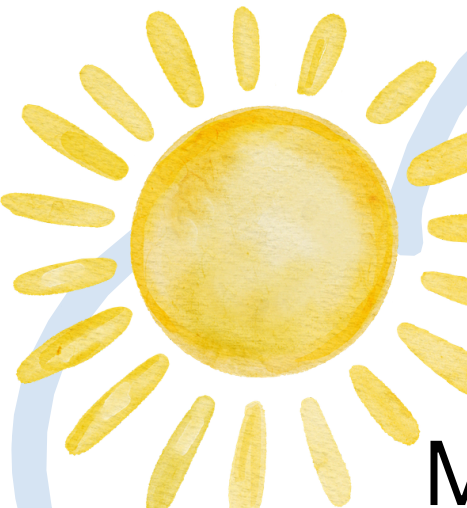
Congratulations to Whiteside's 2026 Retirees! Thank you for your years of dedicated service to our students and school.

**Gena Hamilton**

**Amy Hartung**

**Jennifer Korak**

**Tracy Mentzer**



# 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 middle school students who were selected by their teachers!

Symone Dupree

Blayke Lindley

Hazel Thomas

# Congratulations Class of

Whiteside School District was pleased to graduate 122 students on May 12, 2026. We wish all of our graduates a fun summer and our best in their future endeavors. The following 8<sup>th</sup> Graders received special recognition:



## **Citizenship Award**

Offers recognition for those youth with good character and patriotism.

### **Winners**

Cyrenity Crain

Riley Benson

### **Runner-Up:**

Mylah Jackson

Ajani Mitchom

## **Whiteside Federation of Teachers (WFT) Award**

Offers a monetary award for students with good character, good citizenship and who embody Whiteside Character traits.

Alijah Lacey

Kingston Miller

## **Illinois Principal Association Awards**

Miles Lockridge

Jeremiah Perkins

## **Straight "A" Recognition**

Riley Benson

Nelson Bochantin

Locklyn Endsley

Kennedi Jackson

Griffin O'Neill

Jeremiah Perkins

Evelyn Rozenski

Mila Strinni

Nevayah Wooten

Raymond Winfrey IV

## **Presidential Excellence Awards**

Science - Evelyn Rozenski

Social Studies - Kennedi Jackson

Math - Jeremiah Perkins

Composition - Mila Strinni

Literature - April Landgraf

PE - Caroline Dickerson and Lincoln Tree

Art - Locklyn Endsley and Dexter Warren

Band - Evelyn Rozenski

## **Presidential Achievement Awards**

Jacob Ballard, Chloe Buckley, Kamariana Fluker, Zion Frazier, Zamaria Jackson, Semaj Lee, Niara Mitchom, Paul Pickens, Taylyn Schlegel, and Nekhiyea Sumrall

## **Jim Burns Leadership Award,**

Southern Illinois Junior High School Athletic Association

Miles Lockridge

## **Racial Harmony Award**

Paul Pickens

# SY 2026-2027 Registration

Online Registration:

June 1 - June 30, 2026 **for returning students only!**

**AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION, ALL FAMILIES WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE TWO CURRENT PROOF OF RESIDENCY\* AND UPDATE EMERGENCY INFORMATION IN SKYWARD.**

In-Person Registration:

**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!

\*If you are living with a district resident, please call the office for more information.\*

## SUMMER Breakfast

Whiteside will be offering free summer breakfasts Monday - Thursday from June 1 to June 25. Students and community youth ages 18 and under can get a free sack breakfast. Pick up your breakfast at the Middle School lobby between 8:30 - 9:00 AM.



Kacey Selliers

Jessica Spiller

### Elementary Construction Notice:

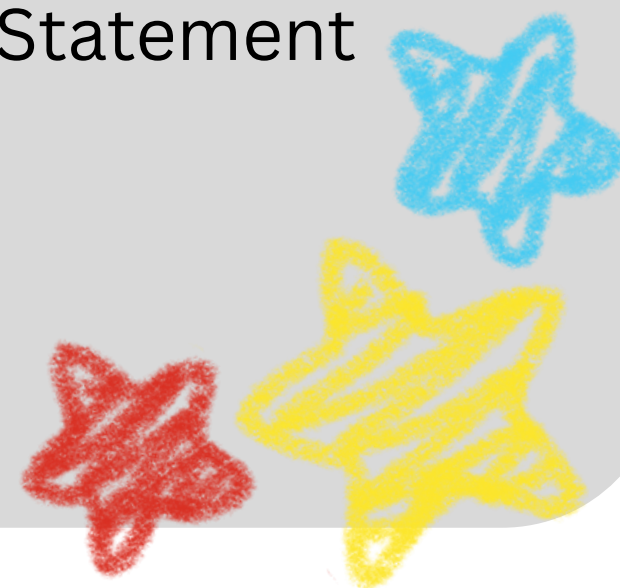
Due to construction at the main entrance and parking lot, please park in the new Pre-K lot and follow signs to the side door. Call the office number listed at the door to be assisted.

## 26-27 Kindergarten Registration

Come register at the Elementary School during summer office hours: Mon - Thurs between 9AM - 2PM! Children must be 5 years old on or before Sept 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



## 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.

**MAY**

Candice Pajda



SCHOOL TOOL BOX

# Order Online Today!



## Dear School Families & Friends,

We have chosen to partner with **School Tool Box**, so you have the opportunity to order pre-packaged school supplies for the next school year! Each supply box matches your approved list, and you can add extras or remove what you don't need. Supplies will ship directly to your home!

School Tool Box makes shopping for school supplies as easy as 1, 2, 3

- 1 Find your school at [schooltoolbox.com](http://schooltoolbox.com)
- 2 Choose the box customized to your child's grade in the fall
- 3 Get exact brands and supplies requested by your child's teacher



School Name: Whiteside Elementary

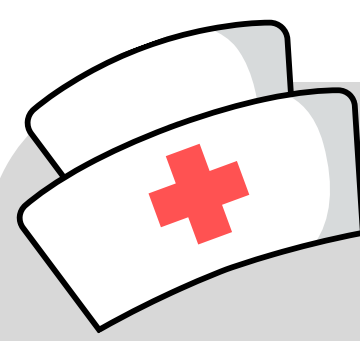
Ordering Available: May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026

[schooltoolbox.com](http://schooltoolbox.com) | 800-952-1119



School Name: Whiteside Middle School

Contact the Elementary or Middle School Offices with any questions!



## NURSES' NOTES

### Reminder!

Check the [website](#) for the health requirements for new and returning students. Any medical paperwork is accepted (and encouraged) at the in-person registration days on July 16 and 22.

Thank you!

~Nurse Heather

## SACKS OF SUMMER

### June 1 - Aug. 7, 2026

Thanks to the generosity from Cornerstone Christian Church, Belleville First Church of the Nazarene, GardenCity Church, Towerview Baptist Church, and Living Hope, the sacks of summer lunch program will take place **Monday - Friday** again this summer! Please see the below route for the closest stop near you.

- Stop 1:** Oxen and Ganim (12:10 PM)
- Stop 2:** Sierra Park (12:20 PM)
- Stop 3:** Patrick and Winthrop (12:30 PM)
- Stop 4:** Yorkshire Apartments (12:40 PM)
- Stop 5:** Eastview Drive (12:50 PM)

If you have any questions or wish to make a contribution, please contact the district office.

# 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:

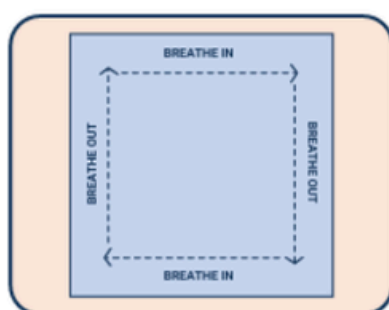
5-Finger Breathing



Candle Breathing



Box Breathing



Rainbow Breathing



### 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.



# JUDY PLASSMEYER EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AWARD

7 staff were nominated by their colleagues this spring for the Judy Plassmeyer Exceptional Service Award. This award honors an educational professional who goes above and beyond to support student(s) of varying needs. The 2025-2026 nominees were: Taryn Harwell, Steve Barr, Bella Hensler, Amy Hartung, Pam Kaercher, Cassie Downs, and Jenny Bassler. **Steve Barr** was selected by Mrs. Plassmeyer's family to receive the award. All nominees were honored and the winner was announced during an end of year assembly.

## WHITESIDE BAND

This summer, Whiteside is hosting a jazz camp for interested 7th and 8th grade band students! If you intend on joining Whiteside's jazz band during the school year, this free camp is an important step to starting a successful year. Interested students should make sure they have access to an instrument over the summer, and complete the registration form on the flyer by **June 2nd**. If you have any questions, please reach out to Whiteside's new band director, Mr. D. See you in July!!



[max.dipasquale@wssd115.org](mailto:max.dipasquale@wssd115.org)



### 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](http://SCCTD.ORG)



REGISTER

## WHITESIDE Summer JAZZ CAMP

STUDENTS GOING INTO 7<sup>TH</sup> AND 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

JULY 27-JULY 30TH

9AM- 11AM

COST IS FREE

BRING YOUR INSTRUMENT & a PENCIL

QUESTIONS?

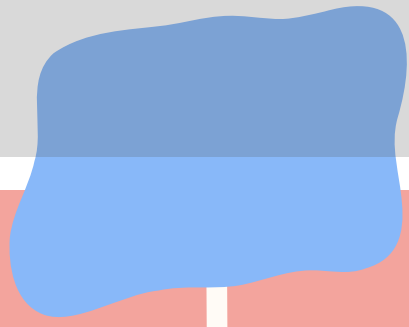
EMAIL: [MAX.DIPASQUALE@WSSD115.ORG](mailto:MAX.DIPASQUALE@WSSD115.ORG)

REGISTER HERE BY JUNE 2ND:





# PTC CORNER



## UPCOMING EVENTS

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saturday, May 30           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ St. Louis City 2 - Whiteside Night!</li> <li>◦ Purchase tickets <a href="#">here!</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• June 23 - 25           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Dine and Donate at Joe's Pizza and Pasta</li> </ul> </li> </ul>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuesday, June 23           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ PTC Parent Social at Joe's Pizza and Pasta</li> <li>◦ 6:00 - 8:00 PM</li> <li>◦ Join us in planning out the 2026-2027 calendar of events and brainstorming about fun future events this year while getting to know other parents in our district!</li> </ul> </li> </ul>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PTC is looking for volunteers to assist with our information table at in-person registration July 16, and 22. Help welcome families, share information about PTC, and promote class party payments. Sign up <a href="#">here!</a></li> </ul>				

## SAVE THE DATE

**Monday, Sept 14**

Monthly PTC Meeting  
6 PM in Middle School Library

Join us in-person or on Zoom to find out what's happening in our schools and be in the know with all the upcoming events!



Earn money for Whiteside with every day shopping. Download the Box Tops App, Create an account, and Start earning! Learn more [here!](#)

# THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of our volunteers that have served on our board for the 2025-2026 school year. Thank you to all of our event chairs that led fun-filled events for our Whiteside students and families. Thank you to all of the volunteers that assisted in each of our events and fundraisers. Thank you for all the families that have participated in our many events.

## 2026-2027 PTC BOARD

Congratulations to our upcoming PTC Board for 2026-2027

- President: Jami Houston
- VP: Kristin Runyan
- Treas: Kimberlee Hicks
- Sec: Abby King

Please continue to contact PTC at [WhitesidePTC@wssd115.org](mailto:WhitesidePTC@wssd115.org) with any questions or to get more involved!

# Athletic Arena



## Congratulations!

Congratulations to Kamariana Fluker for breaking the 26 year old school record in shot put and placing 3rd at the State Meet with a 35'10" throw! Congrats to Mila Strinni for placing 3<sup>rd</sup> at the State Meet for high jump!

- Athletic Director Luke Ryterski



Belleville West

# GIRLS LACROSSE SUMMER CAMP



**June**  
**22-25**  
10-12pm  
@ The CAVE

From 4<sup>th</sup> Graders to Rising Freshmen

Come learn the game of lacrosse. Whether you are a beginner player or advanced!

SIGN UP HERE:  
<https://www.bellevillewestcamps.com/girls-lacrosse.cfm>



# BELLEVILLE EAST GIRLS VOLLEYBALL FRESHMAN SUMMER CAMP

## IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS:

Passing, Setting, Attacking, Serving, & Game Play

## FOR ALL INCOMING FRESHMAN:

Beginners to advanced players welcome.

## QUALIFIED COACHES:

Learn from the experienced Belleville East Coaching Staff!



**BELLEVILLE EAST GYM**  
2555 West Blvd Belleville, IL 62221

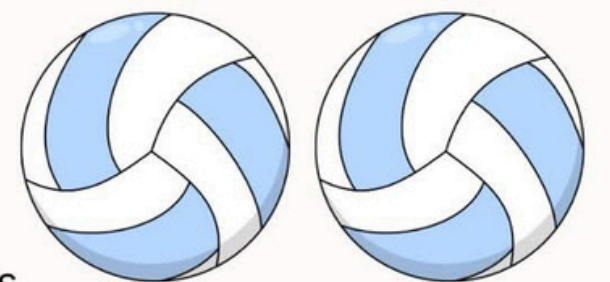
**JUNE 8TH-10TH**  
12:15 - 1:45 PM

## REGISTER NOW!

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

**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-8<sup>th</sup> Graders

## Time:

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

5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> - 1:30-3:30 PM

## Link to register:

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

## EVENT DATE

**JUNE 8-10TH  
2026**

**BELLEVILLE EAST  
GYM**

FOR MORE INFORMATION [ahanger@bths201.org](mailto:ahanger@bths201.org) [aburris@bths201.org](mailto:aburris@bths201.org)

# Whiteside School District #115

## 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
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
	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
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)