

WHITESIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT #115

Smoke Signals – November 2017

Mrs. Peggy Burke, Superintendent

Whiteside Elementary School

Mr. Nathan Rakers, Principal

Mr. Kevin Johnson, Assistant Principal

Whiteside Middle School

Mrs. Monica Laurent, Principal

Mr. Jaime Cotto, Assistant Principal

Calendar of Events – November 2017

- 1 Photo Club Meeting 3:00
Robotics Team Meeting 3:00
- 2 5/6 Girls BB at Emge 4:00
5/6 Boys BB at Home 4:00
7/8 Girls BB at Pontiac 5:00
7/8 Boys BB at Home 6:00
- 6 Chess Club 3:00
5th Girls BB at Home 4:00
5/6 Boys BB at Signal Hill 4:00
7/8 Girls BB at Home 5:00
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- 7 GO Team Meeting 3:00
Robotics Team Meeting 3:00
- 8 Robotics Team Meeting 3:00
7/8 Girls BB at West 5:00
7/8 Boys BB at Home 5:00
- 9 **No School- Teacher Institute Day**
- 10 **No School- Veterans' Day Observed**
- 13 Chess Club 3:00
Robotics Team Meeting 3:00
- 14 6th Girls BB at Grant 4:00
5/6 Boys BB at Home 4:00
7/8 Boys BB at Home 6:00
- 15 Robotics Team Meeting 3:00
Family Science & Math Night 6:00
- 16 Pack the Gym Night
5/6 Girls BB at Home 4:00
5/6 Boys BB at Emge 4:00
7/8 Girls BB at Home 6:00
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- 18 Robotics Tournament
- 20 Student Council Meeting 3:00
5th Grade Book Club 3:00
Chess Club 3:00
- 21 6th Grade Book Club 3:00
Robotics Team Meeting 3:00
5/6 Girls BB at Belle Valley 4:00
5/6 Boys BB at Home 4:00
7/8 Girls BB at High Mount 5:00
7/8 Boys BB at Home 6:00
- 22-24 **No School-Thanksgiving Break**
- 27 Chess Club 3:00

Calendar of Events- November 2017 Continued

- 28 Picture Retakes (both schools)
5/6 Girls BB at Home 4:00
5/6 Boys BB at Wolf Branch 4:00
7/8 Girls BB at Home 6:00
7/8 Boys BB at Shiloh 5:00
- 30 5/6 Girls BB at O'Fallon Central 4:00
5/6 Boys BB at Home 4:00
7/8 Girls BB at O'Fallon Central 6:00
7/8 Boys BB at Home 6:00



No School November 10th

Whiteside Elementary invites veterans and active duty parents, grandparents, and friends to be honored guests at our Veterans' Day Assembly on Wednesday, November 8th at 1:45pm. Thank you Veterans for your service.



Thanksgiving Break is November 22nd-24th!!

Whiteside Holiday Market



PTC will host a Holiday Market Craft & Vendor Fair on Saturday, December 9th from 10am-4pm. Come out and get your holiday shopping done while supporting Whiteside! We'll have a variety of local crafters and vendors and a "kids' corner" for the little ones. You can even get your picture taken with Santa! Vendors, reserve your spot at WhitesidePTC@wssd115.org. Mark your calendars; you won't want to miss this event!

Those Who Excel: Dr. Jean Hasenstab & Mrs. Tiffany Flint

Each year the Illinois State Board of Education honors the top educators throughout the state at the annual Those Who Excel Dinner and Awards Ceremony. This year we are proud to announce that Whiteside had two of our own being honored. Dr. Jean Hasenstab will be honored with an award of Excellence, the highest honor for School Support Personnel.



Mrs. Tiffany Flint is being honored as one of the state's top Early Career Educators. Select teachers in the state who have taught less than five years are honored with this prestigious award. We are proud of Mrs. Flint! She works hard each day on behalf of her students. Mrs. Flint has high expectations and creates a classroom environment where all students can be successful.



Dr. Hasenstab and Mrs. Flint received their award from the Illinois State Board of Education on Saturday, October 28 at Illinois State University. Congratulations to Dr. Hasenstab and Mrs. Flint!



"Unleash Your Good Character" Award by WV/T-Mobile

12 students from the Elementary were nominated for the "Unleash Your Good Character" Award by WV/T-Mobile this fall. Dean Redd, Jayleigh Michaels, Rhylei Kimbrough, Natalie Rachels, Caroline Dickerson, Aryanna Kohler, Melaina Norris, Layla Morales, Jalen Coleman, Reece Erkman, Maile Fedele, and Kaiden Owens will all be honored at the Peace Assembly on November 8th and treated to lunch by the Principals. The winner of the award will also be announced at the assembly.

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Whiteside Middle School is now on Twitter! Check it out @WSmiddle!



Wacky Warrior Week

Monday Nov. 13-Friday Nov. 17
(Middle School)

Monday, November 13- 'Merica Monday
Patriotic Wear: Red, White, and Blue

Tuesday, November 14- Character Day
Disney, Superheros, Cartoons...Be Creative!

Wednesday, November 15- Twin Day
Am I seeing double?

Wacky Warroir Day! Thursday, November 16
Show off your school spirit, Warriors!

Friday, November 17-Color Day
5th: Orange, 6th: Purple, 7th: Green, 8th: Pink

Join us for Pack the Gym Night
Thursday, November 16th!

MIDDLESCHOOL BAND

Congratulations to the following students who were selected into the Illinois Music Educators Honor Band:

Keara Connolly
Alex Petraborg
Patrick Lofland
Morgan Ruesink
DeShawn Ware
Jack Tock



These students will perform with the IMEA Honor Band at SIU Carbondale on November 18.

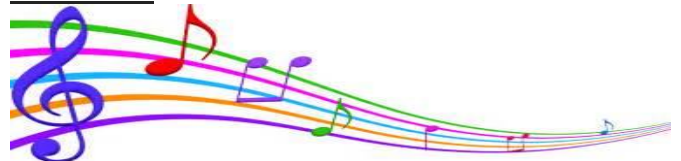
Also, congratulations to Hayley Dorn who was selected to the IMEA Honor Jazz Band. She will perform with this group on November 11 at Belleville East.

Important Dates for Band:

November 1 - Butter Braid Fundraiser begins

November 16 - Pack the Gym (Concert Band performs)

December 6 - Winter Band Concert - All Grades





Whiteside School
Star Wars Skate Night at
Funspot!!

Friday, November 17th from 5:30-7:30 pm.
 There will be a costume contest and Galactic Games & Prizes! The highest class count wins a PTC Pizza Party!! Admission: \$3 regular skate rental: \$2 Inline or speed skates: \$4. See attached flyer for more information.



Booster Club Meeting
The next Booster Club Meeting will be held on Monday, November 6th at 6:00 pm. The meeting will take place at the middle school.



FOOD DRIVE
 Once again our district will be collecting nonperishable food items to be shared with Whiteside families in need during the holiday season. Specific items needed

include: canned fruits and vegetables, soups and stews, canned meats, tuna, granola bars, chili, pasta, and boxes of macaroni and cheese (no glass containers, please).

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: The Elementary Food Drive runs from November 1st through November 15th. Our goal is to collect 700 items. If we reach our goal, we will celebrate our efforts with a Gym Jam before Thanksgiving break. All donated items will be added to holiday food baskets for Whiteside families in need. This is a great opportunity to “rock” our good character!

MIDDLE SCHOOL: Our collection will begin on Monday, November 13th and continue each day through Thursday, November 17th. Students are encouraged to participate by bringing in a food item every day that week. We have planned different themes on those four days that should prove to be fun for all. Thank you for your continued support.



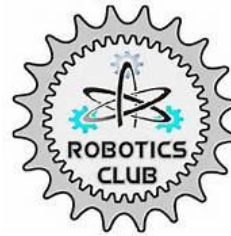
Boys' Volleyball (grades 7-8), Girls' Volleyball (grades 5-8), and Bowling tryouts will take place the first week of January. Sports packets and physicals are due December 13th!

STUDENT COUNCIL



Thank you to all who sold and purchased items from the Great American Fundraiser!!

All items can be picked up **Wednesday, November 15** after school from 3:10-4:30pm



The Lego League
Robotics Competition

All are welcome to come and watch on November 18th. You will get the chance to see up to 32 local teams competing in the First Lego League Competition

hosted at Whiteside Middle School. Come cheer on our two teams, watch others compete and have a great time! We will be selling concessions throughout the day, so make a day of it!

Whiteside Middle School Information Center
Find out the latest information for Whiteside Middle School. The blog will be updated on a daily basis. Go to the Whiteside Website and click the link to check it out! You can add your email to subscribe to daily updates!
WSmiddle.blogspot.com



Go Green, Recycle! Whiteside will recycle your spent print cartridges and old cell phones. Turn these in to either school office. Thank you



Watch out for that flu bug! The best prevention - get a flu shot and wash your hands often with soap & water or sanitizer. Check with your doctor when your child, especially a child under age 5 or with health problems, is ill. Stay home if you have a fever and cough, get lots of rest, and drink plenty of fluids. **All students must be fever free for 24 hours, without medication, before returning to school.**

Whiteside bids fond farewell to 3 awesome ladies who are leaving us to pursue other career fields. Our sincere thanks to Mrs. Cindy Stauder – PreK aide, Mrs. Sarah Peters – Reading Aide, Mrs. Terrie Stald – District Secretary. We will miss you and wish you all the best in your new positions!