

# Smoke Signals – APRIL 2005

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## April Calendar of Events

- 1 **NO SCHOOL** - St. Clair Co. Institute Kindergarten Registration, 8 AM – 5:30 PM
- 4 Track @ Whiteside 4:00 PM
- 5 Consolidated Election – Polls Open 6 AM-7 PM  
PTC Meeting 7PM Warrior Hall
- 6 Track at Wolf Branch 4:00 PM
- 8 Progress reports go home
- 9 Market Day Pick-up 9:30-10:30 AM MPR
- 12 Track @ West 4:00 PM  
Band Parents Meeting 6PM Band Room
- 13 **Early Dismissal** (1:30 PM)
- 14 Track @ Whiteside 4:00 PM
- 19 Track @ Whiteside 4:00 PM
- 20 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip
- 21 Graduation Picture 9:00 AM  
Track @ Whiteside 4:00 PM  
**Arts' Night** at Middle School 6:00-8:30 PM
- 22 7<sup>th</sup> grade field trip  
Fun Spot Skating Party 5:00-7:00 PM
- 26 Track @ Belle-Valley 4:00 PM
- 28 Track @ Whiteside 4:00 PM
- 29 Band Contest at 6-Flags

## **WHITESIDE IN THE NEWS**

Congratulations to Alexandra Vecchio who was honored at the Illinois Principals' Association Student Recognition Breakfast on March 23. Alexandra, a Whiteside 8<sup>th</sup> grade student, is the daughter of Patricia and Dale Vecchio. Alexandra was selected for this honor based on her scholarship, citizenship, and service.

## **WHITESIDE EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

Thank you for donations made in memory of former Whiteside teacher and principal Mr. Robert Wessel.

The Whiteside Education Foundation 2nd Annual Golf Tournament will be Saturday, May 7 at Yorktown. See the last page of Smoke Signals for more information on registration and hole sponsorships.

## **ARTS' NIGHT**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Arts' Night is Thursday, April 21 at the middle school. Don't miss the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade recorder concert at 6:30 PM and the drama club performance of "The Mouse and the Storyteller" at 7:15 PM. Student work, including the Young Author stories and K-8 art projects, will be on display. Be sure to check out the hands-on art activities! The Scholastic Book Fair will be open to the public. Watch for more information to come home soon.

## **Kindergarten Registration**

Registration will be April 1, from 8:00 AM – 5:30 PM at the elementary school. Call 239-0000 x 2317 for more information. Students must be 5-years-old on or before September 1, 2005 to enter kindergarten for 2005-2006.

## **Preschool Screening**

Whiteside will screen 3 to 4 ½-year-old children in the developmental areas of: vision, hearing, speech, language, gross motor, fine motor, and cognitive skills on Wednesday, May 25, 2005. Please call the school office at 239-0000 x 2317 or x 2314 to schedule an appointment. The screening will take about 1 1/2 hours.

SPRING IS HERE!



## **Band Parents**

The next Band Parent meeting will be Tuesday, April 12 at 6 PM in the band room. Please note this change from our original meeting date.

The following students were selected to participate in the St. Clair County Band Festival.

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Lee Mae Cummings, Krysta Duval, Monica Gilliam, Emily Holcomb, Taylor Plumb, Michael Savala, Cameron Willman.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Kathy Bolding, Tommy Bolding, Courtney Crews, Lindsey Heffner, Devon Preston, Jeffrey Rottluff, Kayla Stacker, Laura Tirabassi, Zac Weber, Samuel Wyant, Alexandra Vecchio.

### **Dates to remember:**

April 9 - Contest in Collinsville; Middle School Band  
April 29 - 6 Flags Contest; MS Band performs at Touhill  
May 12 - Awards Concert (Beginning & MS Bands)  
May 17- Instrument Drive for 4<sup>th</sup> grade  
May 19- Graduation (6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade band members)

**Attention all 4<sup>th</sup> grade parents:** the Middle School Band will be performing for all 4<sup>th</sup> graders on May 5 at the elementary school. Information will come home at that time on how to join the Whiteside Band. There will be an instrument drive for all 4<sup>th</sup> graders wanting to join the band, to pick their instruments for next year, on May 17. Watch for information coming home soon.

## **Whiteside Varsity Boys' Bowling Team**

The Whiteside Boys' Varsity Bowling Team went undefeated and won the first place trophy. Team members were Mark Eberlein, Ryan Hoyt, Tyler Bennett, Ryan Cassady, and Brandon Rice. Congratulations on an outstanding season!

## **Scholar Bowl**

Congratulations to the Whiteside Scholar Bowl Team who worked hard throughout their three-month season and qualified for the Belle-Fair Tournament held on Saturday, March 19. The team came in seventh, scoring 1175 points in one day of play. Team members are:  
8<sup>th</sup> graders - Courtney Crews, Lindsey Frievoegel, Elizabeth Gerner, Cassie Murphy, and Alexandra Vecchio, and  
7<sup>th</sup> graders - Alexis Lehr, Kevin McNary, Rachel Monroe, Nick Schwarz, and Cameron Willman.

## **Science Fair & Carnival**

The annual Whiteside Science Fair and Carnival was a tremendous success again this year. About 350 people attended the evening event on February 25. Eighth grade students presented 27 interactive booths for the Science Carnival. Students in grades 4-7 entered 120 science experiments in Division I and 50 models in Division II (Science/Art). Congratulations to these award winners!

**8<sup>th</sup> grade carnival - Best of Fair (Hocus Focus)**  
Daniel Gomez, Ashley Hagood, Samantha Holmes, and Alexandra Vecchio. **1st Runner-Up (Sling Shot)** Stephanie Feeman, Trevor French, Steven Hayworth, Rachel Johnson, and Victoria Newcome. **2nd Runner-Up (Buried Treasure)** Lindsay Frievoegel, Stephanie Hale, Austin Mueller, and Cotton Rhodes. **3<sup>rd</sup> Runner-Up (Does the Nose Know?)** Bernard Campbell, Joliza Hilliard, Lance Khalid, and Miranda Robinson.

**Science Fair Awards - Best of Fair Overall,** Nathan Prass (7); **Best of Fair Physical,** Darien Reed (6); **Best of Fair Biological,** Sydney Ross (7); **Best of Grade Physical,** Nick Moore (6); **Best of Grade Biological,** Jonathon Antonakos (6); **Best of Science/Art,** Teryl Thurman (5); **Best of Grade Science/Art** Natalie Gonzalez (7), Lafayette Canada (6), and Chris Lombardo (7).

## **Regional Science Fair at SIUE**

Several Whiteside students advanced with their science projects to the Regional Fair held at SIUE on March 4-5. Sixth graders Jonathon Antonakos, Nick Moore, and Darien Reed received the highest award of **OUTSTANDING**. Seventh graders Taylor Sitton and Kevin McNary received second place awards. Way to go Whiteside students!

## **Greater Belleville Science Fair**

Congratulations to the students who entered projects in the Greater Belleville Science Fair held at SWIC, March 12. Matt Christopher, 7<sup>th</sup> grade, earned a first place award. Third place awards went to 7<sup>th</sup> graders Taylor Plumb & Mike Savala, and 6<sup>th</sup> grader Angel McDonald.

## **Science Club**

"Thank You" to the Student Council for supporting our Rocket Challenge! This month we are constructing and flying our rockets.

### **National Junior Honor Society**

During the month of April all cumulative grades for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be reviewed. Those students who have maintained a cumulative GPA of at least a 9.6 (12 pt scale) will be eligible for the selection process to become a member of the NJHS. Academically eligible students are further reviewed by a faculty council on their qualities of citizenship, leadership, service, and character. If the faculty council nominates a student, he or she will receive notice by mail at a date TBA and the induction ceremony will be held in May.

### **Young Author's Conference**

Congratulations to the following students for having their stories chosen to be our grade level representatives at the 2005 St. Clair County Regional Young Author's Conference on Saturday, April 16 at Westhaven School in Belleville. The representatives are:

- 1<sup>st</sup> grade - Sonny Wilson, Mrs. Watkins' class
- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade - Kaleigh Raynald, Mrs. Conrath's class
- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade - Paige Stemm, Mrs. Eiserle's class
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade - Tiana Beskorovany, Mrs. Brown's class
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade - Dominique Smith, Mrs. Burton's class
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade - DeAnna Greer, Mr. Jacob's class
- 7<sup>th</sup> grade - Christian Burton, Mrs. Stuart's class
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade - Cassie Murphy, Mrs. Humes' class

### **Booster Club News**

Krispy Kreme Card Sale will be April 4-15. Each \$10 card is good for 10 doz. free glazed donuts. \$5 profit from each card will be shared by Booster Club and band. Top seller receives a \$25 gift certificate of their choice. Top 2 selling classes receive a donut party.

Outside concessions will be open during HOME Track Meets.

### **Summer of Academics & Recreation**

It's time to register for S.O.A.R. – Summer of Academics and Recreation! The SOAR Program offers child-care for students currently enrolled in grades K-5. SOAR will provide children with a safe, well-supervised program consisting of academics, recreation, and field trips. Registration packets and pricing information are available in the office. SOAR begins May 23<sup>rd</sup> and registration forms need to be turned in by April 15<sup>th</sup>. Don't miss the fun this summer!

### **Library News**

Winners of the Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Book Award and the Monarch Award were recently announced at the NIU Children's Lit Conference. We currently own these winning books:

**Caudill Award** - Hoot, by Carl Hiaasen  
2nd place - Ruby Holler, by Sharon Creech  
3rd place – Runt, by Marion Dane Bauer  
4th place - House of the Scorpion, by Nancy Farmer

**Monarch Award** - David Gets in Trouble, by D Shannon  
2nd place - Hooway for Wodney Wat, by Helen Lester  
3rd place - I Will Never Not Ever Eat a Tomato, by L Child

Bobby Norfolk, 3-time Emmy winner, will be at Whiteside on April 4 to tell stories at both schools. He will do a variety of programs for the different ages. The Spring Book Fair will be at the middle school on April 20 - 22. Thursday, April 21, the Book Fair will be open in the evening during Fine Arts Night. Be sure to come in and select some summer reading. Titles appropriate for younger children will be available.

There are many activities coming up this spring. Parents, please make sure your child's library account is up to date and has no fines, so that he/she may participate in all the fun.

### **PTC**

PTC will meet Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in Warrior Hall. We will elect officers for '05-'06.

Whiteside skate party will be Friday, April 22 at Fun Spot from 5-7 PM. Come for a fun evening with your classmates. Congratulations to Mrs. Keuss' class for winning February's high attendance prize.

If you are interested in working concessions at Savvis Center (LOTS OF FUN), contact Kelly West through the PTC. **Volunteers are needed.** Profits will benefit the purchase of playground equipment.

Mark your calendars now to volunteer for the school carnivals: middle school - Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> and elementary school - Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **Print Cartridge and Cell Phone Recycling**

Thank you to everyone who has participated in our recycling program. All of your help is greatly appreciated. Thanks also to Ameren IP for their lasting support of this program.