

Smoke Signals – MAY 2005

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May Calendar of Events

- 2 PTC Meeting 7PM Warrior Hall
- 3 West – Feeder Relays 2:00PM
- 4 Early Dismissal (1:30 PM)
- 5 Track Meet vs. West,BC,Shiloh,Millsdt
- 6 Middle School Carnival
- 7 Foundation Golf – Yorktown 9:00AM
Market Day P/Up 9:30-10:30AM MPR
- 9 Girls' Feeder @ Wolf Branch 2:00PM
- 12 6th Grade to Cahokia Mounds
Spring Band Concert 7:00PM
- 13 Graduation Dance/St.Clair County
Country Club 7:00-11:00PM
- 17 8th Grade Fun Day
4th Grade Band Instrument Sign-Up
5:30-7:00 PM Middle School
- 18 8th Grade BBQ
Fun Spot Skating 5th Grade
- 19 May Festival 9AM/Elem School Carnival
8th Grade Graduation 7:00PM
- 20 Last day of school 8:30-10:00AM
Fun Spot Skating Party 5:00-7:00PM



WHITESIDE IN THE NEWS

Congratulations to the Whiteside Band!! At the IGSMA Band Contest the Whiteside Band scored the highest possible ratings from all 3 judges. WAY TO GO!!!

Congratulations to Isys Ervin for being selected by the St. Clair County Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. to be a page for Senator Clayborne at the Springfield State Capitol. Jack and Jill of America is an organization that gives children unique opportunities to become productive citizens and leaders.

Happy Retirement, Mrs. Vallina! Mrs. Kanda Vallina is retiring after 32 years of teaching at Whiteside School. Thanks for all the special gifts you've given to Whiteside throughout these years. We'll miss you!

We also wish a very happy retirement to Mrs. Sandy Schaufler. Mrs. Schaufler has been an aide at the elementary school for the past 6½ years. We wish you the best!

WHITESIDE EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Whiteside Education Foundation would like to thank those people who made contributions in memory of Mrs. Letha Long, Mrs. Terri Young's mother. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Reminder: The Whiteside Education Foundation will hold its Second Annual Golf Tournament on Saturday, May 7th, at Yorktown. Mark your calendars and plan to attend for a great day, lots of fun, and prizes!

ANNUAL MAY FESTIVAL

Hear ye! Hear ye! Mark your calendars! The annual May Festival at the elementary building is Thursday, May 19th at 9:00 A.M. All students' grades K-4 will participate. There will be dancing, singing, and playing of instruments, as well as artwork on display. The 5th grade band will also make an appearance. The conclusion will be the popular sword dance and Maypole weaving. Don't miss out on the fun! Bring your lawn chairs. Everyone is invited-including parents, grandparents, and friends. Come one---come all, and don't miss out on the fun!

Band

Attention 4th grade parents: Students will soon have the opportunity to sign up for next year's beginning band. Watch for information to come home. The instrument sign up night will be held on May 17 from 5:30 – 7:00 PM at the Middle School.

The Spring Awards Concert - 5th grade and Middle School Bands - is May 12 at 7:00 PM

Graduation Band - 6th and 7th graders - will perform at graduation on May 19.

May 5 – Middle School Band performs at the Elementary School. May 19 - 5th Grade Band performs for May Day at the Elementary School.

Booster Club News

Congratulations Jamie O'Neal for selling the most Krispy Kreme Cards! Mrs. Garcia and Mrs. Braymen's classes sold the most cards per class and will get a donut party from Krispy Kreme. Thanks for helping raise \$2400 for Band and Booster Club!

Thank you for supporting the Booster Club this year. A special thanks to all the volunteers who worked concessions for all the games, track meets and dances! If you are interested in helping with t-shirt sales, concessions, or dances next year, contact Marsha Heffner at 977-6176.

PTC

May 2 - PTC meeting, 7:00 PM in Warrior Hall

May 6 - Middle School Carnival

May 7 - Market Day pick-up, 10:30 AM, MPR

May 12 - Volunteer Appreciation Reception at the Elementary School from 3-6:30 pm. Anyone who has volunteered at either school is invited.

May 19 - Elementary School Carnival

May 20 - free admission Fun Spot Party

Volunteers and donations are needed for both carnivals and volunteers are needed to work at the Savvis Center to raise money for the playground renovation. Contact Sarah Peters at 239-6960.

Baseball/Softball Tryouts Fall 2005

Tryouts for baseball and softball are:

Baseball – Mon. & Tues, Aug. 1 & 2, 3:00-4:30 PM

Softball – Mon. & Tues, Aug. 1 & 2, 9-11 AM

Tryouts for both teams will be at the Middle School fields. Students in grades 5 – 8 are eligible to tryout. Physical MUST be less than 1 year old on file at school and insurance packet MUST be on file also. Forms for both can be obtained in the school offices. Contact the following coaches if you have questions or a vacation conflict to see if a resolution can be worked out:

Softball – Miss Reynolds 233-7917 ext. 2119

Baseball -- Mr. Jacob 239-0000 ext. 3605.

Nurse's Notes

All medications and inhalers must be picked up from the nurse's office by the end of the school year or they will be discarded by May 27th, 2005. All controlled medications can only be picked up by and adult- parent/guardian.

All medication permits must be renewed yearly. If your child is to use an inhaler, take medicine of any sort- prescribed or over the counter like Tylenol or Motrin you must have a new medication permit on file in the nurse's office for the next school year. All students entering kindergarten, 2nd and 6th grades are now required to have a current dental exam on file with their health records. The exam must be completed by a dentist. Dental exam forms can be picked up in the nurse's office. All students entering for the first time grades pre K, Early childhood, Kindergarten and 5th grade are required to have a current physical and will need to have this done by the beginning of the new 05-06 school year. Information on grade-specific immunization requirements can be obtained from the nurse's office or from the school handbook. Immunization requirements must also be completed by the beginning of the new 05-06 school year.

Please all bid a fond farewell to Miss Erica, (Mrs. Wimpee) as she is due to have her 2nd child this May and will not be returning to Whiteside School next year. She was a wonderful addition to our staff and will surely be missed by all. Have a safe and healthy summer!

Library News

Check out the summer check-out times! For your summer reading pleasure, our libraries will be open: Elementary– Tuesdays, starting June 7.

Middle School – Wednesdays, starting June 8.

Hours are 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM Current check out policies will apply.

Please be patient as we navigate our way through a new library software program during these summer months. Our library is one of over 150 libraries in eleven countries being served by the Lewis and Clark Library System. Being a member allows us to share resources with these 150 other libraries, receive additional cost saving services from vendors and our system staff, and helps provide services, databases, and grants from the Illinois State Library.

In other library news, we would like to thank Dawn Sitton, Book Fair Chairperson, and her great crew of volunteers for making the Middle School Book Fair a success! The students will certainly enjoy the new titles the proceeds from the fair will provide!