

WHITESIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT #115

Smoke Signals - Summer 2018

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

Congratulations
2018 Graduates

Whiteside was pleased to graduate 154 students on May 24. We wish all of our graduates a fun summer and our best in their future endeavors. The following 8th graders received special recognition –

Presidential Excellence Awards

Math – Ashley Updike

Reading – Lacey Brown

Writing – Athena Ballard

Social Studies – Thai Praktit

Science – Kendal Clay

PE – Mikayla Borges & Thomas Merchiori

Art – Austin Coleman & Megan Sharp

Music – Morgan Ruesink & Jack Tock

Presidential Achievement Awards

Christina Anderson Taylor Johnson

Alex Matter Kathryn Blue Marcos Utrera

Straight “A” Recognitions

Kendal Clay Brianna Dixon Hayley Dorn

Chloe Rheinhardt Ashley Updike Brooke Zitta

Perfect Attendance

Khayla Hood Detriana Palmer Deshawn Ware

Illinois Principal Association Awards

Chloe Rheinhardt Jordan Stauder

American Legion Award Honorable Mentions

Alexis Combs Alex McGee

American Legion Award Winners

Brianna Dixon Jordan Stauder

Whiteside Federation of Teachers Awards

Rebecca Bagby Jadon Small



National Junior Honor Society



Congratulations to the following students who were inducted into the NJHS!

Brooklynne Brown

Josh Crago

Ean DiPasquale

Creighton Endsley

Nyjae Ford

Jada Gray

Maya Hataway

Emily Joyce

Meera Mohammad

Elise Penet

Zachary Schubert

Markel Wade

Keara Connolly

Cole Dassler

Hailey Eifert

Sydney Euchner

Luke Freppon

Adam Hashash

Landon Jackson

Patrick Lofland

Brianna Ossman

Alex Petraborg

Sian Sprinkle

Rayna Walker

“Unleash Your Good Character” Award
By WV/T-Mobile

Congratulations to 12 elementary students who were nominated for the “Unleash Your Good Character” Award By WV/T-Mobile this Spring!

Elijah Lopina

Amber Wilson

Zamaria Jackson

Sasha Kelley

Dion Guthrie

Hayden Neutzling



Ethan Robinson

John Jacobs

Deja Newcombe

Arabella Orellana

Megan Vincent

Mauri Suggs

These students were all honored at the assembly on May 24 and treated to lunch with the Principals. Congratulations to Hayden Neutzling who was selected as the winner of the award!



First Day of School
2018-2019
Thursday, August 16



SOS – Sacks of Summer

We are happy to announce the return of our SOS lunch program. This collaborative effort between Whiteside and local area churches

and community members will bring free sack lunches directly to several Whiteside neighborhoods this summer. Beginning on June 4th, if you live near the following drop-off points, be on the lookout. The approximate schedule is: 12:15-Oxen & Ganim, 12:25-Sierra Park, 12:40-Yorkshire cul-de-sac and 12:50-Eastview Drive. Just listen for the horn on Mondays through Fridays between 12:15 and 12:50 and then join us. Remember to hurry because we won't be waiting at those spots very long. There will be no lunches delivered on July 4th and the last day of delivery is Friday, August 10th.

We at Whiteside wish to express our sincere appreciation to County Board Member Bob Trentman, Belleville First Church of the Nazarene, Cornerstone Christian Church, Faith Family Church, Towerview Baptist Church, Whiteside's NJHS, Whiteside Federation of Teachers and members of Women4Given for their volunteer efforts and generosity. If you have questions or wish to make a contribution, contact Mrs. Laurent at 239-0000 or monica.laurent@wssd115.org.

Summer Breakfast Program

Whiteside will be offering free summer breakfasts on weekdays beginning May 30. Students and community youth ages 18 and under can get a free sack breakfast. Pick up your breakfast at the elementary school entrance by Mr. Johnson's office between 8:30-9:00am.



SUMMER LIBRARY HOURS

Need to prevent boredom this summer? Have no fear! The Library is here! All students and families are invited to come to

the Elementary School Library during the summer to check out books and to read as a family!

The library summer hours are Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9am to noon beginning June 5th and ending July 25th (excluding Fourth of July holiday). **Parents and 8th grade students can read books at the school or check out books under their children's/sibling's accounts.



WHITESIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT 2018-2019 REGISTRATION DATES:

Wednesday, July 25	7am-1pm
Thursday, July 26	1pm-7pm
Monday, July 30	10am-4pm
Tuesday, July 31	1pm-7pm

Registration for all grades will be at the middle school.

Don't miss the **Back-2-School Fun Fair**, sponsored by the Belleville Chamber of Commerce, at Belleville West High School on Wednesday, August 8, 2018 from 5:00-7:00pm. This event will feature a YMCA climbing wall, face painting, music, hot-dogs, vendor booths, **FREE** school physicals, and **FREE** dental exams. Free back-packs with school supplies will be given to the first 1,000 students. You must have completed our 2018-19 registration in order to be eligible for a back-pack.

Summer Activities

If you are looking for things to do this summer, check out these local happenings:

Belleville Parks & Recreation

<https://www.belleville.net/DocumentCenter/View/4914/FINAL---2018-Summer-Program-Guide>

O'Fallon Parks & Recreation

<http://ofallonparksandrec.com/>



Summer Running/Walking Club

Middle School Students: It is time to get in shape for our new Whiteside Cross Country Team coming this fall! Starting June 11, we will meet at the middle school from 9-10am on Mondays and Wednesdays. Come walk or run and have a good time! **Bring a water bottle.

Summer Office Hours

The middle school/district office will be open Monday-Thursday from 7:30am-2:00pm during June & July. The elementary office has relocated to the north end of the building and will be open Monday-Thursday mornings in June and closed during the month of July.