

# 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

- 2 PTC Summer Meeting 2:30 PM
- 3 1st Day of Summer School\* invitation only
- Online Registration Opens
- Sacks of Summer Routes Begin
- Summer Office Hours begin
- 19 Juneteenth - Office Closed
- 20 Regular Board of Education
- 28 Online Registration Closes

### July

- 1 First day to submit Free/Reduced Lunch applications
- 4 Independence Day - Office Closed
- 10 In-Person Registration 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM
- 11 Office Closed
- 18 In-Person Registration 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM
- Regular Board of Education
- 29 Softball Try-Outs
- Baseball Try-Outs
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## OFFICE CLOSURES

**All Fridays in June and July**

**June 19 - Juneteenth**

**July 4 - Independence Day**

**July 10\* - In Person Registration**

**July 11\* - Registration filing**

**July 18\* - In Person Registration**

**\*Staff will be working away from their desks and phones**

## Important Information from the Office

**First Day of School**

**2024-2024**

Wednesday, August 14th

**Open House Save the Date**

Elementary: Monday, August 12th

Middle: Tuesday, August 13th

## Happy Retirement!

Congratulations to Whiteside's 2024 retirees:

Debbie Cobb (ES Paraprofessional)

Kristy Frazer (ESP Coordinator)

Melissa Grindstaff (MS Math Teacher)

## Summer Office Hours

The District, Middle, and Elementary offices will have the following Summer hours

June and July

Monday - Thursday

8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Lunch: Noon - 1:00 PM

# Congratulations 2024 Graduates

Whiteside School District was pleased to graduate 128 students on May 14th. We wish all of our graduates a fun summer and our best in their future endeavors. The following 8th Graders received special recognition:

## Citizenship Award

Offers recognition for those youth with good character and patriotism.

### **Winners**

Redmond Jung

Mckenzie Lewis

### **Runner-Up:**

Sam Smith

Zariyah Bunton

## Whiteside Federation of Teachers (WFT) Award

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

Maya Dunn

Jacob Romine

## Illinois Principal Association Awards

Paul Davis  
McKenzie Lewis

## Presidential Excellence Awards

Science - Caliyah Fragale  
Social Studies - McKenzie Lewis  
Math - Dean Redd  
Composition - Elaina Lercher  
Literature - Nakiya Davis  
PE - Paul Davis and Hailey Perosa  
Art - Carter Kimbrow  
Band - Redmond Jung

## Straight "A" Recognition

Zoe Bell  
Malia Brewer  
Nakiya Davis  
Kahmaree Marrow  
Caitrin Melvin  
Dean Redd  
Rachel Reid

## Presidential Achievement Awards

Kahmaree Marrow, An'Jae Wilson, Paul Davis, Zamora Davis, Johnathan Powers, Chico Austin, Mariana Eickhoff, Aeriana Williams, Ben Bauman

## Jim Burns Leadership Award, Southern Illinois Junior High School Athletic Association

Keh'Mari Henderson

## Racial Harmony Award

Malia Brewer

# May

## Student of the Month

Congratulations to the following middle school students who were selected by their teachers.

**Simon Hunt**

**Malia Brewer**

**Aeriana Williams**

**Ruben Vasquez**

### Pre-Kindergarten Screenings

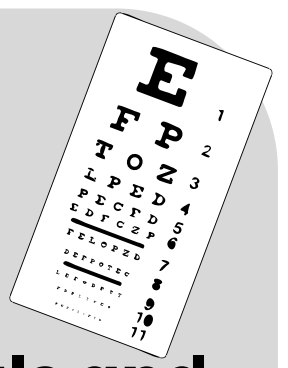
PreK and Early Childhood programs are available for Whiteside School District residents who will be 3 or 4 on or before Sept. 1, 2024 for the 2024-2025 school year.

Screenings will take place on August 15th. Please call the elementary office at 618-239-0000 opt. 2 to make an appointment. Children must have already turned 3 to be screened.

Our PreK and Early Childhood are half day programs that meet Monday - Friday according to the District Calendar. Please contact the office with any questions.



## NURSES' NOTES



**Please bring new and updated physicals and immunization records to in person registration or email copies to Nurse Heather at [heather.kypta@wssd115.org](mailto:heather.kypta@wssd115.org).**

**Nurse Crystal is low on clothing items: shirts (long and short sleeves) and pants (leggings, shorts and jeans). As you clean out closets, please consider donating items to the Middle School Nurse.**

**6th Grade Students need a Physical Exam that must be completed within one calendar year prior to the start of school as well as proof of one dose of Tdap Vaccine and one dose of MCV4 (meningococcal conjugate vaccine) vaccine on or after the 11th birthday.**

~Nurse Heather

~Nurse Crystal

### Extended **S**chool **P**rogram

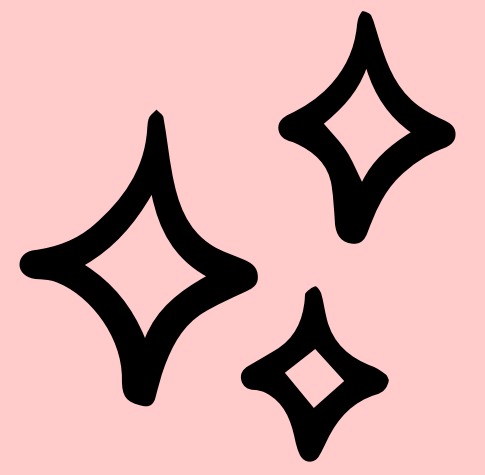
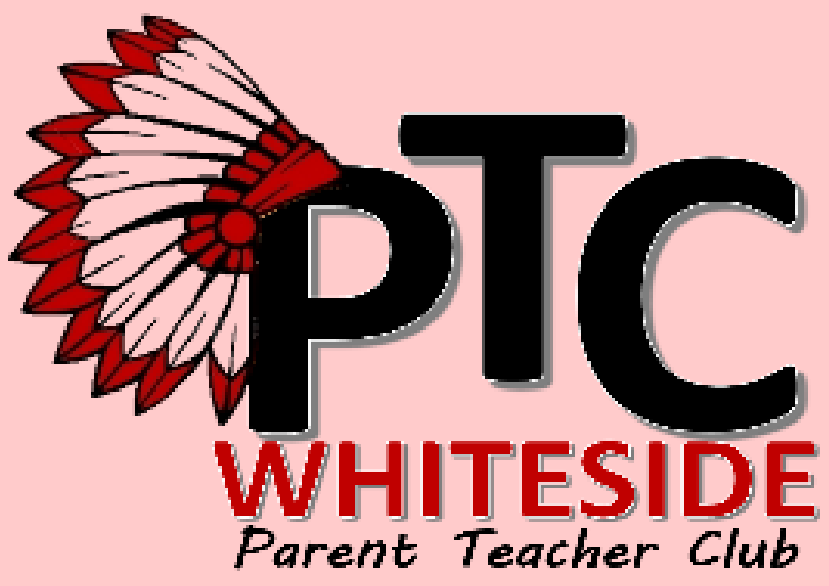
- ESP Registration for the 2024-2025 School Year at in-person registration
  - July 10th 8:00 am - 7:00 pm
  - July 18th 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- Please email [kristy.frazer@wssd115.org](mailto:kristy.frazer@wssd115.org) if you have any questions.

## School Supply Drive

Please help the middle school counselor and social worker restock school supplies for the 2024-2025 school year. Your donation helps financially struggling students be prepared with the materials they need for successful learning! Donations can be dropped off at the front office during summer hours (Monday-Thursday 8 a.m.-3 p.m.) or when school resumes in August. Please include Ms. Selliers's or Mrs. Spiller's name on the bag to ensure your donation reaches us. Every item helps and is very appreciated, thank you!

### Most Needed Items:

Lined Index Cards, Glue Sticks, Crayons, Markers, Colored Pencils, Mechanical Pencils, Folders with prongs, Binder with strap



# PTC Corner



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday, June 2 – Summer Planning Meeting for 2024-2025
  - Location TBD – skyward blast will go out soon
  - 2:30 PM
  - Join us in planning out the 2024-2025 Calendar of Events, select event leads, and work on our 2024-2025 budget.

## 2024-2025 BOARD

### **Congratulations to our upcoming PTC Board for 2024-2025**

Pres: Sarah Odens  
VP: Jami Houston  
Treas: Kimberlee Hicks  
Sec: Needed

please continue to contact the board at  
[whitesideptc@wssd115.org](mailto:whitesideptc@wssd115.org)

## **Judy Plassmeyer Exceptional Service Award**

*10 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) with special needs. The 2023-2024 nominees were: Deann Doolittle, Taryn Howell, Yvonne Morrison, Cody Schmitz, Jessica Fagan, Debbie Cobb, Jenny Bassler, Raelene Krause, Candice Pajda, and Cassie Downs. Raelene Krause 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.*

# Athletic Area

## Thank you Spring Sports Coaches!

We finished up an amazing Track and Golf season this spring. Thank you to all of our spring coaches

## Summer Sports Tryouts

See the information below about dates and times for upcoming softball and baseball tryouts. All students wishing to tryout must have all fees paid and must have an updated 2024-2025 sports packet turned in by Wednesday, July 24th to the middle school office. More information about Cross Country tryouts and sports packet due dates will be available in August.

## 2024-2025 Sports Packets

Sports Packets will be available on the website and in the Middle School office. All students must have a new 2024-2025 packet turned into the office to try out for any and all sports in the 2024-2025 school year.

-Athletic Director Joe Glynn



BELLEVILLE EAST  
BASKETBALL/COMPETITIVE  
CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS



# THE LANCERS

FIND INFO USING THE QR CODE



CLINICS: MAY 14-15TH  
TRYOUTS: MAY 16TH  
LOCATION: ANNEX GYM

# SUMMER SPORTS TRYOUTS

## BASEBALL

## SOFTBALL

### Incoming 5th - 8th Grade

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Monday, July 29  
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Monday, July 29  
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Tuesday, July 30  
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Tuesday, July 30  
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

# SOS

## Sacks of Summer

We are so happy to announce the return of our SOS lunch program. This collaborative effort between Whiteside and five local area churches will bring free sack lunches directly to several Whiteside neighborhoods this summer. Beginning on June 3rd, if you live near the following drop-off points, be on the lookout. Church personnel will continue to follow the summer deliver route as in past years. Below is a list of the stops during this program.

1. Oxen and Ganim @ 12:15 pm
2. Sierra Park @ 12:25 pm
3. Patrick and Winthrop @ 12:35 pm
4. Yorkshire Apartments @ 12:40 pm
5. Eastview Drive @ 12:50 pm

Lunches will be served Monday - Friday June 3rd - August 9th\*,\*\*. Just listen for the horn and then join us. Remember to hurry because we won't be waiting at those spots very long.

\*Lunches will be served on June 19th, Juneteenth, as per usual.  
\*\*Two lunches will be served July 3rd as no lunches will be served July 4th, Independence Day.

We, at Whiteside, wish to express our sincere appreciation to Cornerstone Christian Church, Belleville First Church of the Nazarene, Faith Family Church, Towerview Baptist Church, Living Hope, and Whiteside's NJHS for their volunteer efforts and generosity. If you have any questions or wish to make a contribution, please contact the district office.

## Summer of IXL

Don't Forget!!

During the summer, all students will have access to IXL for practicing math and reading skills. Login from the app on any phone, tablet, or computer.

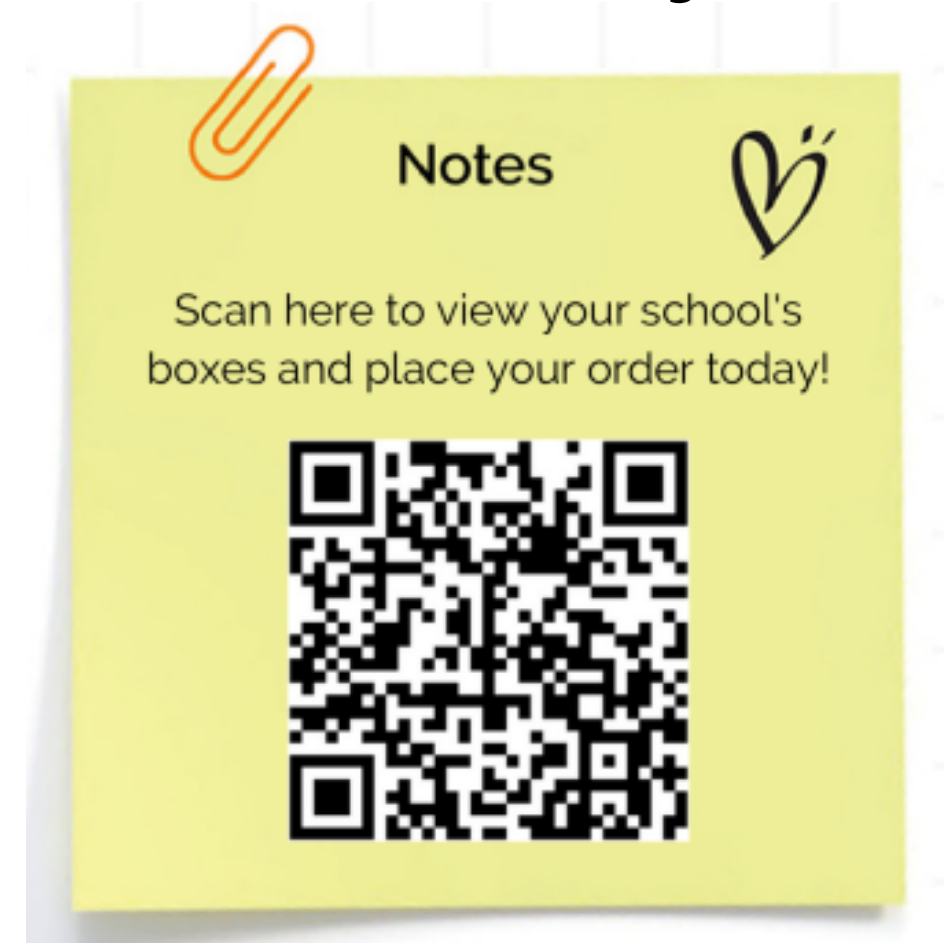
Elementary School Student Goal: 500 minutes over the summer at your current levels!

Contact [Kelly.Brodzik@wssd115.org](mailto:Kelly.Brodzik@wssd115.org) for your login credentials.

## School Tool Box

### School Supplies

#### Elementary



#### Middle



## Summer Breakfast Program

Whiteside will be offering free summer breakfasts on weekdays beginning June 3.

Students and community youth ages 18 and under can get a free sack breakfast. Pick up your breakfast at the elementary school MPR between 8:30 and 9:00 AM.

# Registration 24-25

## Returning Student

### Online Registration

- Dates:
  - June 3 - June 28
  - Use your Skyward Parent Log In
    - Contact the office if you need your password reset.
- Documents:
  - Two Current Proofs of Residency
    - (June 2024)
    - \*Current Utility Bills
    - \*Current Mortgage Statement
    - \*Current Property Tax
  - Most Recent Physical and Immunization Records
    - Bring physical copies to your child's building office
    - Email scanned copies to [heather.kypta@wssd115.org](mailto:heather.kypta@wssd115.org)

### In-Person Registration

- Dates:
  - July 10, 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM
  - July 18, 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM
  - Both dates hosted at Middle School
- Documents:
  - Two Current Proofs of Residency
    - (July 2024)
    - \*Current Utility Bills
    - \*Current Mortgage Statement
    - \*Current Property Tax
  - Most Recent Physical and Immunization Records
    - Bring physical copies
- ID Pictures for 5th-8th students will be taken

## New Student

- Dates:
  - In-Person Registration (hosted at Middle School)
    - July 10, 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM
    - July 18, 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM
  - Summer Office Hours
    - PreK-4 at Elementary School
    - 5-8 at Middle School
      - June and July
      - Monday - Thursdays (closed Fridays)
      - 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM, lunch noon - 1:00
- Documents:
  - Certified Birth Certificate
    - \*if applicable Most Recent Custody Documents
  - Proofs of Residency
    - \*Mortgage Statement/ Closing documents/ Property Tax or Lease Agreement AND Occupancy Permit
    - \*Two Current Utility Bills
  - Most Recent Physical and Immunization Records
    - \*Students coming from out of state need to have a Physical on the IL. Certified Form

**Whiteside School District #115  
2024-2025 School Calendar**

August	12	Teacher Institute - <u>No Student Attendance</u> Elementary Open House - TBD
	13	Teacher Institute - <u>No Student Attendance</u> Middle School Open House - TBD
	14	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)
	15	<u>Kindergarten - Only Last names L-Z attend</u>
	21	Early Dismissal (1:45 pm - Middle School / 2:00 pm Elementary School)
September	2	Labor Day - <u>No School</u>
	4	Early Dismissal (1:45 pm - Middle School / 2:00 pm Elementary School)
	18	Early Dismissal (1:45 pm - Middle School / 2:00 pm Elementary School)
October	2	Early Dismissal (1:45 pm - Middle School / 2:00 pm Elementary School)
	11	End of 1st Quarter
	14	Columbus Day - <u>No School</u>
	16	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
	24	Early Dismissal (1:45 pm - Middle School / 2:00 pm Elementary School) Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00 pm - 7:30 pm
	25	Teacher Conference Day - <u>No School</u>
November	4	<u>No School</u>
	5	<u>No School</u> - Election Day Holiday
	11	<u>No School</u> - Veterans' Day Observation
	20	Early Dismissal (1:45 pm - Middle School / 2:00 pm Elementary School)
	27 - 29	Thanksgiving Break - <u>No School</u>
December	4	Early Dismissal (1:45 pm - Middle School / 2:00 pm Elementary School)
	18	Early Dismissal (1:45 pm - Middle School / 2:00 pm Elementary School)
	20	End of 2nd Quarter
	23	First Day of Winter Break - <u>No School</u>
January	6	Teacher Institute - <u>No School</u>
	7	School Resumes
	15	Early Dismissal (1:45 pm - Middle School / 2:00 pm Elementary School)
	20	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - <u>No School</u>
February	5	Early Dismissal (1:45 pm - Middle School / 2:00 pm Elementary School)
	17	Presidents' Day - <u>No School</u>
	19	Early Dismissal (1:45 pm - Middle School / 2:00 pm Elementary School)
	28	End of 3rd Quarter
March	4	Early Dismissal (1:45 pm - Middle School / 2:00 pm Elementary School) Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00 pm - 7:30 pm
	5	Early Dismissal (1:45 pm - Middle School / 2:00 pm Elementary School)
	6	Early Dismissal (1:45 pm - Middle School / 2:00 pm Elementary School) Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00 pm - 7:30 pm
	7	Teacher Conference Day - <u>No School</u>
	19	Early Dismissal (1:45 pm - Middle School / 2:00 pm Elementary School)
	28	<u>No School</u> - Teacher Institute Day
April	2	Early Dismissal (1:45 pm - Middle School / 2:00 pm Elementary School)
	16	Early Dismissal (1:45 pm - Middle School / 2:00 pm Elementary School)
	17 - 21	<u>No School</u> - Spring Break
May	7	Early Dismissal (1:45 pm - Middle School / 2:00 pm Elementary School)
	21	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)
	29	Last Day of attendance IF 5 emergency days used 11:15 Dismissal - Middle School / 11:30 Dismissal Elementary School (no lunch)