

# THE WARRIOR

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## Students Show School Spirit

### MATH TEAM CALCULATES THEIR WAY TO VICTORY

By: Keara Connolly

The Whiteside Math Team recently competed at the Belleville East Feeder Competition. The calculator team of Dylan Ambrow, Taja Hawkins, Tristan Melvin and Keara Connolly got third place. Dylan Ambrow also placed tenth in the individual testing for eighth grade. The team is very different from last year's team, having a lot of younger minds. Mrs. Neville was proud of the team as she thought about this year's team and their recent competition. Mrs. Neville said that this year's team is different because it is younger.



The Math Team is great at working together and using their brains to solve math equations. Pictured: Meera Mohammad, Tristan Melvin, Dan Scott, Samantha Tichenal, Allison Brown, Dylan Ambrow, Taja Hawkins, Keara Connolly and Brianna Ossman

She said that last year they had a majority eighth grade team but this year the team has more sixth graders. Mrs. Neville said that having a younger team is not a bad thing because they will have more experience in years to come. Mrs. Neville said she was happy with the way

the team did at the recent competition. She said, "The seventh and eighth grades improved their individual scores and the sixth graders did well too." Mrs. Neville said that for the next competition and the next season the team should improve on the variety of types of problems solved.

### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAMS OFF TO A GREAT START

By: Sydney Euchner

The 7th and 8th grade Volleyball Teams have been working hard in practice. Last weekend the 8th graders played in the Whiteside Volleyball Jamboree and came in second place. Coach Dana Andrews said, "This year's team is full of talent and potential. As a team, these players have big goals and are working hard to achieve them. I am looking forward to a successful season for both the 7th and 8th grade teams!" They will continue to work hard. This week the two teams will battle against Wolf Branch in the first game of the Conference Season. Good Luck Girls!



Scholar Bowl Team takes a brain break in the library. Members pictured: Jack Tock, Morgan Ruesink, Amber Lankford, Deshawn Ware, Baylie Stald, Miles Carpenter, Danil Mosely, Athena Ballard and Alex Petraborg

### SCHOLAR BOWL TEAM

By: Meera Mohammad

The Whiteside Scholar Bowl has some amazing team members. They are very intelligent people. I spoke to some of them and here is what we found out. I asked why some of the team members joined. Alex Petraborg said, "I felt like I didn't have enough to do." I also asked Baylie Stald the same question and she said, "I thought that it would be a great way to meet new people and prepare me for high school." I asked Athena Ballard if she was nervous taking the entry test and she said, "Always was and always will be." Overall the team has won one out of the three competitions but will continue to work hard and show everyone what great students are on the Whiteside Scholar Bowl team. The team is sponsored by Mrs. Bolding. Mrs. Bolding has been the Scholar Bowl sponsor for nine years.

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## WELCOME NURSE CARRIE TO WHITESIDE

By: Jaclyn Jolly

If you guys have not noticed or just have not been in the nurse's office this year we have a new nurse. Nurse Carrie Staggs, is the new school nurse, and she comes to us with a lot of practice. She said, "I started working here because I worked with adults at Saint Louis University, SLU Hospital, and wanted the opportunity to work with children, and my daughter Alanna is here." Currently, Nurse Carrie is working on completing her degree as a family nurse practitioner. Nurse Carrie said she enjoys working at Whiteside and helping the students, teachers and staff. "I love it here," she said. So, if you want, the next time you are feeling under the weather or just want to say hello, stop by the nurse's office.



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## DANCE TEAM HAS SCHOOL SPIRIT

By: Jaclyn Jolly

Whiteside Middle School has a lot of school spirit and the Dance Team shows it. The Dance Team performs at the 8th grade boys' basketball home games during halftime. The Dance Team is coached by Mrs. King and Mrs. Flint. Mrs. King said, "When I was in college, my senior year, I coached our (college) dance team." Some of you already know she is a great teacher, but what some people might not know is that she is also an amazing dance coach. She said, "I love coaching them. I just love seeing the dance come to life from imagination, to what the dancers look like." If you want to sign up next year go ahead, the dances are great and the coaches are great. Mrs. King said, "I plan on continuing to coach the dance team as long as there is interest."



Dance Team Members: Amber Lankford, Mackenzie Clark, Ashley Updike, Allison Brown, Cami Miller, Lyonah Williams, Alesia Perkins, Kyndra Small, Niyah Donaldson

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Mr. Murakami's homeroom shows it's cool to be kind.

## CHOOSE KIND

By: Keara Connolly

Last week Whiteside Middle School students went all out to show our kindness. Throughout the week, if you were seen doing an outstanding act of kindness you were given a kindness ticket. On Monday we kicked off the week showing our "Oceans of Kindness" and wore blue. Walking through the halls I felt like I was in an ocean full of kindness. Tuesday, we wore sunglasses to show that "It's Cool To Be Kind". Walking through the halls there were so many sunglasses it looked like we were back at the solar eclipse. On Wednesday wore sports gear showing our support to "Team Kindness." It looked like there was about five different league championships going on. On Thursday we wore crazy socks, hair, or neon because we are "Crazy for Kindness". There were so many crazy socks, hairdos, and neon that it looked like we could start a circus. On Friday we wore hip hop or hippie gear. There were a lot of people in hip hop gear but there were some hippies. Over the week Whiteside showed a lot of kindness. Let's continue to show that kindness!