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Students Dance The Night Away

BOWLING ALONG

By: Katie Morris

The Whiteside Bowling Team shows that not only are they great bowlers but they are great competitors. During a bowling match against Wolf Branch, Zazmyn Skipwith was positive about her team and said they work really well together. Even though the team is not undefeated they are still doing great. Skipwith is very optimistic about the season. She said matches are fun and bowlers should just do what they do best. She said, "Don't take it that hard because everyone is nervous; especially the newcomers." Skipwith said the team has been doing well at practice and needs to give it their all at games.



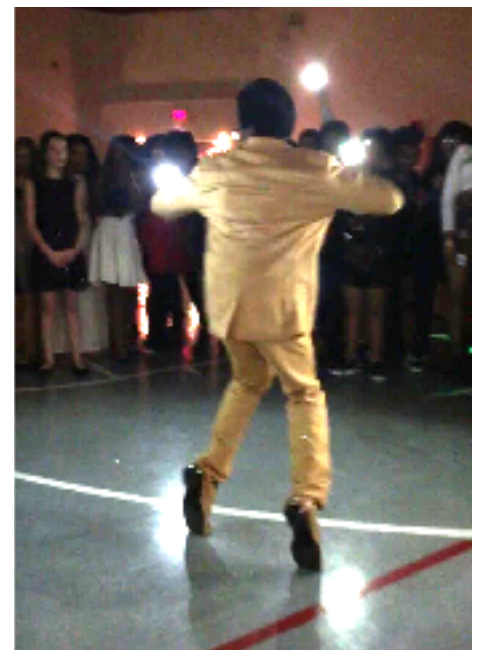
The Bowling Team is bowling their way to victory this season. Pictured: Sam Titchenal, Cohen Kolmer, Gavin Rask, Ben Siebecker, Zazmyn Skipwith, Dallas Jones, Myles Chavez, Katie Morris, Debra Williams, Mercedes Rucker, Wesley Kimble, Connor Becker-Pecina, Xavier Ware, Zach Schubert and Coach Jacob.

The Bowling Team has been coached by Mr. Jacob for four years. Jacob is looking forward to a great bowling season and said all the students were selected for the team because they had the highest scores. Bowling season runs through March.

P.E. UNIFORMS ARE JUST PART OF P.E.

By: Jada Gray

If you are in sixth through eighth grade you have to wear uniforms in P.E. The students commonly refer to it as "dressing out." Basically, students have to change out of their school clothes into a specific school issued uniform that consists of a grey Whiteside t-shirt and black athletic shorts. AnnaRose McManus said she likes P.E. and does not really mind having to dress out. "I have no problem with it," she said. However she said she could understand how some people might not like it. "People can judge others about their bodies and make fun of them for changing in the stalls." Daniel Scott said P.E. uniforms help students. "People can't make fun of you for what you wear," he said. Scott and McManus both agreed the uniforms don't fit well. "They're either baggy or small," Scott said. McManus added, "They have bland colors." Uniforms are purchased at the beginning of the year and cost \$15. Students can purchase uniforms all year long for that price or pay \$7.50 for each piece separately.



Students have a blast dancing the night away at the 7th and 8th Grade Dance

7TH AND 8TH GRADE DANCE IS A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

By: Meera Mohammad

This year's 7/8 Grade Spring Dance was a popular and happy night. The night started with music, snacks, and a lot of laughter. Everyone was dressed to impress and ready to dance. Soon the majority of students ended up on the dance floor. Whether they were watching others dance, or dancing themselves, it was a fun night. The music kept spirits high and happy. The night ended with a dance circle. Students would enter the circle and a dance battle followed. Overall the night was a success.

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WELCOME MRS. AMY STERTHMAN TO WHITESIDE

By: Jada Gray

Mrs. Amy Sterthman is the new District Secretary for Whiteside 115. She works in the first office when you enter the building. She said she really enjoys working here and keeps busy. She describes her days as, "very busy, but fun." She said she enjoys helping students and their families. "I like interacting with parents and kids," she said. Mrs. Amy is very helpful and, just like Mrs. Tami, is able to help students with things needed in the office. As everyone knows she takes lunch money and money to pay fees. In addition to that, Mrs. Amy said, "I answer the phones, the door, and I do the newsletter." She said her favorite part of her job is, "The newsletter and being able to work at a school."

Mrs. Amy said the students at Whiteside are very respectful to her. Her job requires her to keep track of all the money and if you haven't made your way to the front office to see her yet, you should try to at least wave hello when you walk by.



Mrs. Amy works at her desk in the front office at Whiteside Middle School processing students' lunch accounts and school fees.

MATH TEAM ADDS UP THEIR WINS

By: Keara Connolly

The Math Team competed in the Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, SIUE, MathCounts competition on February 3. Team member Dylan Ambrow placed in the individual round. He said that some of the questions were difficult but they got progressively harder as you went on. Math Team Sponsor Mrs. Neville said that the team always gives their best. In this competition, they were looking for the best of the best in the area. Neville said, "The team worked very well together and became better test takers since the last competition." Overall the math team had a great season and the students can't wait to see what they can do next year. Good job everyone!

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Whiteside Middle School teachers wear blue, choose kind shirts Inspired by the book Wonder.

WONDER THE MOVIE VERSUS THE BOOK

EDITOR'S COLUMN

By: Keara Connolly

Most of us have all read the well-known book *Wonder* about a boy, August Pullman, who is just starting public school. Recently it was made into a movie that was good but not as good as the book. They definitely left out some great parts like the movie industry does with about every book made into a movie. The sixth graders took a field trip to see the movie together at Marcus Theatres before winter break. Emma Crask said that her favorite part of the book was when August won an award at his school, but in the movie, it was when August stood up for his friends at the retreat. She told me that her favorite parts were different because it showed more detail in the movie when August stood up for his friends. Allison Brown said that the biggest difference between the book and movie that she saw was that the book had more detail. Overall, both the movie and the book are great and for anyone who has not already, you should definitely read the book then see the movie and see what you think.