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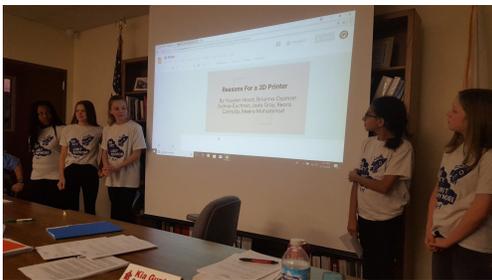
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Students Get WMS A 3D Printer

STUDENTS REQUEST 3D PRINTER FOR WMS

By: Meera Mohammad

On February 17, a group of girls went to SIUE for Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day with Mrs. Runyan and Mrs. Laurent. The students attending were introduced to several ideas and concepts. One of them was information about using a 3D printer. Hayden Hood, Brianna Ossman, Sydney Euchner, Jada Gray, Keara Connolly, and Meera Mohammad all thought it would be a good idea to get a 3D printer for the school. The group of students decided to present to the Board and PTC about funding their concept. "We have received funding for the printer from the PTC," Keara said. The groups expressed their appreciation to everyone who helped them in this endeavor. In the future the girls hope to create an engineering club and teach students about engineering.



Hayden Hood, Brianna Ossman, Sydney Euchner, Jada Gray, Keara Connolly, and Meera Mohammad presenting to the Board of Education about the benefits of a 3D printer at Whiteside Middle School.

BASKETBALL TEAM ENDS SEASON

By: Meera Mohammad

There is no doubt that our Whiteside Middle School 7/8 grade boys basketball team is awesome. They practice hard and have a great coach. Mr. Harpstrite has a lot of experience playing and coaching. He said, "I played basketball in middle school and through high school and he likes working with the kids outside of school." Harpstrite is a big fan of the game and said he is really proud of his team. He also said that the team did very well this season and that they got really close to meeting their ultimate goal, winning the Regional Championship. They got in but lost sadly. Harpstrite said that this season they improved and he said that as the year went on they showed improvement and that was because they worked hard in practice. They ended the season with 15 wins. Overall the team put forth lots of effort, they worked hard in practice, and they kept positive attitudes.



Mrs. Allison and her class pose with the flag United States Air Force Captain Steve Keck sent them. He flew the flag over Syria and Iraq.

STUDENTS CONNECT WITH ACTIVE MILITARY

By: Meera Mohammad

Recently Mrs. Allison's fifth grade class sent a feel less homesick package to her cousin, Steve Keck, who is Captain in the United States Air Force. Keck is stationed overseas and has been there for almost a year. He also recently got married before he was stationed. Mrs. Allison asked her class to brainstorm ways to make him feel better about being away from his family. The students decided to write him a letter. A few weeks later they got a letter back. It had a certificate, a letter answering some questions and an American flag he flew in his F-15 Strike Eagle Jet over Iraq and Syria. The flag hangs in her classroom. Keck wrote, "Knowing that our country is filled with great kids like you makes all of the difficult parts of my job worth doing."

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Law & Order: Fairy Tale Unit Wows

By: Jada Gray

April 20, was the middle school play production of Law and Order: Fairy Tale Unit. The show was directed by Mrs. Phillips and Mr. Poettgen. Phillips said the play was fantastic and the actors did great. She said, "The play was very good. No one missed their lines, everyone was on cue." She said it is difficult to find a play every year that will appeal to a wide audience. "We want to find something funny that all age groups will enjoy and something with a big cast size because there is always a big interest." This year's cast and crew had about 50 students. Cast members must be in sixth through eighth grades and crew is fifth through eighth graders. Phillips said it takes a lot of time and commitment for the play to go well. The cast and crew did an excellent job once again this year!



Whiteside Middle School students watch the first performance of the school play Law and Order: Fairy Tale Unit.

Geography Fair

By: Jada Gray

The eighth grade geography fair was held on April 25 and once again it impressed. Eighth grade Social Studies Teacher Mrs. Mertens spearheads the project. She said she was very pleased with the students' work this year. "I was so excited this year because the projects were by far the best we have ever had." Mertens said, "The boards and costumes were great, and some of the flags were so creative. I loved trying the food and hearing music from the different countries." Students worked on their project this entire semester. The middle school students and staff were invited to view the completed projects before the official Geography Fair that was held later in the evening for parents and family members

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Whiteside Middle School students celebrate Special Olympics 50th Anniversary at Touch of Nature in Giant City, IL.

HAMILTON REVIEW EDITOR'S COLUMN

By: Keara Connolly

Some of you may not know what Hamilton is. Hamilton: An American Musical is a musical by Lin Manuel Miranda. It was recently at the Fox Theatre in St. Louis as part of the Broadway series. It is about one of our less known founding fathers, Alexander Hamilton. The musical follows the life of Hamilton when he comes to America, helps the colonies declare their independence from Britain, and his life after the war. In the eyes of an insane fan of Hamilton, the first act of the show is definitely better. In the second act Hamilton ruins his career and too many people die. If you have not listened to the soundtrack you definitely should. Hamilton won 11 Tony awards including Best Musical and Pulitzer Prize for Drama.