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Congratulations Graduates!

A FINAL FAREWELL TO DR. HASENSTAB

By: Jaclyn Jolly

Say farewell to Dr. Hasenstab, she has served an outstanding 17 years here with us and will be missed dearly. Hasenstab said, "Working at Whiteside has been a wonderful experience for me. I've met incredible students and their families. I've also had the privilege of spending my workdays with phenomenal teachers, administrators and staff members. All have brought laughter and joy into my world." GO Team got to experience how much fun Hasenstab is outside her office. Hasenstab said, "Having Willie here has been so much fun for both of us. Watching students come up to him is great because he's such a good dog he's easy to bring to school and he's very disappointed on the days he's left behind." We all know that Hasenstab helps us all and this is how she felt about it. "Helping kids is an honor. Nothing makes me happier than knowing the students trust me enough to share their stories. I love to help them but I also love helping them learn to solve their own problems." She said she's going to miss us. "The thing that I'll miss most about leaving Whiteside is not getting to be part of the exciting things that will be taking place here in the future. I'm so proud of your hard work, kindness, courage and humor," she said. Hasenstab is excited about starting a new chapter which includes traveling and spending time with Willie.

TRACK TEAM DASHES TO STATE

By: Jada Gray

Whiteside Track Team had a great run this year. Coach Connolly said, "The girls track team had an awesome season this year. The girls on our 4x100 and 4x200 relay teams qualified for state." Connolly said. Those teams include Danae Conway, Essence Ocean, Aalayah Smith and Dasia Napper. The girls even broke the WMS record for the girls 4x200. Danae even qualified for state. Both Danae and Dasia said they loved track and the season went well. They both agreed that Marion was their toughest competition this year. Dasia runs the 4x100 and 4x200. Danae runs the 4x100, 4x200, and the 100 meter. The boys track team also did wonderful and had a lot of wins. Coach Griffith said, "The boys this year have great work ethic and have achieved many of their goals." At the conference meet Jordan Stauder placed 5th in long jump and 6th in shot put. Adam Merchiori placed 6th in the mile. The boys 4x400 relay team placed 6th. That team includes Jamal Dixon, Andrew Combs, Kenneth Donald, and Kaleel Waller. Connolly said she really enjoys coaching. She said, "I chose to coach track because I love running and want to share that love with others." Griffith also wants to help the young athletes. "My main goal as a coach is to help our athletes develop their character and learn to work for the things they dream about." Good job to all the track athletes this year!



Friends and classmates Ellie Lawrence, Amber Lankford and Morgan Ruesink pose for a quick picture while taking graduation photos in the gym before Graduation Day.

GOODBYE AND BEST WISHES 8TH GRADERS

By: Meera Mohammad

The Whiteside 8th grade class of 2018 is graduating today. We wish them the best of luck in high school and their futures. Hopefully, when they think back to their time here at WMS they will remember good times, laughs with friends, supportive teachers and fond memories. Caden Burns said he is excited about starting his next chapter. "I had a lot of fun here but I am ready to go to high school," he said. Kendal Clay is also happy to graduate. "I'm sad to let Whiteside go but I am excited to start on this new journey," she said. Ashley Updike said she is ready for the new experiences high school will offer. "I really appreciate all the staff and teachers who have helped us get where we are. We are going to miss everyone."

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WELCOME TO THE BOARD MR. EUCHNER

By: Sydney Euchner

Rod Euchner is one of the newest members of the Whiteside School Board. The School Board oversees all aspects of Whiteside District 115. Euchner wanted to join the Board because he wanted to be active in the community and support our district. "I wanted to play a part in making sure our community's children have a safe environment, challenging teachers and a financially strong school district," he said. Euchner said when you think of a school board you think of people who make the rules of the school. "The school Board has many responsibilities," Euchner continues, "A few responsibilities are establishing policies and budgets. The Board also sets goals and evaluates progress towards these goals. We also evaluate the district's superintendent and assists in student disciplinary actions." The Board also helps with "negotiating teacher contracts." Euchner said that is how teachers have jobs at Whiteside. We are looking forward to seeing what the Whiteside School Board will bring our school next.



The Concert Band takes First Division at the Six Flags Music Festival. Concert Band is made up of 7th and 8th graders.

BAND WINS AT SIX FLAGS COMPETITION

By: Keara Connolly

On Friday, April 27, the Whiteside Middle School Band competed in a contest at Six Flags. The Six Flags Musical Festival brought middle school bands from five states to compete. And the Whiteside Middle School band did not disappoint. They played three songs; "Zia Zia" which is a Spanish march, "Prairie Songs" and "Rampage!" The WMS band got a First Division on all of three of their songs from all the judges. The band has done great this year and their final concert was held on May 16. Band Director Mrs. Korak said the Concert Band members did a great job all year. "The Concert Band is made up of 7th and 8th graders who are dedicated to their performance. They really took it to the next level at the contest and made Whiteside proud."

LIBRARY SUMMER HOURS EDITOR'S COLUMN

By: Keara Connolly

Everyone gets bored over the summer. Even though we all wish for summer all year, you get bored with it at some time. If you ever get bored this summer you can come up to school and check out books from the library from June 5 to July 25. Every Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 am to 12 pm you can go to the library and check out books. Mrs Mertens said, "I love the library being open because it allows me to check out or order new books all summer. I like to stop in the library when I'm up at school, a couple times throughout the summer. The newest book is War Storm. It is the 4th book in the Red Queen series and it came out on Tuesday, May 15. I am re-reading the series right now in preparation and can not wait! I know Mrs. King, Mrs. Mertens and Mrs. Flint are also reading it! Remember, if you ever get bored this summer, head up to the elementary school library and check out some books!

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