

WHITESIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT #115

Smoke Signals – October 2018

Mrs. Peggy Burke, Superintendent

Whiteside Elementary School

Mr. Nathan Rakers, Principal

Mr. Kevin Johnson, Assistant Principal

Whiteside Middle School

Mrs. Monica Laurent, Principal

Mr. Jaime Cotto, Assistant Principal

Calendar of Events – October 2018

- 1 7th Grade **Boys'** Basketball Tryouts: 3:00-4:30 p.m. (Gym)
8th Grade **Boys'** Basketball Tryouts: 4:30-6:00 p.m. (Gym)
7th Grade **Girls'** Basketball Tryouts: 3:00-4:30 p.m. (MPR)
8th Grade **Girls'** Basketball Tryouts : 4:30-6:00 p.m. (MPR)
- 2 Fall Sports Celebration 6:00 p.m.
GO Team Meeting 3:00 p.m.
- 3 Photo Club Meeting 3:00 p.m.
Robotics Team Meeting 3:00 p.m.
8th Grade **Boys'** Basketball Tryouts: 3:00-4:30 p.m. (MPR)
7th Grade **Boys'** Basketball Tryouts: 4:30-6:00 p.m. (MPR)
8th Grade **Girls'** Basketball Tryouts: 3:00-4:30 p.m. (Gym)
7th Grade **Girls'** Basketball Tryouts: 4:30-6:00 p.m. (Gym)
- 4 Art Club Meeting 3:00 p.m.
- 8 **NO SCHOOL – COLUMBUS DAY**
- 9 Broadcasting Club Meeting 3:00 p.m.
GO Team Meeting 3:00 p.m.
Robotics Team Meeting 3:00 p.m.
5th Grade Book Club Meeting 3:00 p.m.
5th Grade **Girls'** Basketball Tryouts: 3:00-4:45 p.m. (Elem.)
6th Grade **Girls'** Basketball Tryouts: 4:45-6:00 p.m. (Elem.)
- 10 Student Council Meeting 3:00 p.m.
Robotics Team Meeting 3:00 p.m.
5th Grade **Girls'** Basketball Tryouts: 3:00-4:45 p.m. (Elem.)
6th Grade **Girls'** Basketball Tryouts: 4:45-6:00 p.m. (Elem.)
- 11 Middle School Picture Day
Art Club Meeting 3:00 p.m.
6th Grade Book Club Meeting 3 p.m.
Newspaper Meeting 3:00 p.m.
5th Grade **Boys'** Basketball Tryouts: 3:30-4:45 p.m. (Elem.)
6th Grade **Boys'** Basketball Tryouts: 4:45-6:00 p.m. (Elem.)
- 12 Elementary School Picture Day
End of 1st Quarter
5th Grade **Boys'** Basketball Tryouts: 4:45-6:00 p.m. (Elem.)
6th Grade **Boys'** Basketball Tryouts: 3:30-4:45 p.m. (Elem.)
- 15 Robotics Team Meeting 3:00 p.m.
Science Club Meeting 3:00 p.m.
- 16 7th Grade **Girls'** BB Tourney at EMGE (16th-18th)
7th Grade **Boys'** BB Tourney at Home (16th-18th)
GO Team Meeting 3:00 p.m.
Robotics Team Meeting 3:00 p.m.
- 17 **EARLY DISMISSAL (2:00 P.M.)**
- 18 Art Club Meeting 3:00 p.m.
- 22 8th Grade **Girls'** BB Tourney at Central of O'Fallon (22nd-25th)
8th Grade **Boys'** BB Tourney at Central Jr. High (22nd-25th)
Robotics Team Meeting 3:00 p.m.
- 23 Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:30 p.m.
Robotics Team Meeting 3:00 p.m.
- 24 Robotics Team Meeting 3:00 p.m.

25 NO SCHOOL

Parent-Teacher Conferences 8:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

26 NO SCHOOL

29 Robotics Team Meeting 3:00 p.m.

30 5/6 Grade **Girls'** BB at Home 4:00 p.m.

5/6 Grade **Boys'** BB at Wolf Branch 4:00 p.m.

7/8 Grade **Girls'** BB at Home 6:00 p.m.

7/8 Grade **Boys'** BB at Wolf Branch 6:00 p.m.

31 Robotics Team Meeting 3:00 p.m.

Fundraiser!

YANKEE CANDLE®

America's Best Loved Candle

Thanks to everyone who helped make our fall Elementary School Yankee Candle Fundraiser a huge success! Proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to help update classroom technology. Once a pick up date has been established, a notification will be sent home.



October 23rd

4:00-7:30 p.m.

October 25th

8:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

***Please schedule a conference with your child's teacher.**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE OFFICE:

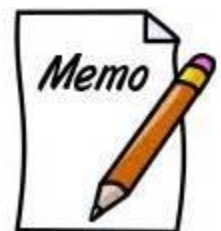
NO SCHOOL:

October 8th, 25th, and 26th!

EARLY DISMISSAL:

October 17th (2:00 p.m.)

*All end of the day transportation changes must be made before 2:00pm!





Whiteside PTC's Spaghetti Dinner is Wednesday, October 17th at Whiteside Elementary School (Warrior Hall). Dinner is served from 4:30-7:00 p.m. The menu includes spaghetti & meatballs, salad, bread, drink, and dessert. The 6th Grade Band & Concert Band performs at 5:30 p.m. The Glee Club Performance is at 6:15 p.m. Everyone must have a ticket to eat. Order forms are due by October 10th. Tickets are nonrefundable! Shop the book fair from 4:30-7:30 p.m.!!



**WHITESIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL
BASKETBALL TRYOUTS:**

7th & 8th Grade Boys Basketball (Harpstrite)

October 1st

7th Grade: 3:00-4:30 p.m. in Gym

8th Grade: 4:30-6:00 p.m. in Gym

October 3rd

8th Grade: 3:00-4:30 p.m. in MPR

7th Grade: 4:30-6:00 p.m. in MPR

7th & 8th Grade Girls Basketball (Poettgen)

October 1st

7th Grade: 3:00-4:30 p.m. in MPR

8th Grade: 4:30-6:00 p.m. in MPR

October 3rd

8th Grade: 3:00-4:30 p.m. in Gym

7th Grade: 4:30-6:00 p.m. in Gym

5th & 6th Grade Boys Basketball (Griffith)

October 11th

5th Grade: 3:30-4:45 p.m. in Elem. Gym

6th Grade: 4:45-6:00 p.m. in Elem. Gym

October 12th

5th Grade: 4:45-6:00 p.m. in Elem. Gym

6th Grade: 3:30-4:45 p.m. in Elem. Gym

5th & 6th Grade Girls Basketball (Thessing)

October 9th

5th Grade: 3:00-4:45 p.m. in Elem. Gym

6th Grade: 4:45-6:00 p.m. in Elem. Gym

October 10th

5th Grade: 3:00-4:45 p.m. in Elem. Gym

6th Grade: 4:45-6:00 p.m. in Elem. Gym

MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND



Important Dates for October:

Oct. 8th - ILMEA auditions for students who signed up

Oct. 17th- Spaghetti Dinner performance at the elementary school for Concert Band and 6th Grade Band

5th Grade Band Parents – Please watch for band performance shirt order forms to come home soon!



The Elementary School Book Fair is coming, but we need your help! It will run from October 15th-19th, with set-up right after school on October 12th. We will also be open during Spaghetti Dinner on October 17th from 4:30-7:30 p.m. We need volunteers to make this fair successful so if you have a morning, afternoon or can help during the Spaghetti Dinner, please contact Kelly Suhl at mickandkelly@charter.net.



Trick or Treat for UNICEF!

During the month of October the elementary classrooms will be collecting donations for UNICEF. Your donation can help provide clean drinking water, food, vaccinations, blankets, school supplies, and much more to children around the world. Donations may be placed in the collection boxes in the elementary classrooms. The elementary school will have a hat day to raise funds for UNICEF on Halloween which is Wednesday, October 31st. Students may donate \$1 and wear a hat to school that day. You can make a difference! For any questions regarding UNICEF, please contact Ms. Bleich.

Whiteside Booster Club Fundraiser

Date: Wednesday, October 10, 2018

Time: 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Location: Belleville Dairy Queen

15% of all proceeds raised

between 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on

this day will be donated!



PICTURE DAY!

Middle School Picture Day is Thursday, October 11th.
Elementary School picture day is Friday, October 12th.

Please send order forms and payments in with your child!



All state required doctor eye examinations (completed by an ophthalmologist or optometrist) are due by October 15, 2018. These are required for any student in Kindergarten or that has entered an Illinois public school for the first time.

To stay healthy, remember to please get your flu shot and that hand washing is the best defense against getting sick!

Whiteside Trick or Trunk



Trick or Trunk will take place Saturday, October 27th, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the elementary school parking lot. Whiteside families (Early Childhood through 5th grade) are invited to come trick or treat in a safe environment! Each family must come in a vehicle and must bring candy to pass out to the children. Vehicles do not have to be decorated but it's recommended. Hot dogs and soda will be available for pre-sale. Look for flyers coming home soon!

Student Council Hat Day **(Middle School)** **Friday, October 19th** **Bring \$1 to donate!**



Please log into Skyward to make sure your information is up to date. We use this information to contact you in the event of an emergency. If you need help with your user name and password, please call the school office. Please go to the school website to log in, www.wssd115.org.

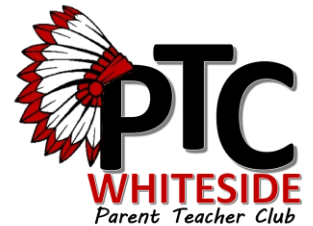
WOW TEAM

The "WOW Team" (Warriors of Whiteside) encourages our students to take ownership of their behavior toward others and the behaviors they witness from their peers. WOW membership is open to all. Members will sign a pledge to lead by example, not bully other students and include those who are left out. Further, they stand up for those who are being bullied or they will get immediate adult help for their classmate. A WOW member vows to be respectful in their actions and words regarding themselves, others, school and their community.

For our first activity, WOW members are invited to attend our Fall Festival on Friday, October 19th, free of charge. The activities are designed to encourage inclusion and acceptance of all of our students. Consent forms will be coming home soon. As always, thank you for your support.



PTC Corner



Upcoming Events

October 2 - PTC Meeting at Middle School 7:00 p.m.
October 12 - Box Tops Contest Deadline
October 17 - Spaghetti Dinner
October 27 - Trick or Trunk

Save the Date

November 17 - WS Holiday Market
November 30 - Gingerbread House Night
April 6 - GLO Bingo and Auction
April 13 - WS Warrior Wellness Day and 5K

BOX TOPS for Education

We will be collecting BOX TOPS at both WS Elementary and WS Middle School. The first contest deadline is **October 12** - BOX TOPS must include teacher name and can be turned in at any time on collection sheets or in an envelope or baggie!

For more information on WS PTC events please contact whitesideptc@wssd115.org or Follow us on Facebook: **Whiteside PTC**