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# The Viewpoint

**CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION! 1960-2010**

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## Q&A on the Stormwater Management and Athletic Facilities Project

On March 1, the Whitnall School Board approved a plan to renovate the high school athletic fields to provide more opportunities for student and community involvement, maximize the use of the outdoor facilities, and address long-term storm water, maintenance, and safety concerns. A committee of board members, community members and school administrators examined all the options and recommended a solution. Our administrators share their thoughts on how the project will improve opportunities at Whitnall.

### Why do our facilities need updating?

The last renovation of our athletic facilities was in 1962. Since then, the number of students who participate in athletics on a yearly basis has risen from 102 to 401 in 23 different sports.

### How will the project improve educational opportunities?

**Tony Brazouski, High School Principal:**

One major improvement will be that our Physical Education classes will have the opportunity to access the game field for activities during the day and not have to worry about tearing up the turf or being unable to use it because of water issues. The project itself may also be integrated into the curricula involving civil engineering and planning, water management, and environmental science.

### How will our athletic program be enhanced?

**Jill Stobber, Athletic Director:** One of our biggest limitations now is that due to water issues, we are unable to host any home track and field meets. Our track and field program

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## SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

**Dr. Lowell Holtz**

The current state budget crisis that has been making headlines has many people wondering how Whitnall will be affected in the coming year. Fortunately, we made reductions in last year's budget which leaves us in a favorable position this year to adapt to the coming changes. Our staff members will be

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# Community News

## SENIOR CITIZENS' DINNER HELD MARCH 9

Community seniors were treated to dinner served by staff and National Honor Society student volunteers.



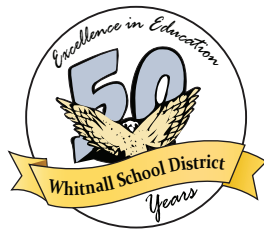
Seniors also enjoyed a special performance of *Lucky Stiff* on March 11, 2011.



*Did you know... seniors can attend all home athletic events for free?*

## 50TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

April 2, 2011 was a night of Fun, Food and Laughter to celebrate the Whitnall School District's 50th Anniversary. The dinner was held from 6 -11 p.m. at the American Legion Post. It was an evening of celebration with other members of the Whitnall School community. Attendees enjoyed great food stations, auction and raffle items, live entertainment and dancing. It was coordinated by Quin Brunette and Lauren Hysps.



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personally affected by budget cuts; however, the budget repair bill won't affect what we are doing inside our buildings. We are keeping the focus on providing top quality programs and learning environments for all Whitnall students. You'll see some great examples of programs and opportunities that our students are involved with in this issue of the Viewpoint.

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is a competitive program and it will be nice to be able to showcase our teams in a home meet. The new facility will also assist in allowing us to hold more practices (soccer, football, marching band) and home games. The saturation of the fields when it rains, the general spring melting, and the worry that the field is taking on too much traffic has limited our use of current facilities.

## Will the improvements provide any cost savings?

**Matt Karshna, Building and Grounds Supervisor:**

Currently, our turf fields require a great deal of labor to maintain, from keeping the lines painted, to re-seeding the turf when it gets washed out, to maintaining our equipment. Much of the money we now spend on labor and supplies will be saved by the switch to an artificial turf field. There is also the potential to increase revenues by renting use of the facilities to community organizations such as youth football, soccer or community softball leagues.

## What other benefits are there to the community?

The improvements will improve the experience of our fans, keep our facilities competitive with neighboring districts, and provide for a broader use of our facilities for the entire community.

For more information on the facilities project, please visit [www.whitnall.com](http://www.whitnall.com).



**MISSION:** By providing the highest quality personalized educational experience, the Whitnall School District engages learners who embrace challenges and are responsible contributing members of a dynamic global society.

# Whitnall High School News

## Race to the Top Commencement Challenge

Tony Brazouski, Whitnall High School Principal

The most common reputation of the Whitnall School District is that it is a great place to be, especially because of its students and staff. I heard much of the same when I applied for the principal position two years ago, and I believe that it is time to celebrate and recognize our high school, nationally. Last year, President Barack Obama began the **Race to the Top Commencement Challenge**, a contest aimed at celebrating the best schools in the country. "Best" is defined well beyond test scores. Entry requires the submission of student achievement data, but more importantly, student testimony as to why the school is unique and prepares students for life after school. The application includes essay questions and statistical information that illustrate how schools are promoting college and career readiness for all students while establishing a culture of student success and academic excellence.



Take a few minutes to view this inspirational student video online at [www.whitnall.com/schools/high](http://www.whitnall.com/schools/high).

The winning school will have the President as a guest of honor and he will be an active participant in graduation ceremonies. Over thirty WHS students rose to the challenge, and the application was submitted in March. Whitnall High school students wrote, filmed, directed and produced a video for the Race to the Top Commencement Challenge. Their goal was to get President Barack Obama to attend deliver the commencement address at WHS graduation this year. We are all excited to see how Whitnall High School does in this prestigious national challenge!

## Principal Participates in \$100,000 Shootout at Bucks Game



Principal Brazouski took a chance that his basketball skills could help him make \$100,000 for our school. He didn't quite make the big money, but did manage to earn \$500 for WHS with a layup, then he missed the free throw and came close enough to hit the rim on the half-court shot. (This was the 13th year and only five principals, including Mr. B., have hit the rim!)

Ian Hushek was our 3.00 student who was honored, on the court, and received an autographed Bucks basketball. Eight WHS students were sitting courtside thanks to the generosity of Board treasurer, Bernie Shaw. The students were chosen for dressing as super fans.



# SPRING 2011 — HOME SCHEDULES

## Girls Soccer

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
04-01-11	West Allis Central	4:30PM	JV	Home
04-01-11	West Allis Central	6:30PM	Varsity	Home
04-02-11	Catholic Memorial	11:00AM	JV	Home
04-20-11	Wisconsin Lutheran	4:30PM	JV	Home
04-20-11	Wisconsin Lutheran	6:30PM	Varsity	Home
05-20-11	Franklin	4:30PM	JV	Home
05-20-11	Franklin	6:30PM	Varsity	Home
05-23-11	Union Grove	4:30PM	JV	Home
05-23-11	Union Grove	6:30PM	Varsity	Home

## Boys Tennis

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
04-05-11	Union Grove	4:00PM	JV Dual	Home
04-05-11	Union Grove	4:00PM	Varsity Dual	Home
04-07-11	Wisconsin Lutheran	4:00PM	JV Match	Home

## Boys Baseball

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
05-21-11	Port Washington	11:00AM	Varsity	Home
05-23-11	Oak Creek	5:00PM	JV	Home
05-24-11	West Allis Central	5:00PM	Varsity	Home
05-26-11	West Allis Central	5:00PM	Freshman	Home
05-27-11	Whitefish Bay	5:00PM	JV	Home
05-28-11	Catholic Memorial	11:00AM	Varsity	Home
05-28-11	Mukwonago	3:00PM	Freshman	Home
05-31-11	New Berlin Eisenhower	5:00PM	Freshman	Home
06-04-11	West Allis Central	11:00AM	JV	Home
06-04-11	Waukesha West	3:00PM	Freshman	Home
06-06-11	Brookfield East	5:00PM	Varsity	Home
06-10-11	Menomonee Falls	5:30PM	Varsity	Home
06-17-11	West Bend West	5:00PM	Varsity	Home
06-18-11	Franklin	11:00AM	JV	Home

# GO FALCONS!

See  
[www.whitnall.com](http://www.whitnall.com)  
 for away schedules

# Athletic Highlights

IT'S BEEN AN  
EXCITING FEW  
MONTHS FOR  
WHITNALL  
SPORTS!



Boys basketball  
conference co-champs  
(with New Berlin  
Eisenhower)



Wrestling: Kameron Bourgeois, state qualifier, 6th place

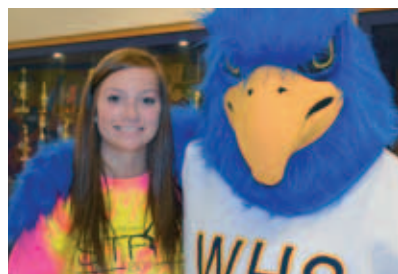
Power-lifting  
Team:  
3-time State  
Champions



Gymnastics Division 1  
State Champions (co-op  
team with Oak Creek,  
Franklin and Muskego)  
Lauren Zurowski,  
sophomore,  
State Champion-Vault

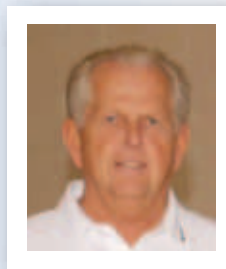


Girls Basketball:  
Regional Champs.  
Coach Keith Larson  
gets his 300th career  
win in game vs.  
Greendale



# Whitnall Girls Basketball Coach Achieves 300th Win

It was a 54-24 conference win against Greendale on January 28 that put Coach Keith Larson in the history books. "We were up against our conference rivals and were able to pull away with the win," said Larson. "I knew I was getting close to the 300 mark, but we were rolling along and just stayed focused on beating Greendale at the time." Whitnall girls finished the season 11-11 overall and 9-8 in the Woodland Conference.



Coach Keith Larson

Larson has been leading the Girls varsity team for the past twelve years. One of his favorite memories was the final game of the 2004-05 season. The team was down at the half, but they fought back and a stumbling last second shot by Abbey Pelkofer clinched the state championship.

Coach Larson reflected on how basketball is like life: "You have ups and downs, but you continue to grow and work hard. I'm really proud of our teams' work ethic." What makes for a great player? "Perseverance," said Larson. "It's great to see a player come through, see them grow and develop as a person, overcoming obstacles, and finally succeed."

He stressed that he makes sure his players are students first, then athletes. "We have a lot of 3.4, 3.5 GPA and above players, and I stay on top of their academic progress," said Larson. "That's the most important part of my job."

What's next for Whitnall's girls coach? One season at a time, says Larson. He retired three years ago from Rockwell Automation, but will continue to coach and try to be successful. "I've made a lot of friends along the way and really enjoyed it all."



## Inventors! Past, Present and Future

Sixth grade science students researched inventions of the past, present and future by studying how inventions have changed over time, how we use inventions today, and exploring futuristic inventions. Then they created an invention of their own, and displayed their work at the Invention Convention.

Winners in Mrs. Hamilton's room were The Golden Hand by Sawyer Schaefer, Kernel Remover by Nathan Falk, and Weight Control by Sarah Ouellette (pictured above).

Winners in Mrs. Srameck-Weyker's room were The Toothbrush Organizer by Emily LaMonte, Simple Senior Remote by Jessica Knackert, and The Shoe Cleaner by Keally Dombrowski.

## Culture Fair at WMS

On March 11, 6th grade French and Spanish students hosted a culture fair. Parents and community members experienced the many different cultures of the French and Spanish speaking worlds. Students displayed traditional crafts, explored music and dance, and hosted a café with tasty treats from Québec, Mexico, Spain, and France. Students practiced and shared their knowledge of languages at a teaching station.

# Elementary and Middle School News

## WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP?

Fifth grade students at Whitnall start thinking about career choices even while still in elementary school. Students complete an interest inventory and discover which careers best match their interests.

The different levels of education needed for various careers are discussed, as well as the importance of knowing your strengths and interests when considering a career. In January, a 5th Grade Career Fair was held. Parent volunteers made career presentations to each class. Occupations presented were law enforcement, nursing and medicine, dentistry, social work, and counseling.



As a follow up to the Career Fair, students began working on developing a Learner Resume, which gets them thinking about what skills they need to acquire to pursue their field of interest. It is the hope of the whole education team to help the students realize that what they are learning now will be important to their future success.

## ARTIST IN RESIDENCE AT ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS



We were very excited to welcome Madison's Ken Lonquist, a singer/songwriter and writer of many musicals to our school. His songs are unique, insightful and humorous.

Mr. Lonquist worked with all grade levels, creating songs which were performed at a concert on January 28, 2011. K4 - 2nd grade created and sang songs related to Goldilocks and the Three Bears; 3rd - 5th graders wrote and performed songs related to their science and social studies curriculum. Learn more about Ken Lonquist at [www.kenland.com](http://www.kenland.com).

**Parents, Did You Know?** *WMS Announcements are posted on our website every day. Find the latest information about extra-curriculars and other events, on our home page at [www.whitnall.com/schools/middle/daily\\_announcements.ofm](http://www.whitnall.com/schools/middle/daily_announcements.ofm)*

## VETERANS RECOGNIZED AT EDGERTON 4TH GRADE CONCERT



Veterans from the Hales Corners Post #299 were welcomed, along with parents, friends and honored guests, to enjoy a patriotic spring concert on March 29 at EES.

Music teacher Barbara McDonald organized the “Salute to Veterans” event. Several hundred people attended, including several veterans from Post #299 who came in full uniform and led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Star Spangled Banner.

Mrs. McDonald addressed the crowd by thanking veterans for their services, “It is with great pleasure and gratitude that we wish to dedicate this concert to the dear and special souls that have dedicated their time and their life in the armed forces, both active and veteran. We know what a sacrifice this is and we do not take that for granted. Amidst a very changing world, we as Americans can unite and take great pride in the great country we live in, the freedoms we enjoy daily and the comfort of knowing that we have been protected by these great American heroes.”

## 2011 PROJECT FAIRS HELD AT HALES CORNERS AND EDGERTON ELEMENTARY

This year, Edgerton Elementary School held its 5th Annual Project Fair on March 15. Over 80 students in grades 1-5 demonstrated creative projects in the areas of Science, Social Studies, Language Arts, Visual Arts and Math.

Students and their families designed projects that had interesting information and great visual displays, with evidence of learning everywhere. The fair was a huge success!

If you didn’t get the chance to attend the public viewing of the fair, please consider visiting the next Project Fair. It will be held at Hales Corners School on Wednesday, April 20 from 6-8 p.m.



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## Whitnall Park Rotary Club Spring Craft Fair

Whitnall Park Rotary Club announces its annual Easter Arts & Crafts Fair on Saturday, April 9, 2011, at Whitnall High School. The fair is open to the public from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. (donation of \$3; children 10 or younger, free). In addition to enjoying various artisan and hand-made products, participants can have a delicious breakfast or lunch in the cafeteria. Children will be greeted by the Easter Bunny and can have their photo taken.

The club sponsors two craft fairs at Whitnall High School each year in December and in spring. These events raise funds that are returned to the communities through student scholarships and assistance to various non-profit organizations.

## APRIL

April 2	50th Anniversary Celebration Dinner American Legion Post - 64th and Grange Avenue, 6:00 - 11:00 p.m.
April 5	School Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Board/Community Room
April 6	National Honor Society Induction, 6:30 p.m.
April 8	Ken Lonquist Concert, 6:30 p.m., Edgerton Elementary
April 14	HCE Kindergarten/1st Grade Spring Sing, 9:15 a.m. WHS Jazz Band Winter Concert, 7:30 p.m. WHS Auditorium
April 18	School Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Board/Community Room
April 19	5th Gr Band Concert, 4:30 p.m., Edgerton Elementary
April 21 - May 2	Spring Break

## MAY

May 2	School Resumes
May 6	Middle School Spring Dance, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
May 9	School Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Board/Community Room
May 12	HCE Gr 4 Spring Sing, 6:30 p.m., HCE Gr 5 Spring Sing, 7:30 p.m.
May 13	Middle School Musical "Seussical Jr", 7:00 p.m., WHS Auditorium
May 14	WHS Prom
May 16	WHS Jazz Blowout, 7:30 p.m., WHS Auditorium
May 18	Gr 4&5 Instrumental Concert, WMS Gym, 6:30 p.m. Gr 6 Band/Choir Concert, WMS Gym, 7:30 p.m.
May 19	WHS Bands Senior Awards
May 23	School Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Board/Community Room
May 24	WHS Choir Concert, 7:30 p.m., WHS Auditorium
May 25	7th Gr Band/Choir Concert, 7:00 p.m., WMS Gym WHS Senior Awards Night
May 26	EES Gr K & 1 Concert, 9:15 a.m. WHS/WMS Orchestra Awards Concert, 7:00 p.m., WHS Auditorium
May 27	6, 7 & 8th Gr & WHS Orchestra Concert, 7:00 p.m., WHS Auditorium
May 30	No School

## JUNE

June 1	8th Gr Band/Choir Concert, Whitnall Middle School
June 5	WHS Graduation, 1:00 p.m.
June 13	School Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Board/Community Room
June 27	School Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Board/Community Room