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## New Athletic Facilities Taking Shape at WHS

By Matt Karshna

The district's plans to develop an athletic field renovation project will provide more opportunities for student and community involvement, while also addressing long term storm water maintenance and safety concerns. All the improvements happening on the site are a direct result of the collaboration between District and Community over the past nine months. The site has changed dramatically since the Whitnall School District was formed in the late 1950's, and this project will carry our programs and mission forward for the changing decades to come. The project is moving forward well. Our focus for the fall of 2011 will be to continue work on the baseball field and the much needed parking lot on the East side, just in time for the craft fair!

After the last home football game on October 14, we will quickly start work on the north side of property, beginning with Demolition of the existing facility and reshaping the grounds. Weather permitting we will continue to work on the grounds and start building foundations for the new bleachers and team building.

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## WHITNALL CELEBRATED BACK TO SCHOOL WITH 2ND ANNUAL COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY

On September 17, the district held its second annual 2011 Whitnall School District Back to School Block Party, presented by East-West Connection Martial Arts & Wellness Studio. Last year, the Block Party was the first party of its kind hosted by the district, a free event designed to celebrate the district's 50th

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## SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

# Welcome Back to School



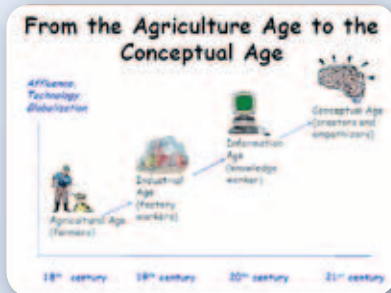
Dr. Lowell Holtz

The new school year is off to an energetic start. We've been putting teams in place, hiring new teachers, balancing the budget, and moving forward on the athletic and stormwater management construction project. We have been working diligently over the the past several months to make sure our district is up to speed with the new state laws, and we feel that we have put the people and processes in place to have a terrific school year.

On the budget front, I am happy to report that the board approved a tax levy that will be going down slightly. The mill rate dropped from \$10.30 last fiscal year to \$9.75 this year, reflecting a 5.31 percent decrease in the tax levy from \$16,500,387 to \$15,623,744. This means the average homeowner with a property worth \$200,000 will pay \$110 less in taxes per year.

New this year at Whitnall is the formation of our **Achievement Team**. The Achievement team includes Joel Green, Exec. Director of Student Achievement, Wendy McQuiston, District Learning Coordinator and Eric Gran, Director of Instructional Technology, each of whom have many years of experience in the classroom. The Achievement team will support teachers, guide curriculum and help incorporate technology in learning to help students develop 21st Century skills. The chart below illustrates how quickly education is changing, and the Achievement team will help us keep up with best practices for our students and teachers.

We will be implementing some technology updates around the district over the coming year. We are working our way towards becoming a PLTW district (Project Lead The Way). Our goal is to have a full-fledged Project Lead The Way lab up and running for the 2012-2013 school year.



Other technology improvements will include MAP testing (Measure of Academic Progress). This system of testing is completely electronic and provides quick turnaround of results for teachers to use. Finally, we are planning to expand the wireless capabilities of all buildings in the district, so that staff, students and teachers can expand their use of wireless devices (such as iPads, tablets, laptops) and have faster internet speeds.

As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions at 414-525-8402 or email me at LHoltz@whitnall.com. Thank you for your support of our students, and our district.

## Athletic Construction, cont'd. from pg. 1

The project will be completed in the fall of 2012 and will consist of new baseball and softball fields and a bleacher system complete with additional storage. The football stadium will have an artificial turf field, polyurethane track and with areas for field events.

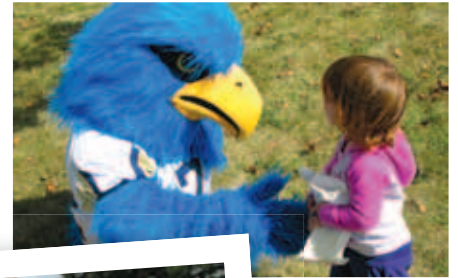
Project Designs are posted on our website at Whitnall.com. **Be sure to come out and join us for an exciting ceremonial demolition of the current football field after the 7:00pm football game on October 14!**

## Block Party, cont'd. from pg. 1

anniversary, promote community togetherness and get people excited about the start of school. It was so popular, the district held the party again and it will be an annual event.

The bash was held from noon to 7 p.m. on S.116th Street between Whitnall High School and Whitnall Middle School. The event featured musical entertainment, food vendors, games, rides and inflatables, as well as various community organizations, business showcases and displays. The Rotary group sponsored a fun new game, "Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?" that was a big hit. All proceeds benefited the Whitnall School District fine arts programs.

Thanks again to the many sponsors, volunteers, parents, staff and students who helped make the Block Party such a successful event. We'd like to thank our featured Gold sponsor, East-West Connection Martial Arts & Wellness Studio.



# Whitnall High School News

From Anthony Brazouski, Whitnall High School Principal

## WHS Students Prepping for their Future

On October 12, all Whitnall High School students will participate in our college and career-readiness day. Students will report to school as usual, but the day will inform, engage, and focus students on the many options of their future careers. Students will meet in larger groups with guidance personnel regarding college and career options and strategies to prepare. The 9th grade students will engage in the EXPLORE assessment, 10th graders in the PLAN assessment, and 11th graders in either the PSAT or a practice ACT assessment. The 12th grade Falcons will be flying from their nest and boarding busses to visit local college and university campuses including UW Whitewater, UW Milwaukee, Carroll University, or MATC, where they will engage in guided tours of programs and facilities, hear from and ask questions of admissions and financial aid personnel, and spend some time gaining an understanding of the various options available to them after high school.



## Fall Sports Activities By the Numbers

The Fall Sports Season is well underway, and the expectations are high for all areas of athletic competition. Currently, we have 287 student-athletes participating in one of our 8 fall season options. We have 86 Football, 36 Cross Country, 36 Boys Soccer, 26 Girls Tennis, 36 Girls Volleyball, 44 Girls Swim/Dive, 8 Cheerleaders and 15 Dance team members.



<b>86</b>	Football
<b>36</b>	Cross Country
<b>36</b>	Boys Soccer
<b>26</b>	Girls Tennis
<b>36</b>	Girls Volleyball
<b>44</b>	Girls Swim/Dive
<b>8</b>	Cheerleaders
<b>15</b>	Dance team members

Go Falcons!

## Welcome Back Rick Elertson

### ELERTSON IS NEW ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AND ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL AT WHS

Rick Elertson left Whitnall School District two years ago to become associate principal at a Franklin middle school, and now he is happy to be back on his old stomping grounds. On July 25, the Whitnall School Board approved his hiring as the high school's athletic director and Associate Principal, replacing Jill Stobber. As Associate Principal, Elertson will be in charge of student disciplinary issues and the supervision and evaluation of staff.

Elertson, 38, taught in the Milwaukee Public School system for four years before teaching four years of eighth grade United States history at Whitnall Middle School. During that time, he also was an assistant varsity football coach and the head freshman coach. He spent the last two years as an associate principal at Forest Park Middle School in Franklin, and managed the school's athletic programs. "I'm excited to be back at Whitnall," said Elertson. "It has such a hometown feeling and this is such a close-knit community."

Elertson says part of his plans for the athletic department at WHS include advocating for more participation in both athletics and other extracurricular clubs. "Research shows that kids who are in sports tend to have better grades, and make better choices in their friends, than kids who don't," said Elertson. He plans to work closely with advisors and coaches to get the word out about opportunities to join teams and clubs, and to let more parents and students what's available to them.

As for the new facilities in progress, "People shop high schools. These great new facilities, the track, turf football field, baseball and softball fields, will give Whitnall a competitive advantage over other high schools," said Elertson. For example, having the softball field right on the WHS grounds, instead of sharing the field with WMS, will be more efficient for practices and games. "It's going to be a great year and I'm looking forward to getting up to speed with all the operations."



# FALL 2011 — HOME SCHEDULES

## Football

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
10-06-11	South Milwaukee	5:30PM	Freshman	Home
10-07-11	South Milwaukee	7:00PM	Varsity	Homecoming
10-13-11	Pewaukee	5:30PM	Freshman	Home
10-14-11	Pewaukee	7:00PM	Varsity	Home

## Boys Basketball

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
11-29-11	Waukesha West	7:30PM	Varsity	Home
11-29-11	Waukesha West	5:45PM	JV	Home
11-29-11	Waukesha West	5:45PM	Freshman	Home
12-09-11	Greenfield	7:30PM	Varsity	Home
12-09-11	Greenfield	5:45PM	JV	Home
12-09-11	Greenfield	5:45PM	Freshman	Home
12-16-11	Saint Francis	7:30PM	Varsity	Home
12-16-11	Saint Francis	5:45PM	JV	Home
12-16-11	Saint Francis	5:45PM	Freshman	Home
01-10-12	Pewaukee	7:30PM	Varsity	Home
01-10-12	Pewaukee	5:45PM	JV	Home
01-10-12	Pewaukee	5:45PM	Freshman	Home
01-13-12	Wauwatosa West	7:30PM	Varsity	Home
01-13-12	Wauwatosa West	4:15PM	JV	Home
01-14-12	Wauwatosa West	10:30AM	Freshman	Home
01-27-12	Greendale	7:30PM	Varsity	Home
01-27-12	Greendale	5:45PM	JV	Home
01-27-12	Greendale	5:45PM	Freshman	Home
02-03-12	Brown Deer	7:30PM	Varsity	Home
02-03-12	Brown Deer	5:45PM	JV	Home
02-03-12	Brown Deer	5:45PM	Freshman	Home
02-07-12	South Milwaukee	7:30PM	Varsity	Home
02-07-12	South Milwaukee	5:45PM	JV	Home
02-07-12	South Milwaukee	5:45PM	Freshman	Home
02-17-12	N. Berlin Eisenhower	7:30PM	Varsity	Home
02-17-12	N. Berlin Eisenhower	5:45PM	JV	Home
02-17-12	N. Berlin Eisenhower	5:45PM	Freshman	Home

## Girls Basketball

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
12-02-11	Delavan-Darien	7:30PM	Varsity	Home
12-02-11	Delavan-Darien	5:45PM	JV	Home
12-06-11	South Milwaukee	7:30PM	Varsity	Home
12-06-11	South Milwaukee	5:45PM	JV	Home
12-06-11	South Milwaukee	5:45PM	Freshman	Home
12-13-11	Shorewood	7:30PM	Varsity	Home
12-13-11	Shorewood	5:45PM	JV	Home
12-13-11	Shorewood	5:45PM	Freshman	Home
12-20-11	New Berlin West	7:30PM	Varsity	Home
12-20-11	New Berlin West	5:45PM	JV	Home
12-20-11	New Berlin West	5:45PM	Freshman	Home
01-03-12	Greendale	7:30PM	Varsity	Home
01-03-12	Greendale	5:45PM	JV	Home
01-03-12	Greendale	5:45PM	Freshman	Home
01-06-12	Cudahy	7:30PM	Varsity	Home
01-06-12	Cudahy	5:45PM	JV	Home
01-06-12	Cudahy	5:45PM	Freshman	Home
01-13-12	Wauwatosa West	6:00PM	Varsity	Home
01-13-12	Wauwatosa West	4:15PM	JV	Home
01-14-12	Wauwatosa West	9:00AM	Freshman	Home
01-24-12	N. Berlin Eisenhower	7:30PM	Varsity	Home
01-24-12	N. Berlin Eisenhower	5:45PM	JV	Home
01-24-12	N. Berlin Eisenhower	5:45PM	Freshman	Home
01-31-12	Saint Thomas More	7:30PM	Varsity	Home
01-31-12	Saint Thomas More	5:45PM	JV	Home
01-31-12	Saint Thomas More	5:45PM	Freshman	Home
02-24-12	Greenfield	7:30PM	Varsity	Home
02-24-12	Greenfield	5:45PM	JV	Home
02-24-12	Greenfield	5:45PM	Freshman	Home

# GO FALCONS!

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 for away schedules



# FALL 2011 — HOME SCHEDULES

## Girls Volleyball

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
10-06-11	New Berlin West	6:30PM	Varsity	Home
10-06-11	New Berlin West	5:00PM	JV	Home
10-06-11	New Berlin West	5:00PM	Freshman	Home

## Girls Swimming-Diving

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
10-12-11	Greendale	5:00PM	Varsity Meet	Home
10-12-11	Greendale	5:00PM	JV Meet	Home
10-19-11	TBA	5:00PM	Varsity Cross Over	Home
10-19-11	TBA	5:00PM	JV Cross Over	Home

## Boys Swimming-Diving

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
12-14-11	STM/SF	5:00PM	Varsity	Home
12-14-11	STM/SF	5:00PM	JV	Home
01-11-12	South Milwaukee	5:00PM	Varsity	Home
01-11-12	South Milwaukee	5:00PM	JV	Home
01-25-12	Wauwatosa West	5:00PM	Varsity	Home
01-25-12	Wauwatosa West	5:00PM	JV	Home

## Cross Country

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
10-14-11	Conference	3:50PM	Girls Varsity	Hales Corners Park
10-14-11	Conference	4:20PM	Boys Varsity	Hales Corners Park
10-14-11	Conference	2:30PM	Girls JV	Hales Corners Park
10-14-11	Conference	3:10PM	Boys JV	Hales Corners Park

## Boys Soccer

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
10-03-11	New Berlin West	4:30PM	Varsity	Home
10-03-11	New Berlin West	4:30PM	JV	Home

## Wrestling

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
11-30-11	Pewaukee	7:00PM	Varsity	Home
11-30-11	Pewaukee	7:00PM	JV	Home
12-14-11	South Milwaukee	7:00PM	Varsity	Home
12-14-11	South Milwaukee	7:00PM	JV	Home
01-11-12	New Berlin Wrestling	7:00PM	Varsity	Home
01-11-12	New Berlin Wrestling	7:00PM	JV	Home
01-21-12	Invitational	9:30AM	Varsity	Home
01-25-12	Greenfield	7:00PM	Varsity	Home
01-25-12	Greenfield	7:00PM	JV	Home



## NEW FACES AT HALES CORNERS ELEMENTARY

**Jenny Lind** – Prior to joining the dynamic Whitnall team, I taught in Milwaukee Public Schools for ten years. I am a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater with a degree in Elementary Education PreK-6. I am thrilled to be teaching 3rd at Hales Corners Elementary and I look forward to many exciting, successful school years!

**Katy Borden** – Although this is my first year teaching at Hales Corners Elementary, I have two years experience working as a 4th grade teacher at St. Anthony School in Milwaukee. In 2009, I graduated with a degree in Elementary Education and Spanish from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. Outside of the classroom, I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, reading, exercising, and traveling. This summer I will be getting married, so make sure not to look for a Ms. Borden next year!

**Matt Lautenbach** – I am a 2008 graduate from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. I am entering my third full year of teaching having previously taught fifth and sixth grade Language Arts. I am eager to begin a new chapter teaching 3rd at Hales Corners Elementary School.

## Edgerton Elementary Open House

Join us for Open House Oct. 13 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. for four-year-old kindergarten through 5th graders. Sign up for parent/teacher conferences that evening.

# Elementary School News

From Principal Chris D'Acquisto

## EDGERTON ELEMENTARY WELCOMES NEW STAFF

There are many new faces at Edgerton this year! Since we have many changes this year, we will highlight a few of our new staff members each month.

### Cassy Krause: Gr. 2

My name is Cassy Krause and I am so happy to be back at Edgerton Elementary School! I grew up in Franklin, Wisconsin, and I absolutely love the great outdoors and spending time boating, fishing, and skiing with my family in the summertime. I also enjoy scrapbooking, making jewelry, going bowling, and playing volleyball and softball. I graduated from Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma with degrees in Elementary Education (1st-8th grade) and TESL (Teaching English as a Second Language). I have worked in both the Whitnall and New Berlin School Districts. I really love teaching second grade and am looking forward to another great year at Edgerton!

### Joe Wehrenberg: Gr.5

My name is Joe Wehrenberg and I am the new 5th grade teacher at Edgerton Elementary School. I am entering my 6th year of teaching, but my first as a 5th grade teacher. The last 5 years I spent teaching 6th, 7th and 8th

grade social studies in a small school near Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Besides teaching, I am a very active person. I have coached basketball, football and golf in my last school district and plan to coach here in the district. I am also an outdoorsman and when I'm not in a classroom or a gym you can find me in the woods. I'm looking forward to the great school year ahead and I'm happy to be here at Edgerton Elementary!

### Patrick Aleshire: Gr. 2

Hello! This is my second year of teaching and I couldn't be happier to be a part of this district. Last year I taught 5K at St. Bruno Parish School in Dousman. When I am out of the classroom, sports and music are on the top of my list! I am a die-hard Packers fan, and the Brewers, Bucks, Badgers and Golden Eagles are all a close 2nd! I really enjoy going to concerts, whether it's a nationwide act or local act, such as The Love Monkeys. I am really excited for a positive experience at Edgerton!

## STUDENTS PLANT HOPE

This year, 3rd graders at EES and HCE will be participating in the *Plant Hope* Program.

This program has been generously provided, through a grant, by the friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens. *Plant Hope* was developed to promote a deeper understanding of plant science while building student self-esteem through interaction with the natural world. We will be participating in four programs throughout the school year investigating seed dispersal, adaptations, germination, soil testing, and the study of worms, as well as several other plant-related studies. We are grateful Boerner Botanical Gardens has provided us with this opportunity.



# Middle School News

From Principal Lynn Stadler

## NEWEST TEAM MEMBERS

Please help me welcome our newest team members! I am so excited about the talent and energy each new member will bring to our school!

### Joe Bruns – Art

Joe comes to us with a rich background. He obtained his bachelors degree from MIAD with a major in Sculpture. He then went on to earn his teaching certificate from UWM's Peck School of the Arts. For several years Joe has worked in the arts with students of all ages and has drawn great inspiration from these experiences. Joe has worked with both MPS and the Oak Creek school district and a variety of art organizations in the Milwaukee area.



New teachers at WMS include (pictured left to right): Joe Bruns - Art, Shannon Butalla - Grade 7, Jennifer Larsen - READ 180, Nicole Mabry - Phy Ed. Pictured below: Kayla Fraley - 8th Grade Student Teacher Intern.



### Shannon Butalla – Grade 7

Shannon returns to WMS after spending the last few years teaching in North Central Wisconsin in both the Rice Lake and Menomonee School Districts. We are so excited to have Shannon (and his sense of humor) return to our team!

### Jennifer Lemay-Larsen (AKA Jenner) – READ 180

Jenner comes to us from the Muskego-Norway School 2

District where she spent the past 14 years working as both an elementary and middle school guidance counselor. Prior to becoming a counselor she was a classroom teacher in MPS. Jenner is very excited to join our team and is passionate about creating a positive and safe learning environment for all students.

### Nicole Mabry – Phy Ed.

Nicole comes to us from MPS where she was a PE teacher at John Marshall High School. Nicole is a graduate of UW-Whitewater. While attending UWW, she competed on both the track and cross country teams.

### Kayla Fraley – 8th Grade Student Teacher Intern

While Kayla is certainly not new to our staff, she will be working in a new capacity as a Student Teacher Intern while Kathryn Kaiser is on maternity leave. Linda Quesnell and Steve Pelkofer will work with Kayla as her cooperating teachers.

*WMS Fall Dance*

October 21

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

## ATTENTION PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.

If you are interested in volunteer opportunities at our school, we welcome your help! We need helpers in the copy room, to chaperone dances, health room (training provided), library, Market Day pickup, food donations, tutoring, book fair, bulletin boards, ice cream sale and to assist in the Academic Support Center. Please fill out the Volunteer application form, which can be found at the Main Office. Call 525-8650 to have an application sent to you, and we will be happy to have you at WMS as volunteer.

## CREATING ART FROM NATURE

Students in 8th Grade Functional Art are learning about how artists use the natural environment to create art. As a class, we are planning and designing a Community Garden to enhance the entrance at WMS.

Students have been designing landscape layouts, and will be voting on the most effective composition. In addition to planting bulbs, we will be creating other artistic elements such as mosaic stepping stones, and a Whitnall Totem Pole. In spring, we will be looking for plant donations and continuing to create a colorful and inviting Community Garden.

# The Viewpoint



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## What are Common Core Standards?

The Common Core State Standard Initiative is a state-led effort coordinated by the NGA Center and the CCSSO. The standards were developed in collaboration with teachers, school administrators and experts, to provide a clear and consistent framework to prepare our children for college and the workforce.

The standards are informed by the highest, most effective models from states around the country and countries around the world. They provide teachers and parents with a common understanding of what students are expected to learn.

### Common Core Standards:

- define knowledge and skills students should have within their K-12 education careers
- aligned with college and work expectations
- are clear, understandable and consistent to provide appropriate benchmarks
- include rigorous content and application of knowledge through high-order skills
- build upon strengths and lessons of current state standards
- are informed by other top performing countries, so that all students are prepared to succeed in our global economy
- are evidence-based

## OCTOBER

October 5	WHS Homecoming Pep Assembly, 6:30 p.m.
October 8	WHS Homecoming Game, 7:00 p.m.
October 10	School Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
October 12	WHS Marching Band Community Night
October 24	School Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
October 27	NO SCHOOL, Teachers Convention
October 28	NO SCHOOL, Teachers Convention

## NOVEMBER

November 4	End of First Quarter
November 7	NO SCHOOL, Collaborative Release/Work Day
November 7	School Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
November 21	School Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
November 24	NO SCHOOL, Thanksgiving
November 25	NO SCHOOL, Thanksgiving Break

## DECEMBER

December 1	6th Grade Band/Choir/Orchestra Concert, 7:00 p.m.
December 1-4	Fall Musical
December 6	7th Grade Band/Concert, 7:30 p.m., WHS Auditorium
December 8	8th Grade Band/Sinfonietta Concert, 7:30 p.m., WHS Auditorium
December 12	School Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
December 15	EES Grade 2 & 3 Holiday Concert, 2:15 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.
December 15	HCE Grade 2 Concert, 9:15 a.m.
December 15	HCE Grade 3 Concert, 10:00 a.m.
December 15	WHS Choir/Orchestra Concert, 7:30 p.m., WHS Auditorium
December 23 - January 2, 2012	Winter Break

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