

WHITEFORD AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office of the Superintendent of Schools



SUPERINTENDENT FAMILY BULLETIN MARCH 19, 2023

GREETING

Hey, Bobcat Families! I continue to be amazed by the talent of our students and the quality of our coaches, teachers, and advisors. Not only do our students excel academically, they continue to display their many talents outside the classroom. This weekend's production of *The Wizard of Oz*, directed, produced, and designed by Todd Schreiber, Maria Mohler, Sharon Van Looche, and Vikki Aitson, was no exception. The student cast quickly drew the audience into the familiar story when Aunt Em (Ava) and Uncle Henry's (Chase) farm is hit by a violent tornado that whisks Dorothy (Alena) and Toto (Dezi) away to the magical land of Oz. Dorothy and Toto are welcomed in Oz by Glinda (Kenzie) and the Munchkins (played by 3rd-6th graders). Dorothy and Toto follow the Yellow Brick Road toward the Emerald City to meet the Wizard (Dane), but they cross paths with the Scarecrow (Dylan), Tinman (Aiden), Lion (Seamus), Wicked Witch (Avery), and several other familiar characters. As I watched each of the three productions, it was easy to forget that this is a cast of high school, middle school, and elementary students because the talent level would challenge some university productions. Thank you to staff, parents, community members, and other volunteers that gave their resources and time to make sure we had a successful musical. For a small school on a small budget, the production was impressive! I am grateful to the cast and crew for giving me my own pair of ruby sneakers! We are better together - We are Whiteford!



4TH GRADE SPRING FLOWER SALE

The Spring Flower Sale has begun! An order form for Spring Flower Sales can be accessed at the Elementary School Office or by visiting our school website under News & Announcements. Proceeds for this sale benefit our 4th graders that will attend Camp Michindoh next year. Order forms and payment are due by April 21.

KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

If you have an incoming Kindergartener, please sign up for a date and time to register your child on April 13th from 4-7pm or April 14th from 8:30-11am. You can sign-up here: [2023-2024 Kindergarten Round Up Flyer](#)

APRIL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The next Board of Education meeting is April 17, 2023. The meeting will begin at 6pm in the Bobcat Den located in the MS/HS. The Board of Education Agendas & Minutes are typically posted the Friday preceding a meeting and can be found here: [BOE Agenda & Minutes](#).

SUBSTITUTES NEEDED

We are currently in need of substitutes for our Administrative Assistants and Paraprofessionals/Aides positions in both our elementary and middle/high school buildings. If you are looking for a fun way to get involved in our amazing school community, please consider filling in as a substitute in one of our main offices or helping our incredible students and teachers as a classroom paraprofessional/aide. Interested applicants must apply through Applitrack by clicking [HERE](#) or visiting the school website and clicking on the "Job Postings" button on the homepage. Come join our Bobcat family, and encourage your friends to do the same!

HIGHLIGHTING TRANSPORTATION

As we continue to navigate a bus driver shortage, we appreciate the flexibility of our families as we have to cancel routes from time to time. We are grateful to our transportation staff for their on-going dedication and service to the students and families of this district! Thank you for making sure our students have the opportunity to ride a bus to and from school each day!



PORTRAIT OF A GRADUATE

Once completed, the Whiteford Agricultural School District's Portrait of a Graduate will represent our school district's vision for the 21st century skills, character traits, and/or social-emotional competencies that students need to succeed in college, career, and life.

- What are the hopes, dreams, and aspirations that our community has for its students?
- What are the skills and mindsets our children need for success in this rapidly changing, complex world?
- What are the implications for the design of the learning experiences—and equitable access to those experiences—we provide in our school system?

We are seeking stakeholder feedback as we create our Portrait of a Graduate. Please provide your thoughtful input by completing the following survey: [Portrait of a Graduate Survey](#). The survey should take 2-4 minutes to complete. The survey has been extended until this Thursday (3/23). For the 98 stakeholders that completed the survey, we thank you for your feedback!

SCHOOL THREATS ARE NO JOKE

Now, more than ever, we need to maintain a partnership with parents/guardians to convey a consistent message to our students that regardless of intentions, a joke, prank, or any other intention, it is not okay to talk with friends or post on social media platforms about violence towards individuals, groups, or the school community. We are asking parents/guardians to clearly communicate with their student(s) that violent threats and behaviors are not acceptable. A discussion around possible consequences such as school suspension or expulsion, or prosecution by the Monroe County Prosecutor's Office for making threats of violence would also be appropriate. We ask that parents/guardians continue to stress the importance of how/when to report concerning behavior by utilizing the [OK2SAY](#) student safety program, Monroe County Sheriff's Dispatch Center, and/or communicating directly to a Whiteford staff member or school administration. Together, we can be vigilant in identifying possible threats of violence!

BREAKFAST/LUNCH MENUS

<https://whiteford.nutrislice.com/menu>

SCHOOL CALENDARS

[2022-2023 School Calendar](#)

[2023-2024 School Calendar](#)

STRATEGIC PLAN PILLARS OF SUCCESS

[Whiteford Strategic Plan 2022-2027](#)

→ **ENGAGED** in purposeful learning.

→ **EMPOWERED** for a meaningful role in our dynamic world.

→ **ENCOURAGED** by our community.

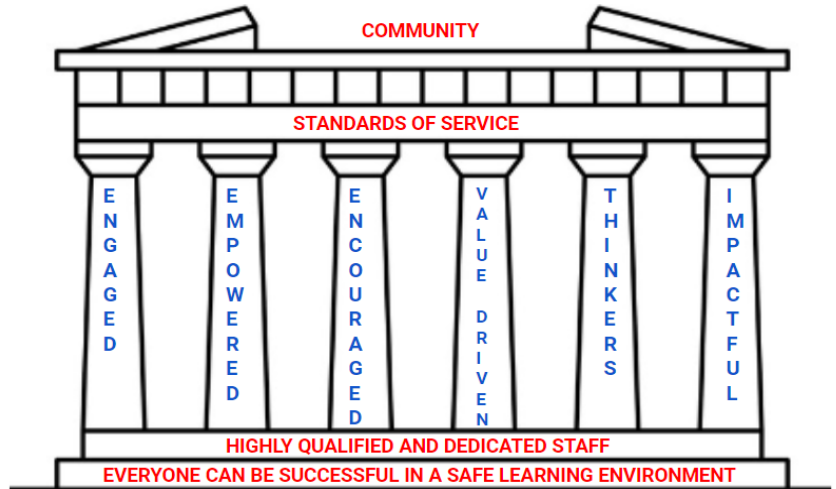
→ **VALUE DRIVEN** leaders.

→ Critical **THINKERS**.

→ **IMPACTFUL** in their community.

→ **STANDARDS OF SERVICE** We will treat all stakeholders (students, staff, parents/guardians, community members) with respect, kindness, and professionalism at all times.

→ **COMMUNITY** promotes, cultivates, and celebrates student and district success.



THIS WEEK

March 19	Spring Musical-The Wizard of Oz 2:30pm High School Gymnasium
March 20	Elementary Author Visit-Katie Maskey
March 20	JV Baseball at Springfield HS 5pm (Scrimmage)
March 20	Varsity Baseball vs Swanton 5pm (Scrimmage)
March 21	MSVMA District 12 Choral Festival 9-2pm Clarenceville High School
March 21	1st/3rd/4th Grades Croswell Field Trip
March 21	Track Scrap Metal Fundraiser Begins
March 21	Whiteford Parent Association 6pm Elementary Cafeteria
March 23	KF/2nd/5th Grades Croswell Field Trip
March 23	JV Baseball at Blissfield (DH) 4:30pm
March 23	Varsity Baseball at Blissfield 4:30pm
March 23	Varsity Softball vs St. Mary Catholic Central 4:30pm
March 24	End of 3rd Quarter
March 24	Half-Day Early Release MS/HS 11am, Elementary 11:10am

NEXT WEEK

March 27-31	No School-Spring Break
April 1	Varsity Softball at Sylvania Northview (DH) 10am

UPCOMING

April 7	No School-Good Friday
April 9	Easter
April 10	No School-Easter Break
April 12	State Testing Day
April 13-14	Kindergarten Round-Up
April 17	Board of Education Meeting 6pm Bobcat Den
April 18	Whiteford Parent Association 6pm Elementary Cafeteria
April 26	6th/7th/8th Grades Toledo Mud Hens Field Trip
April 29	Junior/Senior Prom 7-10pm Old Mill Museum
April 30	Junior/Senior Post Prom 11-5am High School
May 1-5	Staff Appreciation Week
May 1-12	NWEA Benchmarking Assessment Spring Window

May 8	Board of Education Meeting 6pm Bobcat Den
May 10	5th Grade Toledo Zoo Field Trip
May 14	Mother's Day
May 16	Whiteford Parent Association 6pm Elementary Cafeteria
May 21	Senior Sunday 3pm High School Gymnasium
May 22	HS Spring Concert & Awards (Band/Choir) 7pm High School Gymnasium
May 24	5th Grade Sauder Village Field Trip
May 25-26	Senior Exams
May 26	Senior Last Day
May 26	Senior Parade/Sunset 6:10pm
May 29	No School-Memorial Day
May 30	MS Spring Concert (Band/Choir) 7pm High School Gymnasium
May 31	Senior Breakfast 8am High School Cafeteria
May 31	Senior Graduation Rehearsal 9am Crossroads Community Church
June 1	Commencement 7pm Crossroads Community Church
June 8	Half-Day Early Release MS/HS 11am, Elementary 11:10am
June 9	End of 4th Marking Period
June 9	Last Day of School
June 9	Half-Day Early Release MS/HS 11am, Elementary 11:10am
June 12	Board of Education Meeting 6pm Bobcat Den
June 18	Father's Day

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