

WHITEFORD AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office of the Superintendent of Schools



SUPERINTENDENT FAMILY BULLETIN **APRIL 9, 2023**

GREETING

Hey, Bobcat Families! April is our Testing Month! I like to compare testing to making a visit to the doctor for a "well-visit" check-up. As children grow, doctors weigh our children and measure their height. The doctors chart their growth and compare it to other children of the same age. They use these charts to understand how children are growing to intervene as soon as possible when needed. We all know how important it is for our children to grow academically. In fact, successful learning at an early age is probably one of the most important factors in a child's development, both inside and outside of school.

In order to ensure a child's continued success in school, our district gives regular screeners to all KG-8th grade students in the fall, winter, and spring. We also administer state and national assessments to help create a data "narrative or story" as we seek several data points in determining growth and achievement. Just as doctors use children's weight and height as "well checks" to measure healthy growth and development, we use these screeners and assessments as "well checks" to measure growth of academic skills. Our teachers will use the "well checks" to help plan instruction, interventions, and monitor student progress over time. As your children begin taking assessments this month, please encourage them to give their best effort as we use the data "narrative or story" to determine how to best serve our students' well-being! We are better together - We are Whiteford!

STATE TESTING DAY

This Wednesday, April 12th is our State Testing Day. Students in grades KG-7th grade and 12th grade do not have school. 8th-10th graders will take the PSAT test and will be released at approximately 12:10pm to parents, or busing is provided for those that typically ride a bus. 11th graders have a full day of school and will take the SAT test; however, students with transportation may leave when finished at approximately 1pm. Remaining students will be bused home at 2:55pm. On Thursday, April 14th, all students have a full day of school; however, 11th grade students will be completing the ACT WorkKeys test. 11th grade students with transportation will be permitted to leave after the assessment at approximately 11:15am. All other students will have their regular release time.

MARCH STAFF MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to middle/high school teacher, Michelle Delmotte, on being selected as the March Staff Member of the Month. Mrs. Delmotte was nominated by Ben Avis for her leadership of colleagues in the Professional Learning Community (PLC) process by addressing strategies to reach all learners. She holds her students accountable for their learning while ensuring that her students feel loved and supported. Mrs. Delmotte will be awarded with a \$100 gift card compliments of Leski Wittman Insurance Agency at the Board of Education Meeting on April 17. Congratulations to Mrs. Delmotte!

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](#)

DADDY/DAUGHTER DANCE

The elementary Daddy/Daughter Dance will be held in the elementary school cafeteria on Saturday, April 22nd, from 6pm to 8pm. We hope you will come and enjoy this annual special event!

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!

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](#)

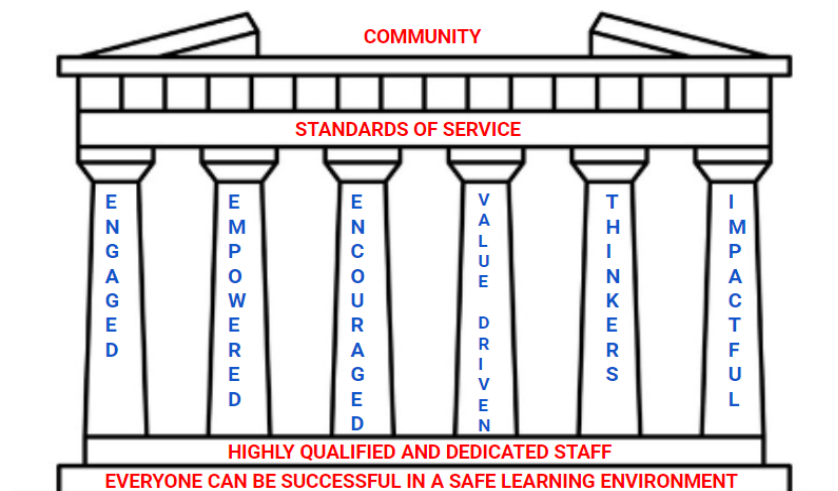
[2023-2024 School Calendar](#)

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

April 9	Easter
April 10	No School-Easter Break
April 10-May 5	M-STEP Grade 3 ELA Only
April 10-May 19	M-STEP Grades 3-8 & 11 Window
April 10-May 26	MI-Access Alternate Assessments Window
April 10	Varsity Softball vs Tecumseh 4pm (DH)
April 10	Varsity Baseball vs Ottawa Hills 5pm
April 10	JV Baseball at Ottawa Hills 5pm
April 11	Varsity Track vs Dundee/Britton Deerfield 4pm
April 12	State Testing Day
April 12	Varsity Baseball at Cardinal Stritch 5pm
April 13	2nd Grade Field Trip Sylvania Village 9-2pm
April 13	JV Baseball vs Toledo St. John 5pm
April 13	Kindergarten Round-Up 4-7pm
April 14	Kindergarten Round-Up 8:30-11am
April 15	Varsity Baseball at St. Francis DeSales Noon
April 15	Varsity Softball vs Lancaster at Springfield Noon
April 15	Varsity Softball at Springfield 1:30pm
April 15	JV Baseball at St. Francis DeSales 3pm

NEXT WEEK

April 17	Board of Education Meeting 6pm Bobcat Den
April 18	Varsity Track TCC Meet at Summerfield 4:30pm
April 18	Whiteford Parent Association 6pm Elementary Cafeteria
April 19	Varsity Baseball at Adrian Madison 4pm (DH)
April 19	Varsity Softball at Adrian Madison 4pm (DH)
April 19	MS Track vs Adrian Madison 4:30pm
April 20	JV Baseball vs Erie Mason 4:30pm
April 20	JV Softball vs Bedford 4:30pm
April 21	Senior Sunday Pictures Due
April 21	Varsity Softball at Ida 4pm
April 22	Varsity Baseball vs Clinton 10am
April 22	Varsity Softball vs Flat Rock 10am
April 22	Varsity Track at Whitmore Lake TBD
April 22	Elementary Daddy/Daughter Dance 6pm to 8pm

UPCOMING

April 24	Red Cross Blood Drive 10:30-4pm HS Gymnasium
April 26	6th/7th/8th Grades Toledo Mud Hens Field Trip
April 29	Junior/Senior Prom 7-11pm Old Mill Museum (Dundee)
April 30	Junior/Senior Post Prom 12-4am 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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