

WHITEFORD AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office of the Superintendent of Schools



SUPERINTENDENT FAMILY BULLETIN

April 1, 2024

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-8 th 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!

My best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott L. Huard".

Scott L. Huard, ED.S.
Superintendent

APRIL 8 EARLY RELEASE

The Great American Eclipse is set to occur on Monday, April 8, 2024. The path is projected to just miss Southeast Michigan. We're in the 95% eclipse zone, so we'll see a near total solar eclipse on April 8, 2024. In Toledo, the partial eclipse will begin at 1:56 p.m. EDT and the total eclipse begins at 3:13 p.m. EDT. The duration will likely be somewhere around 1 minute, and 47 seconds and the partial eclipse will end at 4:26 p.m. We want to get students safely home prior to this event. On April 8, we will have a half-day dismissal with elementary at 10:55am and secondary at 11:05am.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

If you missed Kindergarten Round-Up on March 14, please contact Marcy Anderson at: anderson@whiteford.k12.mi.us to register your kindergartener.

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. As a substitute, you can pick and choose what days you work. Interested applicants must apply through Applitrack by clicking [HERE](#) or by visiting the school website and clicking on the "Job Postings" button on the homepage. Come join our Bobcat school family!

APRIL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The next Board of Education meeting is April 8, 2024. The meeting will begin at 6pm in the board room located in the MS/HS. The Board of Education agenda is posted the Friday preceding a meeting: [BOE Agenda & Minutes](#).

ANNUAL EDUCATION REPORTS

Both the district and the school Annual Education Reports are available for review. You can access these by visiting our website under Publications and Annual Reports or [here](#). A paper copy is also available in the building or Superintendent offices.

SCHOOL OF CHOICE WINDOW NOW OPEN

To provide a quality education for all students in Monroe County, the Monroe County Schools of Choice Program is offered by the Monroe County Intermediate School District in cooperation with its constituent districts. This program allows parents and students the choice to attend any public school in Monroe County, regardless of where they live. The Monroe County Schools of Choice application window will open April 1, 2024 - June 28, 2024. Applications are available on our website www.whiteford.k12.mi.us located [here](#), or you can access a hardcopy application at the Superintendent's Office. Remember, a student must be released by his/her resident district. Here is the School of Choice Process:

- Student and parent(s) complete the application and file it with the RESIDENT district.
- Application is reviewed to determine if the student meets guidelines to participate in the program.
- Students who do not qualify are notified by the RESIDENT district and the process ends.
- For students who do qualify, the RESIDENT district signs the application and forwards it to the CHOICE district.
- The CHOICE district informs applicant whether or not space is available at the district. This communication is copied and sent to the RESIDENT district, so all parties know who has been accepted by the CHOICE district.
- If space is not available, the family is notified, and are placed on a waitlist or the process ends.
- For students accepted by the CHOICE district, parents/guardians MUST formally enroll the student.

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.

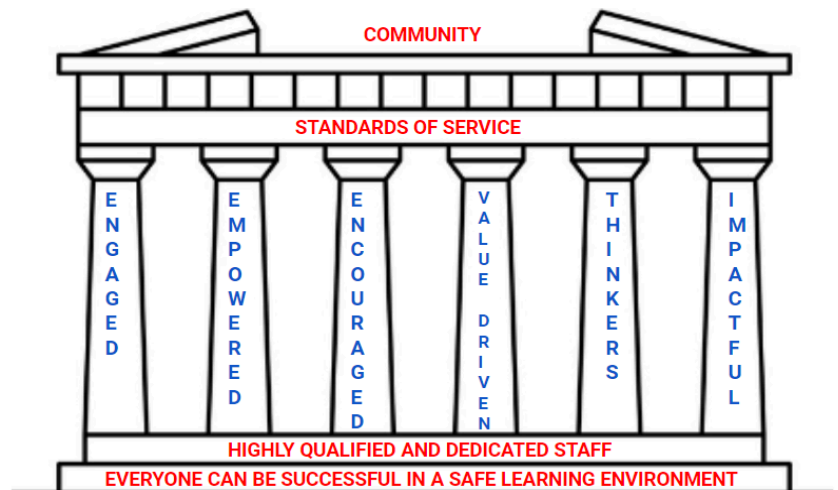
→ **VALUE DRIVEN** leaders.

→ 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.



BREAKFAST/LUNCH MENUS

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

SCHOOL CALENDARS

[2023-2024 School Calendar](#)

[2024-2025 School Calendar](#)

ATHLETICS WEBSITE/CALENDAR

<https://www.whiteford.k12.mi.us/athletics/>

THIS WEEK

April 1	No School - Easter Break
April 2	MS Track First Official Practice
April 2	Whiteford Recreation Meeting 7pm MS/HS Media Center

UPCOMING

April 8	Early Release Elementary 10:55am; MS/HS 11:05am
April 8	Board of Education Meeting 6pm MS/HS Board Rm
April 10	State Testing Day, No School Grades KG-7th and 12th
April 13	WPA Daddy Daughter Dance 6-8pm Elementary Cafeteria
April 16	3rd Grade Field Trip: Imagination Station 9:40-2pm
April 16	WPA Meeting 6pm Elementary Cafeteria
April 19	FFA Field Trip: Skills Contests MSU 6:15-3pm
April 20	Junior/Senior Prom 2023 7-11pm
April 22	American Red Cross Blood Drive 9am Auxiliary Gym
April 22	8th/10th Grade Field Trip: Zekelman Holocaust Center 8-2:30pm
April 23	MC Career Expo 9-1pm MC Fair Grounds
April 25	Track & Field Youth Camp 3-4:30pm
April 28-May 1	FFA Field Trip: Leadership Camp
April 30	1st Grade Field Trip: Ritter Astrophysical Research 9:30-1pm
May 2	5th Grade Field Trip: Toledo Zoo 9:30-2:30pm
May 2	Track & Field Youth Camp 3-4:30pm
May 3	FFA Banquet 5pm MS Gym
May 4-June 2	FFA Greenhouse Open
May 6	FFA Ag Awareness Day 8-3pm
May 7	Whiteford Recreation Meeting 7pm MS/HS Media Center
May 8	MS Field Trip: Mud Hens Game 9-2pm
May 9	KG Field Trip: Wildwood Preserve Metropark 9-12:30pm
May 10	2nd Grade Field Trip: Toledo Zoo 9:30-2pm
May 13	Board of Education Meeting 6pm Board Rm
May 14	FFA Banquet MS Gym 6pm
May 14	5th Grade Field Trip: Sauder Village 8:15-2:45pm
May 15	Athletic Signing Day
May 17	Elementary Field Day/Carnival Day
May 19	Senior Sunday 5pm HS Gym
May 20-24	Senior Exams
May 21	WPA Meeting 6pm Elementary Cafeteria
May 22	HS Academic Award Assembly 2-3pm HS Gym
May 23	Baccalaureate Service 12-2:00pm
May 24	Seniors Last Day
May 27	No School - Memorial Day
May 28	MS Academic Assembly 2-3pm MS Gym
May 28	MS Spring Concert 7-9:00pm
May 29	Senior Breakfast 8am MS/ HS Cafeteria
May 29	Senior Rehearsal 9am
May 29	Senior Parade 6-7:30pm
May 29	Senior Sunset 7:30pm HS Gym
May 30	Commencement Crossroads Community Church 7pm
May 31	Elementary Field Day/Carnival Day Rain Date
June 4	Whiteford Recreation Meeting 7pm MS/HS Media Center
June 5	Early Release Elementary 10:55am; MS/HS 11:05am
June 6	End of 4th Marking Period
June 6	Early Release Elementary 10:55am; MS/HS 11:05am
June 10-June 14	Camp Invention (Incoming KG-6th Grade)