

# Whiteford Elementary School



November 17, 2023

## Hello Bobcats!

Thank you so much for the kindness shown to the staff and students this week as we grieve with and for Mr. and Mrs. Vogel. We are passing all of your well wishes on to them and they are very appreciative of the outpouring of love and support. Once again, our Whiteford family pulls together in the time of need to lift each other up. Thank you for being such an amazing community.

We continue to support the students through this process. We talk about the big emotions we feel and that they will come in waves. Mr. Huard shared that The Dougy Center: The National Center for Grieving Children & Families has created the [Developmental Responses to Grief](#) resource that may assist you in your conversations with your children. If you feel your child needs additional support, please let me know.

**Monday is the last day for the food drive!! Thank you for supporting the Food Pantry at Zion Lutheran Church**

## Whiteford Elementary Food Drive

The BIG Game will be here Thanksgiving weekend!

Who do you support?



To find out, we will be collecting non-perishable food items including but not limited to; cereal, juices, canned goods, toiletries, etc. We plan to donate our collection to our neighborhood Food Pantry at Zion Lutheran Church located at 8307 Memorial Hwy. Ottawa Lake, MI (734) 856-2921. They offer food pick up the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 10 am - 12 pm. Students can place all of their donations under the team flag of your choice located in the front vestibule; **November 10-20!** Who will our Whiteford students be cheering for during the big game!?!

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### **Santa's Workshop!**

It's that wonderful time of the year! Soon our cafeteria will be filled with the wonderful sounds of Christmas music and the students will have the opportunity to come and purchase gifts (each item is \$1.00) for their family. A letter explaining everything and an envelope for your child to bring their money in to go shopping with will be sent home with your child. Also, to make this wonderful experience so successful every year, we need some elves to help students shop and to help wrap presents. Below is a sign up if you are interested in volunteering an hour or two (or ten) throughout the week. Please contact Sarah Cross if you have any questions.

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[Sign up for Santa's Workshop](#)



*\*Santa's WorkShop 2023!\* Elves Wanted! \*Nov. 27-Dec. 1\**

We value our volunteers and Santa's Workshop wouldn't be possible without you. This year we will be located in the cafeteria for more space and convenience. Please consider signing up for one or as many slots as you would like. Gift wrap and tape will be provided, but if you have any extra feel free to bring it along. If you would like to help, but are unable to attend these

### **Scholastic Book Fair**

Hey, Bobcats! Please take a moment to read this message from our Elementary School Book Fair Coordinator, Mrs. Tara Pawson:

"I would like to take a moment to thank everyone who helped make this year's book fair a major success! It is a ton of planning and hard work, and I couldn't have done it without all of the help! From parent volunteers to the teachers being flexible with their time, and let's not forget all of the parents and kiddos who came to shop! I thank you all! I would also like to thank the WPA for their incredible donation to each classroom. I am excited to have the funds to stock the school library with new books as well as the new little free library in front of the school. Again, thank you all!"



**Upcoming Important Dates:**

November 21	WPA meeting 6:00 pm
November 22	½ day - dismiss at 10:55am
November 23-24	No School - Thanksgiving Break

Nov. 27-Dec.1	Santa's Workshop
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**December 14 Elementary Christmas Concert**

December 22	½ day - dismiss at 10:55
Dec. 23-Jan. 2	No School - Christmas Break
January 3, 2024	Return to School

Have a nice weekend and please let me know if there is anything I can assist with.

Educationally yours,

*Mrs. Anderson*

Marcy Anderson  
Elementary Principal

