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2018-2019 SCHOOL HOURS / CALENDAR

Building	Starting Time	Ending Time	Early Dismissal Time
Elementary	7:55 AM	3:10 PM	11:10 AM
Middle/High School	7:55 AM	2:55 PM	11:00 AM

Dec. 23-
Jan. 2.....NO SCHOOL
(Christmas / Winter Break)

Jan. 15-17SEMESTER EXAMS

Jan. 16-17EARLY DISMISSAL

Jan. 20NO SCHOOL
(Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

JFeb. 25EARLY DISMISSAL

Apr. 3.....EARLY DISMISSAL

Apr. 6-10NO SCHOOL
(Spring Break)

Apr. 14.....STATE TESTING DAY

May 3EARLY DISMISSAL

May 25NO SCHOOL
(Memorial Day)

June 3-5SEMESTER EXAMS

June 4-5*EARLY DISMISSAL
* pending weather delays/closings
* Parents are reminded that additional days may be added to the school year should we exceed our state limitation on number of days/hours cancelled or delayed during the school year.

Food Pantry Dates / Hours

Crossroads Church

1st Thursday of Month
4:30 PM—6:30 PM

St. Michael Lutheran Church

2nd Saturday of Month
10 AM—11:30 AM

Zion Lutheran Church

2nd/4th Tuesday of Month
9 AM—1 PM

WHITEFORD AGRICULTURAL SCHOOLS Bobcat Tales

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December 2019

WHITEFORD AGRICULTURAL SCHOOLS BOND PROPOSAL

Thank you...



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Township voters

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school and students!





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Upcoming
Board of
Education Meetings
6:00 PM

January 13, 2020
(additional meeting
dates to be deter-
mined at this
meeting)

High School Library

**District
Mission / Vision**

*Engaged ...
in our learning
Encouraged ...
by our community
Empowered ...
for our world*

We are Whiteford!

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE...

Dear Whiteford Community,

Welcome to our latest edition of the Bobcat Tales. I hope you enjoy reading all about our amazing students and the accomplishments they have made over the last few months. The Bobcat Tales are published every two months and is the district's primary source of communication with the Whiteford community. If you know of someone who is not receiving the Bobcat Tales but should be, please have them contact my office at (734) 856-1443 ext. 106. The tales are mailed to every resident in Whiteford Township as well as our school of choice families who have students currently attending the district.

On November 5th, the Whiteford community once again showed their strong commitment to the success of the Whiteford Agricultural School District and our students. We can't thank our voters enough for the recent passage of our school bond mileage. The upgrades that are planned are both exciting and invigorating for our students and staff. When we returned to school on that Wednesday following the election, the students and staff were incredibly excited about the future of the school district and the plans for improvement. We will be keeping the community updated on the progress of bond projects by posting updates on the district web-site and including updates in future editions of the Bobcat Tales. Please look to both of those for information regarding project timelines, etc., but always feel free to call my office directly with questions as well.

Finally, during this holiday season of giving, I am very proud of the many ways our students and staff have engaged in giving back to the community. The outreach has occurred at all three levels; elementary, middle, and high school. Whether it was a food drive, adopting a family for Christmas, or community performance, our Bobcats continue to make us proud. I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the students and staff who are involved in these activities for showing Bobcat Pride and making someone's Christmas a little brighter this year.

Once again, thank you Whiteford for your support this year. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I hope your 2020 is your best year yet! Go Bobcats!

Sincerely,

Valerie Orr

Valerie Orr
Superintendent

Whiteford FFA News

Submitted by Emma Spradling & Paige Thomas

On November 6th, Whiteford FFA members competed at the State FFA Broiler Contest at Munsell's Poultry Processing in Fowlerville, Michigan. These students raised their animals from chicks until processing size through mixing their own feed, cleaning pens, and supplying water and various other tasks. This was at a six week project in which each group has the responsibility of 25 chickens and have to select their top 5 in uniformity, size, and meat qualities. Groups also have to complete a 15 page written report that includes graphs, pictures, and data from the project. The following are the Whiteford contest results:



High School Teams (of 162 total teams)

1. Chicken--6th place, Gold award: Braxton Hammons-Kirby, Erica Holup, Nick Mills, Melanie Jakubowski, Logan DeBruyne, Brayden Luse, and Brody English
2. White Chix--22nd place, Gold award: Allison Spradling, Emily Raymond, Alaina Andrews, Katie Butz, Jessica Ulery, Alyssa Ulery, McKenzie Ulery, Madelyn Thomas and Ava Siler
3. Scrambled Eggs--34th place, Silver award: Ali Bauman, Aly VanBrandt, Miranda Trejo, Hayden Siler, Ava Hillard, Carter Ruehle, and Luke Rasor
4. Big Bird--37th place, Silver award: Makaylah Pello, Susie Howell, Brandeon Kreutz, Emma Franklin, Ethan Emch, Logan Brown and Dylan Koepfler
5. Ninja Chicks--79th place: Mason Fielding, Kennedy McCollum, Hailey Riffle, Shan Suchora, Braedon Mills, Ethan Jaqua, Max McLaughlin, and Isabella Reed
6. Thou Boyz--89th place: Nick Poland, Owen Knaggs, Aidan Cousino, Eli Dyer, Shea Ruddy, Jake Giesige, Parker Tarnowski, Charlie Zdybek and Tyler Greer

Middle School Teams (of 15 teams)

1. KFC--1st place, STATE WINNER: Reagan Wing, Abigail Johnson, Ryn Ruddy, Aubrie Simmons, Joshua Hill, Jayden Crook, Andrew Pello, Austin Welker, Cooper Bieber, Sofie Minkowski, and Austin Lichner
 2. Hay Hay--4th place, Gold Award: Christy Park, Rylie DeSilvis, Liam Waterford, Van Broshious, Noah Stevens, Gaspere Pirrone, Brandon Rozek, Austin Thornton, Frank Emmenecker, Jacob Iott, Kenzie Gray, and Kolby Masserant
- In the picture below, Alaina Andrews, Madelyn Thomas and Allison Spradling are listening to the judge and what he has to say about their projects and how to improve.

In other FFA news, high school seniors Mallory Simmons and Lainey Hillard competed at the regional Farm Bureau Discussion Meet at Milan High School on November 13th. They prepared themselves to discuss their opinions of modern issues in agriculture and came up with solutions to those problems. Mallory placed 4th in the event and was an alternate to compete at the state annual contest in Grand Rapids.



Congratulations to all FFA members for their hard work and dedication to their contest and our program.

Homecoming 2019 Update



On Friday, October 4th, Mallory Simmons was crowned 2019 Homecoming Queen. She is the daughter of Jeremy and Anita Simmons. After graduation, Mallory plans to attend a Christian University and double major in kinesiology and business administration.

On Saturday, October 5th, J. Braedon Mills was crowned the 2019 Homecoming King. Braedon is the son of Scott and Corey Mills. After graduation, Braedon plans to begin his college career at Monroe Community College. He will then continue his college studies at Eastern Michigan University with a double major in Cyber Security and Ethical Hacking.

Whiteford Parents' Association (WPA) News

Submitted by Jaclyn Warren

The holiday season is in full swing and the WPA has been **busy!**

The WPA hosted its annual craft and vendor show on November 2nd; thank you to all the crafters and vendors who participated, and all the shoppers who came out to support them!

Otis Spunkmeyer cookies were delivered mid-November, just in time for Thanksgiving desserts. We want to thank everyone who helped make the sale a success by ordering, and especially thank all the volunteers who helped sort, pass out and load cookies on delivery day.

Our final holiday event every year is Santa's workshop, and this one was bittersweet: the person who has overseen it for the last several years is stepping down and we were unable to find a volunteer to take it over, so it is with sadness that we announce that Santa's workshop has closed its doors for the final time. We want to give a special thank you to all the volunteers who helped make it memorable for the kids, this year and in years past.

The first meeting of the new year will be January 21st in the elementary cafeteria. Planning will begin for the many events the WPA sponsors the second half of each school year: the daddy/daughter dance, mother/son night, elementary talent show, and spring carnival will all be coming up in the next few months. We would love to have new faces come to share their ideas for these events.

Parents and grandparents are welcome at all meetings, and as volunteers for events. We can't do it without you! If you would like to help but can't make the meetings, feel free to email us at whiteford.parents@gmail.com. Many of our volunteer opportunities take place outside of normal school/work hours, so there are plenty of ways for you to be involved. Plan to come to the meetings but just can't remember? Email us with your phone number and you can get an email and/or text reminder prior to the meeting. You can also follow us on Facebook-just

WINTER SPORTS

Submitted by Mr. Jason Mensing, Director of Student Advancement/Athletic Director

Winter sports are here and we are excited about the Basketball and Cheer season. Our Boys Middle School Basketball and Cheer season is completed prior to Christmas break. It is our goal that our boys will be able to participate in 15 games this winter; with 28 boys participating this year it is obvious that basketball remains a very popular sport here at Whiteford. Our JV and Varsity Boys and Girls teams have begun practices both opening their seasons hosting rival Blissfield in early December.



Coach Nick Abalos returns for his second season as our boys coach this year building on a strong foundational season last year. Coach Manley returns for his 5th season as the head coach of our girls varsity basketball team. He has over 20 years of experience coaching and we are grateful for his wisdom and leadership that he brings our coaching staff. As our young teams grow and mature throughout this season, we anticipate energetic and fun teams to support. We encourage you to come help fill the gym and cheer on both our boys and girls teams. Additionally, we plan to host our winter homecoming on February 14th in which we will be hosting a Girls/Boys Varsity double header to highlight both of our teams.

Bleed Blue!!!

PREPARING FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

Submitted by Mr. Jason Mensing, Director of Student Advancement/Athletic Director

As we prepare for the winter months, our office is busy getting ready for the 2020-2021 School year. As soon as the second semester begins we start our scheduling process for our 8th-11th grade students. This commences with a class meeting to give an overview of all options and pathways for future years. The students take this information and mark their requested courses which is then sent home for parental signature. We then sit down and meet with each student and enter their requests into our computer system. This allows us to build a schedule that will minimize course conflicts for students and maximize the potential of students receiving the courses they requested.

Prior to our individual meetings, 10th grade students who have interest in Career and Technical Education at Bedford schools have the opportunity to go visit their programs and see if these were opportunities that they want to take advantage of. As many of you know there are numerous opportunities for students to earn college credit, take courses that involve hands on applications, and take virtual courses to expose themselves to content they would not be able to otherwise. These individual meetings are one of the highlights of my job as I get to sit and discuss student's goals with them as we try to build a pathway that will expose them to different areas of interest so they can help identify their long term ambitions.

Ultimately, if you have questions with our scheduling process or the unique offerings at Whiteford, please give me a call at 734-856-1443, ext. 103 so that I can secure every student a schedule that will best prepare them for their post-secondary plans.

Family Literacy Events at Whiteford Elementary



On two separate evenings this fall, Whiteford Elementary School hosted Family Literacy Nights for all students and families that were able to attend! Each of these events included a read aloud story, including an informational book titled "Her Right Foot" by Dave Eggers, and a math related story called "Zero the Hero" by Joan Holub. These books provided a central theme for each night; The Statue of Liberty, and Super Heroes re-

spectively. Mrs. Shelly DeVantier, Reading Specialist, shared each story to a packed elementary cafeteria, and then everyone in attendance broke out into four stations.

These groups included; a writing station where all of the kids wrote postcards that related to The Statue of Liberty idea and number words and story problems to support the math story,



a STEM station where Lady Liberty was constructed from everyday materials, as well as 3D puzzles of the statue. The students also constructed Hoop Gliders to determine which design would fly the farthest like Zero the Hero from the story. There was a math station that included a life size poster of a 25 foot right sandal of the statue as well as the entire height marked off outside. An art station provided materials for decorating the main character Zero, along with a 100s chart for the kids to take home as well. Lastly, there was a science station that invited the students the clean copper pennies with different solutions as they learned about oxidation and patina weathering; just like the Statue of Liberty!

Each night ended with a new take home book; the initial story was about the Statue of Liberty and the second picture book called, "A Place for Zero". These books were generously donated by the Whiteford Parent's Association, the Bedford Lion's Club, and the Whiteford Elementary Literacy Committee provided for each child. The kids also received a hotdog, chips, and a drink on the first night, and breakfast for dinner at the second event. Participants could also check out the Monroe County Book Mobile that made an appearance during both events.

The next Family Literacy Night is scheduled for Wednesday, February 16 from 5:00–6:30pm with a focus on STEM! All students and their families are invited to attend for another evening of family fun!



WHITEFORD RECREATION CLUB NEWS

Submitted by Mr. Ryan Dubendorfer, Vice President

The Whiteford Recreation Club Board of Trustees recently re-elected officers through September 2020. Nick Puhl - president, Ryan Dubendorfer - vice president, Amy Masters - treasurer, Jake Ray - trustee and Anna Brown - trustee. Two vacancies have yet to be filled: secretary and trustee. Please contact Nick Puhl (nickp3441@bex.net) or Ryan Dubendorfer (ryanduby@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining and helping organize sports for our children. We only ask for an hour of your time each month!

The WRC Board of Trustees meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the high school library. We welcome and encourage your input. Continue to watch for updates in the Weekly News Blast. Basketball registration forms for kindergarten clinic and 1st and 2nd graders will be sent home in December. We will wrap up the 2019 basketball season for our 3rd—6th grade boys just before Christmas. Practices for 3rd-6th grade girls will begin after Christmas break. Any cancellations due to weather will be announced by coaches and also on our facebook page. Follow <https://www.facebook.com/WhitefordRec> for updates.

ELEMENTARY HONOR ROLL (1ST QUARTER)

5th Grade—All A's

Alcock, Brayden
Bauman, Austin
Billau, Austin
Call, Cooper
Lestock, Kate
Luse, Kayla
Masters, Marissa
McCormack, Mason
Messerschmidt, Kloe
Ruddy, Brek
Schober, Cade
Schroyer, Audrey
Stevens, Anna
Stevens, Ava
Valasek, Jamie
Wood, Avy

5th Grade—A/B List

Bieber, Gus
Brace, Isabella
Brandon, Phoebe
Buechele-Sloan, Philip
Burton, Bradyn
DeBarr, Sierra
DuRocher, Delaney
Eitniear, Tre
Guilliam, Isabelle
Hinojosa, Alexia
Hoag, Riley
Hughes, Anthony
Joerin, Theo
Johns, Sage
Kahn, Sophia
Light, Noelle

McCullough,, Jason
Montrose, Conner
Prange, Amber
Ray, Cooper
Saylor III, Jess
Schumacher, Hailey
Smith, Ava
Stewart, Caden
Thomas, Ryan
Tyrrell, Brookelynn
Valasek-Wienclaw, Alisyn
Wahl, Layne
Williams, Leah
Wright, Leah

4th Grade—All A's

Butz, Ava
Cole, Kiera
Cousino, Jackson
Griffith, Allison
Hamid, Sadia
Ingram, Rilee
Jurgenson, Harlow
Krieger, Jacob
Luzier, Mason
Masters, Brody
Miller, Mason
Morgan, Lillie
Olrich, Jade
Podgorski, Brady
Rodriguez, Brooklyn
Schoen, Eva
Speweik, Glory
Suchora, Eva
Vida, Molly

Vida, Rory
White, Brielle

4th Grade—A/B List

Anthony, Tori
Babcock, Jameson
Ballert, Logan
Benoit, Quinn
Couture, Lillian
Diesing, Maddox
Donbrosky, Duncan
Ellis, Camden
Hall, Juliana
Keller, Lane
Marsh, Ian
McCoy, Shaelin
Meinert, Gavin
Mercurio, Levi
Olson, Alivea
Perry, Jeter
Shingleton, Kallie
Thompson, George



MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL (1ST QUARTER)

12th Grade—All A's

Andrews, Luke
Bieber, Kaylee
Dauterman, Sophia
DiTerlizzi, Natalia
DuVall, Elizabeth
Gapp, Paul Daniel
Gozdowski, Jessica
Howell, Susan
Lenhart, Adam
Morse, Chase
Murray, Kennedy

12th Grade—A/B List

Buck, Emily
Hagan, Joshua
Haubrich, Kyle
Hillard, Lainey
Hizer, Hayden
Kolmar, Trenton
Mercurio, Jessica
Simmons, Mallory
Teszna, Brodi
Wilson, Jordan
Wilson, Megan
Wing, Clayton
Yount, Taylor

11th Grade—All A's

Borowicz, Kyleigh
Donnelly, Leah
Gapp, Isaac
Lee, Madison
Oberle, Sarah
Olrich, Emma
Schober, Alison
Smith, Jaden
Spradling, Emma
Sybert, Mackenzie
Thomas, Paige
Walton, Caleb
Williams, Payton

11th Grade—A/B List

Brown, Jordan
Dixon, Andrew
Durden, Trent
Dyer, Evan
Lee, Macie
Olrich, Morgan
Overmann, Alena
Pello, Angelina
Rodgers, Christian

Sonnenberg, Josie
Tores, Harmony
Urrutia, Josah
VanHove, Emma
Wynn, Austin

10th Grade—All A's

Andrews, Jack
Bauman, Zoe
Creque, Jami
DeBarr, McKenna
Giesige, Cole
Hillard, Levi
Holup, Stephen
Kohler, Mackinzie
Kolmar, Kyra
Miller, Sidney
Murray, Timothy
Oberle, Ryan
Ruddy, Ty
VanBrandt, Adrianna
Webb, Hannah
Willis, Caleb
Wright, Emily

10th Grade—A/B List

Bauman, Noah
Fielding, Mason
Hizer, Owen
Holliger, Rachel
Howell, Molly
Joerin, Isaiah
Keller, Berlynn
Oberle, Nicholas
Parker, Cole
Rose-McBea, Jada
Ruehle, Cooper
Simmons, Ellie
Turvey, Keira
Wing, Rylyn
Yavorsky, Makaila

9th Grade—All A's

Andrews, Alaina
Bauman, Ali
Blanchard, Morgan
Butz, Katie
DeBruyne, Lexi
Donnelly, Addison
Dyer, Eli
French, Thomas
Giesige, Jake
Hillard, Ava
Holup, Erica

LaVoy, Kaitlyn
Luse, Brayden
McCollum, Kennedy
Mensing, Case
Norman, Halle
Rasor, Luke
Ruddy, Shea
Russell, Kennedy
Spradling, Allison
Thomas, Madelyn
Ulery, Alyssa
Ulery, Jessica
Ulery, Mackenzie
VanBrandt, Alyssa

9th Grade—A/B List

Acton, Alexander
Anderson, Dylan
Cousino, Aidan
DeBruyne, Logan
Diesing, Jaedon
Ellis, Alena
Ghamlouche, Bellamy
Gorney, Braden
Greer, Tyler
Guilliam, Emily
Knaggs, Owen
Kolmar, Cameron
Raymond, Emily
Siler, Ava
Speweik, Quinn
Szymanski, Kaylee
Turvey, Sarah
Waterford, Michael

8th Grade—All A's

Alexander, Shaylin
Bahls, Carleton
DeSilvis, Rylie
Gorney, Ava
Griffith, Keira
Hill, Joshua
Minkowski, Sofie
Podgorski, Maysen
Ruddy, Ryn
Schober, Anna
Simmons, Aubrie
Tammerine, Lexie
Thomas, Margo
Vida, Luke
Webb, Jillian
Wing, Reagan

8th Grade—A/B List

Aguado, Miasofia
Bennett, Julianna

Brace, Victoria
Briem, Savannah
Conard, Karlei
Gapp, Anna
Gray, Kenzie
Ioff, Jackson
Ioff, Jacob
Joerin, Lincoln
Johnson, Abigail
Kahn, Zachary
Lay, Joslyn
Olrich, Trent
Park, Christy
Parker, Evan
Perry, Samantha
Schaefer, Jacqueline
Sheldon, Kaydence
Stevens, Noah
Szymanski, Joseph
Turvey, Emily
VanBrandt, Mason
Wells, Alleck
Wernet, Emma
Wotring, Anna

7th Grade—All A's

Call, Dawson
Joerin, Rylan
Luse, Haley
Masters, Brendon
McClain, Alaina
Rasor, Emily

7th Grade—A/B List

Billau, Lily
Consear, Layla
Cousino, Avery
Crots, Marin
Delmotte, Logan
Ghamlouche, Aiden
Hill, Emily
Linkey, Adam
Lehsten, Isabell
Lorenzen, Mariah
Mills, Brooklyn
Olrich, Jack
Puehle, Olivia
Saylor, Jenna
Swan, Clara

6th Grade—All A's

Alexander, Shevy
Andrews, Nate
Bahls, Mallory
Bauman, Nina

Billau, Koralynn
Brown, Nolan
Burke, Grace
Chung, Iza
Consear, Lana
Cousino, Addeson
Diesing, Cooper
Dyer Brandt
French, Samuel
Griffith, Cole
Hamid, Sarah
Hillard, Brody
Jablonski, Joseph
LaVoy, Kailee
Montrose, Blake
Pawson, Allison
Ross, Grace
Ruddy, Drew
Schalmo, Garrett
Schroyer, Caden
Scott, Jake
Shingleton, Rory
Spradling, Bailey
Thomas, Keegan
VanHove, Addyson
Welker, Tyler
Wing, Briar

6th Grade—A/B List

Collins, James
DeBarr, Mason
Douse, Emma
DuBois, Lucas
Emch, Zayne
McCormack, Lincoln
McCullough, Everett
McCune, Morgan
Norman, Brock
Smith-Emerson, Samantha
Speweik, Gabriel
Vore, Troy
Walker, Nolan
Wells, Ayden
Wotring, Shelby

Creating “Pumpkin” Reports!

Submitted by Ms. Amie Hanselman, Fourth Grade Teacher

When I started in Whiteford 3 years ago, I was excited to join a small town community like the one I had graduated from. What I was expecting from this incredible community was nothing compared to what I experienced! After reaching out to Jake Gust about potentially having some pumpkins donated or bought, Jake and Gust Brothers Farm donated over 50 pumpkins for EVERY 4th grader to decorate and take part in our book project activity!

This year in October, instead of completing a “regular” book report, students participated in doing a book project. After reading a book of their choosing, they answered questions about the book, like what point of view it was written in, what were the characters like, and more! Then, students came back to school and got to decorate pumpkins to look like a character from their book, using paint, pipe cleaners, glitter, and more!

Thanks to Gust Brothers Farm, every 4th grader was able to decorate a pumpkin in class! Over 54 pumpkins were donated graciously. Never did I expect such generosity, yet it was gifted from this tight knit community that I’m lucky enough to be a part of. Students were able to take their pumpkins home right in time for Halloween to be displayed proudly! Our 4th grade bobcats owe a HUGE thank you to Jake Gust and Gust Brothers for providing us with an awesome reading and creating experience!



LEGO ROBOTICS IN THE CLASSROOM

Submitted by Mrs. Lindsey Kunkel, STEM Teacher

For the last couple of months, the Whiteford Stem Program and the Sylvania Stem Center were able to partner together to bring to the students Lego robotics and simple machines. It has been a blast working with them! The Sylvania Stem Center has educated the students as well as myself as a teacher!

During our STEM special time, the elementary grades have been designing, building, and programming Legos. The Kindergarten and First Grade classes have created simple machines out of Legos. We have talked about pulleys, levers, gears, and wheels and axels. The students worked in groups to build each simple machine and test how they work. By the end of our lessons, the students were able to explain and demonstrate how they all functioned! The final challenge was to create a race car that combined all the simple machines into one contraption! They were able to race their cars down different ramp heights and estimate how far their cars would go in inches.

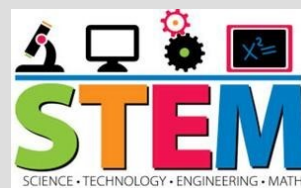
The Second and Third Grade classes used the WeDo Lego Kits and Amazon Tablets to create motorized windmills and cars. During their lessons, the students learned how to code their robots to perform different tasks such as move, pause, change direction, change speed, create sound, create loops and much more! They also used a tilt sensor, and an ultra-sonic sensor to measure distances with their robots. The final challenge for them was to create a car that could use an ultra-sonic sensor to avoid collision, but also be the fastest race car in the room!

The Fourth and Fifth Grade classes used the EV3 Lego Kits and laptops to create motorized robots. During their time in stem, they learned how to program their motors to move their robot forward, backward, sideways, right and left at all different angles and speeds. They also were able to build attachments for their robots such as a color sensor, ultra-sonic sensor, and a claw to grab other objects. They used these sensors to program their robots to do challenges on mats for points. The final challenge involved the students programming their robots to stop on certain colored lines, pick up tower Legos with their claws, and return to the base without hitting anything else.

All in all, the students and I had a blast learning the basics in robotics! It is amazing what the students can create when given the resources and chances to do so! I am so impressed with our Whiteford kids and with Sylvania Stem Center for helping us create something so incredible! Thank you to everyone who was involved for making this Stem unit amazing!

If your child has an increased interest in robotics, Sylvania Stem offers after school programs, events, summer camps, and much more on their website at

www.sylvanastem.org. Their address is 3315 Centennial Road Suite H, Sylvania, Ohio
If you ever want to check their center out!



WHITEFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS COMPETE IN THE 2019 MONROE COUNTY QUIZ BOWL

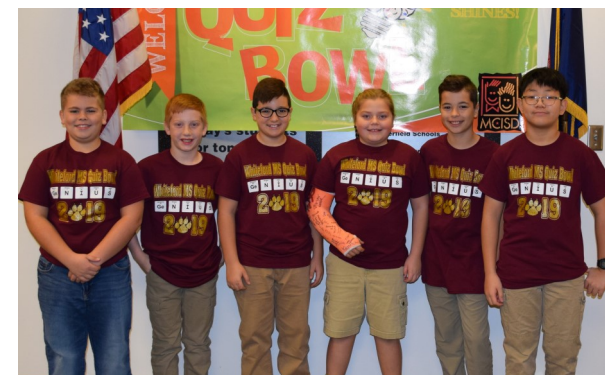
Submitted by Mrs. Cari Mitchey, Instructional Coach

Do you know how long it took people to travel the Oregon Trail? Or, who wrote the classic story "Rikki Tikki Tavi"? These are the types of questions the Bobcat Quiz Teams, grades 5th-8th, were challenged with during a week of grade level competitions. All of our teams proudly represented our school and community with intelligence, pride, and sportsmanship. The following students represented their grades at the competition and we are so proud of them for the hard work and time they put in to making it another successful year of Quiz Bowl!

Congratulations to the following students for representing Whiteford at the 2019 Monroe County Quiz Bowl! Thank you to our coaches—Mrs. Hoag, Mrs. Mitchey, Mrs. Antal, and Mrs. Adams—for your time in preparing our teams. **We appreciate you!**



5th Grade Team: (back row) Brek Ruddy, Ava Stevens, Kate Lestock, Leah Wright
(front row) Cooper Call, Austin Bauman
Coached by Leah Hoag



6th Grade Team: Jake Scott, Drew Ruddy, Brandt Dyer, Mallory Bahls, Cooper Diesing, Iza Chung
Coached by Cari Mitchey



7th Grade Team: Brendon Master, Adam Linkey, Haley Luse, Lilly Billau, Dawson Call, Alaina McClain
Coached by Anna Antal



8th Grade Team: Anson Bahls, Lincoln Joerin, Ryin Ruddy, Luke Vida, Kenzie Gray, Keegan Masters
Coached by Monica Adams

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Kelli Tuller
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Elementary Principal
Michaela Shepherd
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Jason Mensing
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*Dean of Student
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Ken Groch
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