

# Bobcat Tales

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## 2020 – 2021 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

Sept. 2 ..... Student Orientation  
(Schedule by building)

Sept. 8 ..... First Day of School  
(students report at Noon)

Oct. 30 ..... NO SCHOOL

Nov. 12-13 ..... EARLY DISMISSAL

Nov. 25 ..... EARLY DISMISSAL

Nov. 26-27 ..... NO SCHOOL  
(Thanksgiving Break)

Dec. 22 ..... EARLY DISMISSAL

Dec. 23-  
Jan. 1 ..... NO SCHOOL  
(Christmas / Winter Break)

Jan. 13 ..... EARLY DISMISSAL

Jan. 18 ..... NO SCHOOL  
(Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

Jan. 22 ..... EARLY DISMISSAL

Feb. 15 ..... NO SCHOOL

Mar. 17 ..... EARLY DISMISSAL

Apr. 1 ..... EARLY DISMISSAL

Apr. 2-9 ..... NO SCHOOL  
(Spring Break)

April 13 ..... STATE TESTING DAY  
..... NO SCHOOL K-7, 12

May 31 ..... NO SCHOOL  
(Memorial Day)

June 11\* ..... EARLY DISMISSAL  
(Last day of school)

\*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 AM

#### Zion Lutheran Church

2nd/4th Tuesday of Month  
10 AM—12 PM

# WHITEFORD AGRICULTURAL SCHOOLS Bobcat Tales

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December 2020

## A STELLAR SEASON FOR CROSS COUNTRY!



The Whiteford Men's Cross Country team had a year of complete turnaround. This season saw great improvement as runners moved up from last in the TCC to edging its way into second, but tying for first at the championship meet, the highest and best finish in school and program history. With covid precautions put into place to keep races within state guidelines, the cross country team had to qualify for the regional meet this year. They did so by placing second at the pre-regional race on one of the hardest courses they saw all year. The following week at the regional meet they placed third, qualifying as a team for the state meet held at MIS in Brooklyn. The cross country program had experienced a five-year drought of not being represented at the state championship. The day of, state runners competed in near record-breaking high temperatures for November, but they still delivered solid performances. The team placed 19<sup>th</sup> at the meet and are already making preparations for getting back to the meet next season. The girls team was made up of 3 individuals who kept improving as the season progressed. Annabelle Gapp saw immense success as a freshman by earning 2<sup>nd</sup> team all TCC honors and qualifying for the regional race, as well. She missed qualifying for the state meet as an individual by a few spots but still had a great race and season. Some quick highlights and accolades earned: The team brought home their first ever trophy. Boys: Luke Murphy-First Team TCC, All Region; Keegan Masters-First Team TCC, All Region; Elliott Rodgers-Second Team TCC; Cole Crouch-Second Team TCC; Ryan Oberle-TCC Honorable Mention. Girls: Annie Gapp-Second Team TCC.





*Superintendent  
of Schools*  
**VALERIE ORR**

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Upcoming  
Board of  
Education Meetings  
7:00 PM

January 11

**District  
Mission / Vision**

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

***We are Whiteford!***

## SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE...

Dear Bobcat Family,

Wow, what a school year this has been so far! I am not sure anyone could have predicted the craziness that we all have endured in 2020. The recent school closure was a very heavy decision that I had to make because I want our students in school more than anything. As a mother, my heart hurts for my fourth grade son who misses his teachers and friends. As a Superintendent, my heart is in pieces over the amount of lost learning this pandemic has created. We are proud of our in-person learning plan and believe we have strong mitigation processes in place; however, we learned quickly that we can't mitigate against things that happen outside the school day. I say a prayer each night that the pandemic will end soon, or at least our local community infection rate will not keep us from having our children back in school with their teachers. Please join me in doing everything we can to help keep school open for our children. I believe we all can make a difference for our kids!

As we look towards 2021, I am thrilled about what lies ahead for our Bobcats. The bond work is continuing and will bring a great deal of excitement to our students as projects are completed. The new track and field facility will be ready for a spring track season. The contractor was not able to get the final spray completed prior to cold temperatures, but assures us it will be completed in time to watch our Bobcats hit the pavement! The district's architect, The Collaborative, is finishing the design development phase of the remaining projects. District stakeholders have been involved in the design process and couldn't be happier with the results. The designs were shared with the Board of Education in a recent board meeting and were also met with unanimous approval of the designs. While this is only the first step of a long process, it is exciting to picture what is to come for our students. We may be living in a pandemic now, but the future is looking very bright for our students and community.

Since you are receiving this issue of the Bobcat Tales in the later part of December, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families and staff a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

Sincerely,

*Valerie Orr*

Valerie Orr  
Superintendent

## WHITEFORD PARENTS ASSOCIATION (WPA) NEWS

SUBMITTED BY JACLYN WARREN

Happy holidays! This record-breaking, mind-boggling year is coming to an end, and we can't wait to see what 2021 brings! Thank you to everyone-parents, students, and customers! -who helped make the Otis Spunkmeyer cookie dough sale a success this year. We were a little worried, with the state of the world and social distancing, but had almost as many sales as last year-that is AMAZING, and we couldn't have done it without you!

On a less happy note, we voted to cancel Santa's Workshop this year. So we could still do something for the kids, the WPA purchased a \$100 Scholastic gift card for each teacher from the book fair at the school, using the proceeds of the cookie dough sale. Thank you for helping us get those books into the classrooms!

The WPA meets monthly, on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 8:30 AM, via Zoom. Follow us on Facebook by searching for Whiteford Parents' Association. You can also email us at whiteford.parents@gmail.com. Zoom meeting links are posted on Facebook a day or two prior to the meeting, and agendas are emailed out to everyone on our mailing list. We would love to see some new faces join us at our next meeting!

## CREATIVITY ABOUNDS IN 6TH GRADE!

SUBMITTED BY CHRISTINE SEISER, ART TEACHER

What can you make out of cardboard? The sixth grade art class worked with Mrs. Seiser to build some architectural sculptures. They learned how to build stable layers of cardboard that could support more layers. Students could build any type of house they wanted. Some added details like a chimney, balcony, or fence. They then painted them and added decorations. Many chose to go with the haunted house theme. They turned out great! Thanks to all the parents who sent in donations, especially Cooper Ray, who brought lots of stuff!



## Middle School Honor Roll (1st Quarter)

### 6th Grade All A's

Billau, Austin  
Brecht, Isaac  
Call, Cooper  
DeBarr, Sierra  
DuRocher, Delaney  
Eitniet, Tre  
Joerin, Theodore  
Kahn, Sophia  
Luse, Kayla  
Messerschmidt, Kloe  
Prange, Amber  
Stevens, Anna  
Stevens, Ava  
Stewart, Caden  
Williams, Leah  
Wood, Avy

### 7th Grade All A's

Andrews, Nate  
Bahls, Mallory  
Billau, Koralynn  
Brecht, Mason  
Cousino, Addeson  
DeBarr, Mason  
Diesing, Cooper  
French, Samuel

### 7th Grade All A's cont'd

Frye, Jenna  
Griffith, Cole  
Hamid, Sarah  
LaVoy, Kailee  
Norman, Brock  
Ruddy, Drew  
Russell, Tess  
Schalmo, Garrett  
Schroyer, Caden  
Scott, Jake  
Shingleton, Rory  
Spradling, Bailey  
Turvey, Alison  
VanHove, Addyson  
Welker, Tyler  
Wing, Briar

### 8th Grade All A's

Call, Dawson  
Consear, Layla  
Joerin, Rylan  
Linkey, Adam  
Masters, Brendon  
McClain, Alaina  
Rasor, Emily

### 6th Grade All A's and B's

Alcock, Brayden  
Bauman, Austin  
Bieber, Charlie  
Bieber, Gus  
Brace, Isabella  
Briem, Kaeleigh  
Burton, Braydn  
Chiotti, Braelynn  
Guilliam, Isabelle  
Hinojosa, Alexia  
Hughes, Anthony  
Krajcar, Piper  
Massingill, Hunter  
McCormack, Mason  
McCullough, Jason  
Mills, Conner  
Pitney, Kyleigh  
Ray, Cooper  
Ruddy, Brek  
Saylor, Jess  
Schober, Cade  
Schroyer, Audrey  
Schumacher, Hailey  
Sulier, Ava  
Thomas, Jonathan  
Tyrrell, Brookelynn  
Valasek, James  
Wright, Leah

### 7th Grade All A's and B's

Alexander, Shevy  
Bauman, Nina  
Bennett, Jude  
Brown, Nolan  
Burke, Grace  
Consear, Lana  
Douse, Emma  
DuBois, Lucas  
Emch, Zayne  
Hillard, Brody  
McCullough, Everett  
Mills, Blake  
Pawson, Allison  
Peters, Gavin  
Ross, Grace  
Smith-Emerson, Samantha  
Speweik, Gabriel  
Walker, Nolan  
Wells, Ayden  
Zimmerman, Brayden

### 8th Grade All A's and B's

Billau, Lily  
Bushroe, Brayden  
Cousino, Avery  
Delmotte, Logan  
Fielder, Ava  
Ghamlouch, Aiden  
Hill, Emily  
Houttekier, Phoebe  
Lee, Chase  
Lehsten, Isabell  
Lievens, Owen  
Luse, Haley  
Matthes, Isabella  
Mills, Brooklyn  
Murray, Kristian  
Olrich, Jack  
Perez, Cristal  
Porter, Connor  
Ruehle, Olivia  
Saylor, Jenna  
Swan, Clara  
Vance, Bailey  
Waterford, Malia  
Wheeler, Noah  
Williams, Sophia



# High School Honor Roll (1st Quarter)

## 9th Grade All A's

Bahls, Carleton  
Conard, Karlei  
DeSilvis, Rylie  
Gorney, Ava  
Gray, Kenzie  
Griffith, Keira  
Hill, Josh  
Iott, Jacob  
Minkowski, Sofie  
Olrich, Trent  
Perry, Samantha  
Podgorski, Maysen  
Ruddy, Ryin  
Simmons, Aubrie  
Stevens, Noah  
Tammerine, Lexie  
Vida, Luke  
Webb, Jillian

## 10th Grade All A's

Anderson, Dylan  
Andrews, Alaina  
Bauman, Ali  
Butz, Kaitlyn  
Diesing, Jaedon  
Donnelly, Addison  
French, Thomas  
Guilliam, Emily  
Hillard, Ava  
Holup, Erica  
Luse, Brayden  
McLaughlin, Mason  
Mensing, Case  
Razor, Luke  
Raymond, Emily  
Rodgers, Elliott  
Ruddy, Shea  
Russell, Kennedy  
Thomas, Madelyn  
Ulery, Alyssa  
Ulery, Jessica  
Ulery, Mackenzie

## 11th Grade All A's

Bauman, Zoe  
Giesige, Cole  
Hillard, Levi  
Kohler, Mackinzie  
Kolmar, Kyra  
Murray, Timothy  
Ruddy, Ty  
VanBrandt, Adrianna  
Webb, Hannah  
Willis, Caleb  
Yavorsky, Makaila



## 12th Grade All A's

Anderson, David  
Brown, Jordan  
Dixon, Andrew  
Donnelly, Leah  
Gapp, Isaac  
Lee, Madison  
Oberle, Sarah  
Olrich, Emma  
Olrich, Morgan  
Pello, Angelina  
Schober, Alison  
Sonnenberg, Josie  
Spradling, Emma  
Sybert, Mackenzie  
Thomas, Paige  
Torres, Harmony  
Urrutia, Jasah  
VanHove, Emma  
Williams, Payton

## 9th Grade All A's and B's

Aguado, Miasofia  
Alexander, Shaylin  
Andrews, Makayla  
Brace, Victoria  
Brecht, Olivia  
Briem, Savannah  
Crook, Jayden  
DeBarr, Hunter  
Dickinson, MaKayla  
Gapp, Annabelle  
Iott, Jackson  
Joerin, Lincoln  
Lay, Joslyn  
Masserent, Kolby  
Masters, Keegan  
Nelson, Unity  
Parker, Evan  
Rodgers, Seth  
Schober, Anna  
Sheldon, Kaydence  
Stevens, Karley  
Thomas, Margo  
Turvey, Emily  
Wing, Reagan  
Wotring, Anna

## 10th Grade All A's and B's

Cousino, Aiden  
Giesige, Jake  
Gorney, Braden  
Marsh, Patrina  
McCollum, Kennedy  
Norman, Halle  
Siler, Ava  
Turvey, Sarah



## 11th Grade All A's and B's

Andrews, Jack  
Billau, Ambrelle  
Creque, Jami  
DeBarr, McKenna  
Fielding, Mason  
Gnida, Jacob  
Howell, Molly  
Joerin, Isaiah  
Keller, Berlynn  
Miller, Sidney  
Murphy, Luke  
Oberle, Nicholas  
Perarnau, Esther  
Ruehle, Cooper  
Simmons, Ellie  
Speweik, Clayton  
Turvey, Keira  
Wing, Rylyn  
Wright, Emily



## 12th Grade All A's and B's

Borowicz, Kyleigh  
Durden, Trent  
Henry, Megan  
Lee, Macie  
Overmann, Alena  
Rodgers, Christian  
Smith, Jaden  
Trejo, Miranda  
Walton, Caleb

# ATHLETIC BOOSTER NEWS

## Kroger Community Rewards Program

If you are not currently supporting an organization through the Kroger Community Rewards Program, please take a few minutes to register today and help support Bobcat athletics. Go to [www.kroger.com](http://www.kroger.com), log into your account and follow the links to the Community Rewards page. Select organization number **PV787** as the donation recipient. Remember, this is free money and will not affect your fuel points!

# WHITEFORD ATHLETICS

SUBMITTED BY JASON MENSING, DIRECTOR OF STUDENT ADVANCEMENT

The fall of 2020 will be one that goes down in the history books for Whiteford Athletics! How incredible it was to be able to stay safe and get a complete athletic season in. Our fall coaches, Kim DeSilvis, Buffy Ruddy, and Jay Yockey did an incredible job of following the numerous protocols that were put in place in effort to ensure mitigation and safety of our athletes during this fall season. With this hard work by our students and coaches, our teams were able to have great success. Our Cross Country team qualified for the state meet, our volleyball team was highly competitive in the very challenging TCC, and our Football and Cheer squads were able to enjoy 6 wins and two playoff wins. As we navigate into the winter sport season, the MHSAA has elected to delay the start of competitions until after January 4th; however, our teams will be able to prepare and practice after December 9th. We are thankful that the kids are able to do this to ensure healthier lifestyles and opportunities to connect with their peers. Although 2020 is like no other year, I have tremendous gratitude that we have been able to navigate safely and provide our young athletes the lasting memories that come with school sports.

# SOMETHING TO CHEER ABOUT!

SUBMITTED BY MRS. KIM DESILVIS



Our JV and Varsity Bobcat Cheerleaders had an amazing football season! The girls worked very hard to improve their flexibility, endurance, strength, and tumbling skills. In addition to regular practices, we have been training weekly at a competitive cheer gym to learn gymnastics, stunts, and jumps. Many girls have also been taking private gymnastics lessons in addition to the team lessons. Moving forward, we are hoping to add competitive cheer as a sport at Whiteford. The girls have been training and working towards this for a possibility in the future. We are all so proud of their progress and dedication. We now look forward to continuing their progress during the basketball season. Go Bobcats!





# **SPIRIT WEEK!!!!** **Whiteford Elementary School**

SUBMITTED BY MICHAELE SHEPHERD

Fun and creative ideas were generated to bring School Spirit days to Whiteford Elementary! Engaging dress up days to promote community and comradery among our students and staff was honored during the week of November 2 – 6. This energetic week was complete with different daily themes; Maui Monday, where students were given a festive flower lei to begin the day, and invited to wear tropical clothing, a grass skirt, and/or sunglasses. On Tie-Dye Tuesday everyone sported their tie-dye duds, and some students even had tie-dye masks! School Spirit was plentiful on Whiteford Wednesday, and on Thermal Thursday students wore warm and comfy outfits all day! The week rounded out with Freaky Friday, as kids wore crazy hair, silly socks and mismatched clothing for a wacky end to the fun-filled week!



All of these activities were sponsored by the elementary student council group that is advised by Mrs. Linda Groch and Mrs. Katie Brunt. The students involved made posters, participated in the daily dress ups, and provided student centered leadership for our school community!

## **School Meals in School Year 2020-2021**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) free meal program scheduled to expire on 12/31/2020 has been extended to children for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year. The USDA allows for free breakfast and lunch meals to be provided to any child age 18 and under regardless of how learning is planned (remote, hybrid, or in-person) under the extended summer food service program.

Details for Whiteford's program include:

- Non-congregate meals that allow for meals to be served to students on or off campus.
- For those students learning remotely or when a temporary school closure is in place, see the district's website under News & Announcements to place your children's names on the list for meal pickup. -
- Meal pickup is available once per week; pickup will include meals for multiple days. See the district's website at any time under News & Announcements for the most current details.



Sports clubs and governing bodies across the country continue to respond to health and public safety recommendations regarding the coronavirus and team schedules. The

Whiteford Recreation Club (WRC) is no different. We realize the importance that sports bring to our kids and the community, but we also need to follow guidelines to ensure everyone remains healthy and safe.

As previously announced, the WRC boys basketball season was postponed. Some of our kids are playing at the West Toledo YMCA. Please reach out to Nick Puhl ([nickp3441@bex.net](mailto:nickp3441@bex.net)) for additional information if you are interested.

We are still planning to have a basketball season after the new year for girls 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades and co-ed K-3<sup>rd</sup> grades. Obviously, this depends on state and school regulations and restrictions. As we continue to get more clarity and details, we will continue to monitor the coronavirus situation and communicate via Facebook and the weekly News Blast. Please follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/WhitefordRec>.



**Congratulations!!!!**

**Homecoming King:**  
 Devon Shaw

**Homecoming Court:**  
 Eric Parriett  
 Luke Masserant  
 Nick Freeman

## **COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS UPDATE**

SUBMITTED BY JASON MENSING, DIRECTOR OF STUDENT ADVANCEMENT

Although this academic year has come with some disruption, our college and career readiness program has been able to find ways to overcome those challenges. Ken Groch, our Dean and Career Coach, and Jen Head, our MS/HS Counselor, along with our administrative assistant, Malinda Luzier, put together a tremendous plan to support our senior students with the next steps. In small groups they met with each Senior and discussed college, career, and military options. At that time, they provided information on their parchment accounts, (transcript request account), helped complete the student portion of the FAFSA, and worked with each student in completing an application so that he or she had first-hand experience in doing it. Mr. Groch continues to work with students and follow up to ensure they don't need additional support. Our students are so fortunate to have this team of people working with our Seniors in hopes to help them overcome the natural anxiousness that comes with these next steps in life. If you have a student who is nervous, excited, or just eager for more information about career pathways or college opportunities, please encourage them to talk with me or anyone on this team so that we can share the information we have been provided.

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 6 Transportation  
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 Michael Shepherd  
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 Jason Mensing  
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**Elementary Counselor**  
 Lauren Ehman  
 Ext. 309

**Dean of Student Services/Career Coach**  
 Ken Groch  
 ext. 122

**MS/HS Counselor**  
 Jennifer Head  
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 Charlie Butz  
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 734-854-6463



# Deputy Bomia Visits First Grade!

Submitted by Amie Hanselman, First Grade Teacher



Whiteford 1st graders LOVE having Deputy Mike Bomia at our school! Deputy Bomia visited Ms. Hanselman's first grade classroom to show us all of his tools and answer our questions. Do you know who Deputy Bomia is? Some of the first graders didn't, so Ms. Hanselman introduced him since we have some new first grade friends this year! Deputy Bomia is our school resource officer who helps keep us, and our school, healthy and safe. You may have seen him out at the crosswalk, helping our students arrive or depart without harm. When Deputy Bomia visited the classroom, he shared his story of how he got into police work, the schooling he had to go through, and we even got to listen to dispatch on his radio! Our creative first grade thinkers came up with many entertaining questions for Deputy like , "What happens if you're chasing someone but then they stop and turn around and start chasing you?!" Deputy answered all of our questions with ease. Unfortunately with COVID, we didn't get to see inside the back of his police car, but he did drive by our windows and let us see all of his lights! Thank you, Deputy Bomia, for all that you do for us!

## Elementary School Honor Roll (1st Quarter)

### 4th Grade All A's

Bieber, Murphy  
Brecht, Henry  
Carpenter, Susan  
Dietz, Ella  
Donbrosky, Amelia  
Dubendorfer, Drew  
Ellis, Austin Judah  
Gillette, Mason  
Henry, Bailey  
Hill, Addison  
Johnson, Aubrey  
Mahnke, Allianna  
Masters, Kate  
Meinert, Grayson  
Ovall, Macy  
Oxley, Zahna  
Puhl, Aiden  
Rasor, Kaia  
Sanjur, Logan  
Sanjur, Noah  
Wells, Anna  
Zink, Gabriel  
Zink, Samuel

### 4th Grade All A's and B's

Allen, Brenna  
Blaisdell, Ayden  
Cross, Natalie  
Emch, Beckett  
Hill, Oliver  
Iott, Clara  
Krueger, Jaxton  
McCullough, Nathan  
Murnen, Xavier  
Pawson, Carter  
Perez, Stafani  
Peterlin, Wyatt  
Rasor, Grant  
Russeau, Wesley  
Saylor, Jacob  
Schumacher, Jacob  
Scott, Raelynn  
Soss, Colton  
Swearingen, Autumn  
Swy, Ava  
Thompson, Eliott  
Wood, Cody

### 5th Grade All A's

Butz, Ava  
Cole, Kiera  
Hall, Juliana  
Hamid, Sadia  
Jurgenson, Harlow  
Kendel, Emmalyn  
Krieger, Jacob  
Luzier, Mason  
Masters, Brody  
Menard, Blake  
Miller, Mason  
Milot, Emery  
Morgan, Lillie  
Olrich, Jade  
Pitney, Casey  
Podgorski, Brady  
Raker, Allen  
Shingleton, Kallie  
Speweik, Glory  
Vance, Elijah  
Vida, Molly  
Vida, Rory  
White, Brielle  
Wing, Breslin

### 5th Grade All A's and B's

Anthony, Tori  
Babcock, Jameson  
Ballert, Logan  
Benoit, Quinn  
Cousino, Jackson  
Delmotte, Joshua  
Diesing, Maddox  
Donbrosky, Duncan  
Hunt, Manny  
Ingram, Rilee  
Keller, Lane  
Marsh, Ian  
Meinert, Gavin  
Mock, Indi  
Olson, Alivea  
Payne, Eliza  
Schumacher, Nathan  
Swy, Matthew  
Thompson, George  
Ward, Ethan  
Welch, Roman



# Halloween in Bobcat Country!

Submitted by Amie Hanselman, First Grade Teacher

COVID can't stop the fun of the holidays in our elementary school classrooms! Even with extra precautions in place, we were able to celebrate Halloween with lots of spooooooky activities! A special shout out to Mindy Ovall and her family over at Bennett's for donating pumpkins to every classroom! We loved decorating for Halloween!



## Counseling Corner

Submitted by Jennifer Head (MS/HS Counselor) & Lauren Ehman (Elementary Counselor)

We recognize that social isolation will be a significant challenge for all of our students. To best support them through this difficult time of change, our counselors continue to offer Zoom virtual one-on-one counseling support for students as needed while at home or at school.

Students can request 1:1 zoom meeting time with counselors through links provided in the Distance Learning Schedules. Teachers may also recognize a need for student support and may request a counselor check in for a student if appropriate. Mrs. Head will be available to meet with MS/HS students and Miss Ehman with elementary students by phone or zoom meeting.

It is important for parents to know kids may or may not talk much about the virus, distance learning, or how the pandemic has affected their social lives -- but they're feeling it. Parents and educators should try to lead with love, and remember that strong relationships with kids make for positive educational experiences. With that foundation in place, here are some nitty-gritty tips to help parents and caregivers keep kids focused, interested, and balanced while learning from a distance:

**Encourage self-regulation**  
Play pretend

**Encouraging Ownership & Effort**  
Follow kids' interests and get input  
Display work  
Give detailed praise

**Managing Motivation**  
Start from strengths  
Presentation is everything  
Use natural consequences

**Making Room for Well-Being**  
Be a good friend to yourself  
Get help when you need it  
Use movement and humor

**Setting Up for Success**  
Make a space  
Set a routine

**Review expectations**  
Staying Focused  
Keep them close  
Source: Adapted by Common Sense Education



# Homecoming 2020



**Congratulations!!!!**

**Homecoming Queen:**  
Kyleigh Borowicz

**Homecoming Court:**  
Ali Schober  
Emma Spradling  
Paige Thomas  
Zoe Bauman  
Kaydence Sheldon  
Alena Ellis

## Making the Most of Virtual Learning

Submitted by Monica Adams, MS/HS Math Teacher



High School Algebra 1 and Algebra 2 students have made the switch to virtual learning. Although the situation is not ideal, students have made the most of it. They are working hard and a great deal of learning is occurring. Students are embracing this as a way to gain experience with virtual learning which can benefit their future. Zoom sessions allow us to see each other and interact. The use of breakout rooms allows for student talk. Students are able to interact with each other and discuss math concepts. Quizzes have been adjusted to be done virtually through Schoology. We even implemented a unit test that

was done on Zoom and through Schoology. Students are growing their minds and math skills and as their teacher, I could not be more proud of them.

## Whiteford FFA News

On Friday November 6th, Whiteford FFA members' chickens were judged at the Michigan FFA Broiler Contest which took place at Munsell's Poultry Processing in Fowlerville, Michigan. These students raised their animals from chick size through processing size, and had the tasks of developing their own feed program and mixing feed, cleaning pens, supplying water and doing weekend chores. Each group was responsible for 25 chickens over the six week project and had to select their top 5 chickens on traits such as uniformity, size, and meat qualities. Groups also have to complete a 15 page report that answers questions, includes graphs, pictures, feed tags, and other data from the project. Following are the Whiteford FFA members contest results.

### High School Teams receiving an award (of 104 teams)

The Mighty Clucks—7<sup>th</sup> place, Gold Award. Team members include Zack Kahn, Anna Schober, Anson Bahls, Aubrey Simmons, Luke Vida, Kenzie Gray, Annabelle Gapp, Emma Jurgenson

Chicks Ruin Champs—12<sup>th</sup> place, Gold Award. Team members include Patrick Ford, Luis Trejo, Brandon Knaggs, Drew Knaggs, RJ Cornett, Frank Emmenecker, Alleck Wells

Nugs not Drugs—27<sup>th</sup> place, Silver Award. Team members include Colby Masserant, Trent Olrich, Noah Stevens, Ryn Ruddy, Jason Snyder, Jake Iott

### Middle School Teams receiving an award (of 10 teams)

Got the Chicks—1<sup>st</sup> Place, State Champions! Team members include Malia Waterford, Jacob Cousino, Jack Olrich, Owen Lievens, Rylan Joerin, Brooke Henry, Haley Luse, Bo Mensing, Jenna Saylor

Gallus Gallus domesticus—4<sup>th</sup> place, Silver Award. Team members include Lily Billau, Ava Fielder, Clara Swan, Nathan Stevens, Jonathon Brinker, Logan Delmotte, Logan Greer, Noah Wheeler, Gracie Tuttle

In other FFA news, the Whiteford FFA has elected their officer team for the 2020-2021 school year. Officers were elected based on an application process, past FFA involvement, and finally, a student vote. FFA officers perform a variety of tasks throughout the year which includes planning events, fundraisers, and the FFA banquet as well as holding meetings and performing day-to-day organizational tasks. The following FFA members were elected to office this year:

President: Morgan Olrich

Vice Presidents: Paige Thomas and Ali Schober

Secretary: Alaina Andrews

Treasurer: Emma Olrich and Zoe Bauman

Reporter: Emma Spradling and Emma VanHove

Sentinel: Josie Sonnenberg

