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2019-2020 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

Feb. 25.....EARLY DISMISSAL

Mar. 20END OF 3RD QUARTER

Apr. 3EARLY DISMISSAL

Apr. 6-10.....NO SCHOOL
(Spring Break)

April 14.....State Testing Day

May 25.....NO SCHOOL
(Memorial Day)

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

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February 2020

2020 ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES AND FAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

By Mr. Doug Donnelly

Three new inductees took their place in the Whiteford High School Athletic Hall of Fame Friday , February 14th, during a brief ceremony, Milly Iott, Jake DuPree and Tony DuPree are the newest members of the Hall of Fame.

Tony DuPree graduated from Whiteford in 1983 after an outstanding athletic career that saw him play three sports for the Bobcats. He was a starter on the basketball team that won two TCC championships. During the 1981-82 season, he played alongside brothers Warren and Everett.

It was on the football field that DuPree created a faithful following of fans. He rushed for a then-school record 1,442 yards during his season, leading the Monroe County Region in yards and touchdowns. He was a threat to score a touchdown seemingly every time he touched the football and helped the Bobcats into the state rankings at one point during the 1982 season – its first time in the state rankings since the mid-1960s.

Jake DuPree, nephew of Tony DuPree, was a 1,000-point scorer in basketball for Whiteford and Monroe County Region scoring champion during his career. He also was a starting receiver on the Bobcat football that made it into the state playoffs his senior year.

Milly Iott earned her induction into the Hall of Fame by being named All-State in softball after her senior season in 2019. Iott was a key member of a Bobcat team that won multiple championships over the past four seasons.

The Athletic Hall of Fame was created by former Whiteford Athletic Director John Flynn in the late 1980s. Plaques are on display for all of the Hall of Fame athletes and coaches outside of the Whiteford Gymnasium.

Whiteford's Cari Hayes, who has been the official photographer for Whiteford athletics for the last several years, was honored Friday as the Boosters Fan of the Year.. Hayes is in her final months of taking photographs of Whiteford sporting events. The Boosters annually honors a Whiteford fan for their dedication and commitment to the Whiteford sports community. Hayes began taking photos several years ago, replacing longtime photographer Debbie Vaughn. She has followed the Bobcats across the state, taking photographs and documenting championship runs and sporting events. She also annually takes team photographs and individual player photos.





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Upcoming
Regular Board of
Education Meetings
6:00 PM

March 9, 2020
April 13, 2020
May 11, 2020
June 8, 2020
July 13, 2020
August 10, 2020
September 14, 2020
October 12, 2020
November 9, 2020
December 14, 2020

High School Library

**District
Mission / Vision**

*Engaged ...
in learning*

*Encouraged ...
by our community*

*Empowered ...
for our world*

We are Whiteford!

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SUPERINTENDENT’S MESSAGE...

The 2019-2020 school year marks the end of our 5 year strategic plan (2015-2020). That plan was written by a committee of district stakeholders (parents, students, staff, administrators, community members) during the 2015-2016 school year. At that time, the team was instrumental in creating a new district mission statement “Engage, Encourage, Empower” as well as writing a strategic plan that would guide the district in making improvements to the educational experience for our students. After the strategic plan was written and approved by the Board of Education, the staff at Whiteford Schools got to work on bringing the plan to life. We created new opportunities for students through STEM, world language, career experiences, dual enrollment, the arts, and our virtual learning platform. We also put resources in place to meet our students' needs better than ever before by providing more academic intervention and support classes. For our gifted students and students performing above grade level, we are providing a challenging learning environment by offering more programming options as well as learning opportunities that go beyond the core curriculum. Finally, the community supported our district improvement efforts by passing a bond to pay for improvements to our facilities so we can continue to provide those experiences to our students. The word “PROUD” is not a strong enough word I could use to describe how I feel about our progress over the past five years. Whiteford truly is a small learning environment with big opportunities for our students.

While it is important to celebrate our accomplishments over the past five years, we also know we have to keep looking to the future. In January, a new district improvement team of stakeholders convened to kick off the strategic planning process for the next strategic plan, 2020 – 2025. They are reviewing survey information provided by students, parents, and staff as well as studying best practices and research regarding how to take Whiteford to its next level. The team will work together to write a new strategic plan to guide district improvement for the next five years. With the help of our supportive Board of Education, we will ensure that plan come to life as well. We are a district of champions and will always work to be the best, because our kids deserve nothing less from us. I am excited about the future for our school district and want to invite you to join our efforts. Whether you are reading this issue of the Bobcat Tales as a parent, grandparent, alumnus, or community member, you are invited to join the team by contacting my office at (734) 856-1443 ext. 101 and letting us know you want to be a part of the future of the Whiteford Agricultural School District.

Sincerely,

Valerie Orr

Valerie Orr
Superintendent

2020 MS/HS SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULES

dates and times subject to change without notice
DH = double header

Varsity Baseball				
Thurs.. 3/26	.... Cabrini (DH)	.....	Home	..... 4:00 PM
Mon... 3/30	.... Adrian (DH)	.....	Home	..... 4:00 PM
Wed... 4/01	.... Milan DH)	.....	Home	..... 4:00 PM
Mon... 4/13	.... Bedford	.....	Home	..... 4:30 PM
Fri..... 4/17	..... Clinton (DH)	.....	Away	..... 4:00 PM
Mon... 4/20	..... Hudson Area	.....	Away	..... 4:00 PM
Wed... 4/22	.... Madison (DH)	.....	Home	..... 4:00 PM
Fri..... 4/24	.... Ida (DH)	.....	Home	..... 4:00 PM
Wed.. 4/29	..... Britton Deerfield (DH)	.....	Away	..... 4:00 PM
Fri..... 5/1	..... Lenawee Christian (DH)	.....	Away	..... 4:00 PM
Mon... 5/4	..... Onsted	.....	Away	..... 4:30 PM
Wed... 5/6	.... Sand Creek (DH)	.....	Home	..... 4:00 PM
Sat... 5/9	.... Mark Christensen Invite	.....	Home	..... 9:00 AM
Wed... 5/13	.... Morenci (DH)	.....	Home	..... 4:00 PM
Mon... 5/18	..... Summerfield (DH)	.....	Away	..... 4:00 PM
Thurs.. 5/21	..... SMCC(DH)	.....	Away	..... 4:30 PM
Sat... 5/23	..... Wayne State Round Robin	.....	Away	..... 10:00 AM
Tues... 5/26	.... Pre-Districts	.....	Home	..... TBA
Sat.... 5/30	.... MHSAA Districts	.....	Home	..... TBA

J.V. Baseball				
Thurs.... 3/26	... Cabrini (DH)	.....	Away	..... 4:30 PM
Mon..... 3/30	... Adrian (DH)	.....	Away	..... 4:00 PM
Wed.... 4/01	... Morenci (DH)	.....	Away	..... 4:30 PM
Fri..... 4/17	... Clinton (DH)	.....	Home	..... 4:30 PM
Mon..... 4/20	... Summerfield (DH)	.....	Away	..... 4:30 PM
Fri..... 4/24	... Ida (DH)	.....	Away	..... 4:00 PM
Wed.... 4/29	... Britton Deerfield (DH)	.....	Home	..... 4:30 PM
Fri..... 5/1	..... Clinton (DH)	.....	Away	..... 4:30 PM
Mon.... 5/4	.... Madison (DH)	.....	Home	..... 4:30 PM
Mon..... 5/11	... Sand Creek (DH)	.....	Away	..... 4:30 PM
Fri..... 5/15	... Sand Creek (DH)	.....	Home	..... 4:30 PM
Wed..... 5/20	... Summerfield (DH)	.....	Home	..... 4:30 PM

Middle School Sports

Baseball / Softball:
No teams for 2020 due to low participation numbers.

Track & Field:				
Mon..... 4/20	..... Summerfield	.....	Away	..... 4:00 PM
Wed.... 4/22	..... Madison	.....	Away	..... 4:00 PM
Mon..... 4/27	..... Clinton	.....	Away	..... 4:00 PM
Mon..... 5/4	..... Sand Creek	.....	Away	..... 4:00 PM
Wed.... 5/6	..... Britton-Deerfield	.....	Away	..... 4:00 PM
Mon..... 5/11	..... Morenci	.....	Away	..... 4:00 PM
Wed.... 5/13	..... Britton Deerfield	.....	Away	..... 3:00 PM
(TCC league meet)				

Varsity Softball				
Mon.. 3/23	..... St. Ursula	.....	Away	..... 4:30 PM
Thurs.. 3/26	.... Blissfield (DH)	.....	Home	..... 4:00 PM
Mon.. 3/30	.... Adrian (DH)	.....	Home	..... 4:00 PM
Wed.. 4/01	.... Milan (DH)	.....	Home	..... 4:00 PM
Wed.. 4/13	..... Bedford (DH)	.....	Home	..... 4:30 PM
Fri..... 4/17	..... Clinton (DH)	.....	Away	..... 4:00 PM
Mon... 4/20	..... Hudson	.....	Away	..... 4:00 PM
Wed.. 4/22	.... Madison (DH)	.....	Home	..... 4:00 PM
Fri..... 4/24	.... Ida (DH)	.....	Home	..... 4:00 PM
Wed.. 4/29	..... Britton Deerfield (DH)	.....	Away	..... 4:00 PM
Fri..... 5/1	..... Tecumseh (DH)	.....	Away	..... 4:30 PM
Mon.. 5/4	..... Onsted (DH)	.....	Away	..... 4:30 PM
Wed... 5/6	.... Sand Creek (DH)	.....	Home	..... 4:00 PM
Sat... 5/9	.... Whiteford Invitational	.....	Home	..... 9:00 AM
Wed.. 5/13	.... Morenci (DH)	.....	Home	..... 4:00 PM
Mon... 5/18	..... Summerfield (DH)	.....	Away	..... 4:00 PM
Thurs.. 5/21	..... Blissfield (DH)	.....	Away	..... 4:30 PM
Tues... 5/26	.... Pre-Districts	.....	Home	..... TBA
Sat.... 5/30	.... MHSAA Districts	.....	Home	..... TBA

Varsity Track & Field				
Thurs.... 3/26	..... Clinton	.....	Away	..... 4:30 PM
(Clinton Early Bird Invitational)				
Wed.... 4/1	..... Hudson	.....	Away	..... 4:30 PM
(Tri Meet with Hudson and Morenci)				
Tues.... 4/14	.... Morenci	.....	Away	..... 4:30 PM
Fri..... 4/17	.... Britton Deerfield	.....	Away	..... 3:30 PM
(Bob Beckey Memorial Invitational)				
Tues.... 4/21	.... Sand Creek	.....	Away	..... 4:30 PM
(Tri Meet with Sand Creek and Madison)				
Fri..... 4/24	.... Sand Creek	.....	Away	..... 3:30 PM
(Sand Creek-Hinsdale Invitational)				
Tues.... 4/28	.... Summerfield	.....	Away	..... 4:30 PM
(Tri Meet with Summerfield and Clinton)				
Fri..... 5/1	..... Onsted	.....	Away	..... 3:00 PM
(Onsted Invitational)				
Fri..... 5/8	..... Clinton	.....	Away	..... 4:00 PM
(Clinton Duane Pelz Relays)				
Tues.... 5/19	.... Clinton	.....	Away	..... 3:00 PM
(TCC league meet)				



Whiteford Recreation Club News

By Mr. Ryan Dubendorfer, WRC Vice President

The Whiteford Recreation Club is looking to fill two positions on the Board of Trustees... secretary and trustee. Please contact Nick Puhl – President (nickp3441@bex.net) or Ryan Dubendorfer – VP (ryanduby@gmail.com) if you are interested or would like more information. 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. This is an open forum and we welcome and encourage your attendance. Continue to watch for updates in the weekly News Blast and follow <https://www.facebook.com/WhitefordRec> for updates.

WRC is looking for baseball and softball sponsors again this year. \$200 gets you, your company or club a 48" wide x 24" tall, full color banner with name, logo, website, email, phone, etc. Banners will be displayed on the backstops at Stoneco Park mid-April through the end of June baseball season. If interested in supporting WRC, please contact Ryan Dubendorfer ryanduby@gmail.com for an order form or additional information.



Whiteford Parents' Association (WPA) News

By Ms. Jaclyn Warren, WPA President

Who can believe we are already heading into the home stretch of the 2019-2020 school year?! Thank you to everyone who has volunteered your time or donated supplies for the events the WPA has hosted so far this school year. There is exciting news for those of you saddened to read about the ending of Santa's Workshop in the last edition of the Bobcat Tales-I am happy to announce that that announcement was premature! Sarah Cross has volunteered to be the new coordinator of Santa's Workshop and is already getting organized, planning and shopping for next year's event. Work on this event is completed throughout the entire year so if you would like to be a part of it and help Sarah out, please reach out to us via Facebook or email and we can help you connect with Sara.

Check your children's folders for information on our spring fundraiser, coming out at the end of this month. We will be organizing the sale of Little Caesar's Pizza kits again this year, and this year all students, K-12, will be able to get in on the selling. If you are reading this and do not have a child in school but would like to order, please don't hesitate to contact the WPA to purchase.

The WPA has another big annual event coming up in March: the Daddy/Daughter dance, on Saturday March 14th. This year's theme will be a luau theme. Volunteers are needed for a variety of things. We need help with decorating, setting up and taking down, chaperoning at the dance, and are also asking for donations of baked goods to serve as refreshments at the dance. The current dance coordinator is also seeking a replacement to work with her and take over the dance for next year. This person will have a team to work with so you won't have to do all the work; if you are creative, energetic, great at organizing, and willing to donate some of your time, we would love to have you work with us on next year's dance!

The WPA is still seeking to fill the positions of treasurer and secretary for the coming school year; ideally, the new officers will come onboard before the end of this school year, shadow the current treasurer and secretary for a few months, then take over their position next year. The current board consists of some moms who work full time but are flexible enough to come to the meetings each month, and some moms who started out when their firsts were just in kindergarten-so, no experience required! If you are passionate about the school, your children, and helping bring them the best school experience possible, we would love to have you join us!

Not interested in being an officer but want to be involved? Please attend our monthly meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 8:05, in the elementary school cafeteria (upcoming meetings are February 18th and March 17th). We welcome moms, dads, grandparents, and anyone else willing to donate some of your valuable time. No babysitter? No problem! Little ones not yet in school are also welcome to attend. We hope to see you there!

***Follow us on Facebook to stay up to date with all our latest news, events, and volunteer opportunities. You can also email us at whiteford.parents@gmail.com.

Whiteford Robotics Team 6750: Season Kickoff

We would like to thank all of our sponsors for their generous donations to our robotics team, and give special thanks for their outstanding support and partnership. On Saturday, January 4th we participated in the FIRST Robotics kickoff event, this is the reveal for the 2020 robotics competition season challenge. This year's competition is titled "Infinite Recharge" and is Star Wars themed. The game challenges include collecting special foam balls, called power cells, and delivering them to a target that has three different goals, for three different point values. Also as part of the challenge there is a spinning color wheel that needs to be set to a predetermined color and finally the robots need to climb up onto an elevated



rocker switch bar and hang off the ground, while working with your teammates to keep the movable bar level. This season's challenge is pretty cool! We have already started to design and build our robot and are working out our game strategy.

We will be competing in two district competitions this year. The first is March 5-7 at Milford High School: 2380 S. Milford Rd, Highland, MI 48357. The second is March 26-28 at Woodhaven High School: 24878 Van Horn Rd, Flat Rock, MI 48134. Our goal this year is to perform well enough at these district events to qualify for regionals (states). Based on our performance last season we have high hopes for not only qualifying for regionals (states), but also receiving some special recognition awards as well. We would love to have you come and cheer for us at one or both of the district events!

This year our team has chosen to embrace 4 core values, they are: teamwork, excellence, persistence, and creativity. We have some challenging tasks ahead and will be keeping these values in mind as we tackle the 2020 season. We are already hard at work. The first picture is some of the team working on strategy and the second picture is some of the team disassembling last year's robot to salvage parts that we can use for this year's robot. Wish us luck for our 2020 season!



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Michaela Shepherd
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Jason Mensing
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Jennifer Head
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734-854-6463



Whiteford Elementary School

Elementary Cafeteria
Wed., April 15, 4:30 - 7:00 pm
Thurs., April 16, 8:30 - 11:00 am

It is time to register your Kindergartner for the 2020-2021 school year! Your child must be 5 years old by September 1, 2020 to be eligible for kindergarten. All new students will be vision/hearing tested, and screened for readiness. Enrollment forms are available on our website, in the elementary office, or at Kindergarten Round Up. Please bring the following documents to registration:
*Original Birth Certificate
*Immunization Records
*Proof of Residency (3 types are required; driver's license must match Whiteford residency, home owners or renters proof, and current utility bill.)



National Inventors Hall of Fame®

Camp Invention is returning to Whiteford Agricultural School!

In partnership with the National Inventors Hall of Fame® (NIHF), **Whiteford Elementary School** is pleased to offer the nationally acclaimed Camp Invention® program to children entering kindergarten through sixth grade. This exciting, weeklong summer adventure provides lessons that explore connections between science, technology, engineering and innovation. Children rotate through several hands-on activities each day while using teamwork, creative thinking and problem-solving skills to invent unique solutions to real-world challenges. The **all-new 2020 program, Elevate!** runs **June 15th – June 19th from 8:30 to 3:00 each day.**

- During this program, young innovators will:
- Build a cityscape out of upcycled materials, navigate planes through a storm and take apart a robot they'll bring home at the end of the program.
 - Learn the value of their creativity as they sketch and build prototypes, design logos, market their invention and protect their intellectual property.
 - Collaborate and discover solutions to protect the Earth's ecosystems as they compete in zipline races, explore energy conservation and help wildlife habitats.
 - Discover the great inventors behind their favorite sports, play high-energy games and design the ultimate sports complex.

Camp Invention's activities give participants the opportunity to explore, create and build confidence as they bring their biggest ideas to life. **Register using promo code SUM25 to save \$25 (expires 3/31) or SUM15 to save \$15 (expires 5/12) off the \$235 registration fee.** Availability is limited. **Visit invent.org/camp or call 800-968-4332 to secure your child's spot today!**

Local educators facilitate the program and enthusiastic high school students serve as Leadership Interns, ensuring that one staff member is in place for every eight children. This year Miss Daniels, Miss Hanselman, and Mrs. Bruce will be our facilitators for this amazing week.

If you have questions, please contact Marcy Anderson at anderson@whiteford.k12.mi.us

Middle School Students of the Months



December: Service to Others
(pictured at left in order from left to right)
7th Grade—Avery Cousino
6th Grade—Addeson Cousino
8th Grade—Makayla Andrews

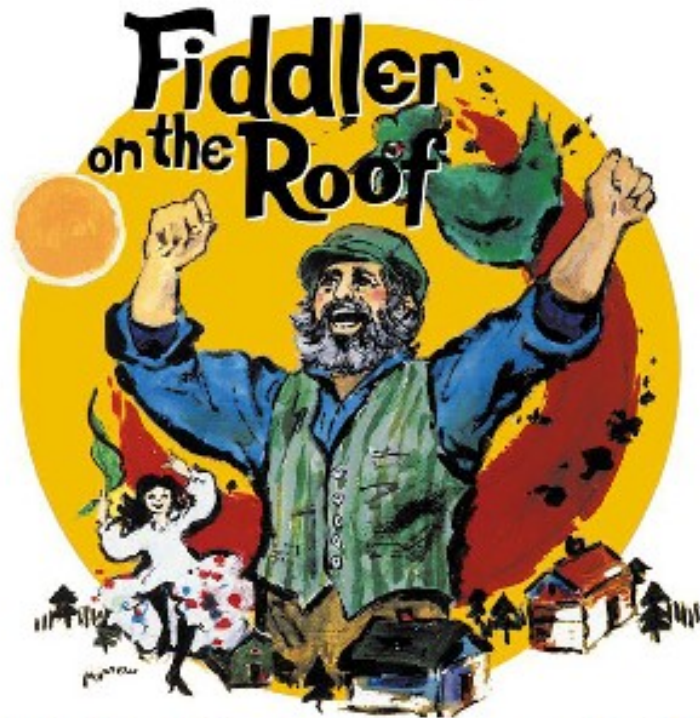


January: Service to Others
(pictured at right in order from left to right)
8th Grade—Reagan Wing
7th Grade—Liberty Simmons
6th Grade—Garrett Schalmo



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Whiteford Music Department & Whiteford Music Boosters
Proudly Present:



Based on Sholem Aleichem stories by special permission of Arnold Perl
Book by Joseph Stein Music by Jerry Bock Lyrics by Sheldon Harnick
Produced on the New York Stage by Harold Prince
Original New York Stage Production Directed and Choreographed by Jerome Robbins

Friday, March 20, 2020 - Showtime 7:30 pm
Saturday, March 21, 2020 - Showtime 7:30 pm
Sunday, March 22, 2020 - Showtime 2:30 pm
(Doors open at 7:00 pm on Friday & Saturday and at 2:00 pm on Sunday)

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* TICKET INFORMATION *

Platinum Reserved Seating (Rows 1-2) - \$20
Premium Reserved Seating (Rows 3-5) - \$17
General Admission: \$12 Adults & \$8 Students/Senior Citizens
Bleacher Seats (limited) - \$5

For Advance Ticket Sales/Questions Please Contact:
616-745-5907 or e-mail whitefordmusical@gmail.com

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All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.

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Whiteford FFA Leadership Development Contest Results

By Mr. Jacob Gust, FFA advisor and Science Teacher

On January 29th, teams from Whiteford's FFA chapter traveled to Sand Creek to compete in District-level contests. Members competed in events such as Demonstrations, Parliamentary Procedure, Greenhand Conduct of Meetings, Ag Issues, and Greenhand Public Speaking. Out of 63 total competitors, 44 Whiteford members moved on. All 1st & 2nd place teams will compete at regional contests at Saline High School on February 12th. The results are as follows:

Ag Issues: 1st, with a presentation on NPDES Permits -- Mallory Simmons, Jessica Mercurio, Emma Olrich, Lainey Hillard, Morgan Olrich, Ali Schober, and Jordan Brown 2nd, with a presentation on Wedding Barns & the RTFA -- Andrew Dixon, Emma Spradling, Josie Sonnenberg, Trent Durden, Madie Lee, Sarah Oberle, and Emma Van Hove

Demonstration: 1st, with a demo on Maple Syrup -- Luke Andrews, Paige Thomas, and Shea Ruddy

Greenhand Conduct of Meetings: 1st -- Alaina Andrews, Katie Butz, Alyssa Ulery, Madelyn Thomas, Jessica Ulery, McKenzie Ulery, and Allison Spradling 2nd -- Ali Bauman, Aly VanBrandt, Luke Rasor, Ava Hillard, Brody English, Brayden Luse, and Erica Holup

Parliamentary Procedure: 1st-- Jack Andrews, Cole Giesige, Karis Thomas, Isaiah Joerin, Noah Bauman, and Levi Hillard

Greenhand Public Speaking: 1st, with a speech on Vivisection-- Mason Fielding

On February 12th, teams from Whiteford's FFA chapter traveled to Saline High School to compete in regional-level contests. These members were in the top 2 teams from the District Contest that was held 2 weeks prior at Sand Creek HS. 44 Whiteford FFA members competed in events such as Demonstrations, Parliamentary Procedure, Greenhand Conduct of Meetings, Ag Issues, and Greenhand Public Speaking. Out of 44 total competitors, 22 Whiteford members moved on. All 1st & 2nd place teams at regionals will compete at state contests at Michigan State University on March 4-6. The following teams will advance to the state contests:



Ag Issues Contest: 1st, with a presentation on NPDES Permits -- Mallory Simmons, Jessica Mercurio, Emma Olrich, Lainey Hillard, Morgan Olrich, Ali Schober, and Jordan Brown

Greenhand Conduct of Meetings Contest: 1st -- Alaina Andrews, Katie Butz, Alyssa Ulery, Madelyn Thomas, Jessica Ulery, Mackenzie Ulery, and Allison Spradling 2nd -- Ali Bauman, Aly VanBrandt, Luke Rasor, Ava Hillard, Jake Giesige, Brayden Luse, and Erica Holup

Greenhand Public Speaking: 2nd with a speech on Vivisection -- Mason Fielding

Fourth Grade Participates in Global School Play Day!

By Ms Aimee Hanselman, Fourth Grade Teacher

The month of February is filled with fantastic holidays and events. One that is often overlooked is the Global School Play Day! What is Global School Play Day, you may ask? In 2014, Dr. Peter Gray gave a compelling TEDTalk about the gradual, but, overall dramatic decline in children's freedom to play with other children, without adult direction.



Over the same period of decline of play freedom, there has been a gradual but dramatic increase in anxiety, depression, feelings of happiness, and narcissism in children and adolescents. Based on their research, Dr. Gray presented a TEDTalk about the reasons why free play is essential for children's healthy social and emotional development.

Free play is essential for children to problem solve, interact with peers, express their creativity and more! But what exactly is "free play"??? Free play is any sort of play/creation/activity where a child is not given guidelines or directions on how to build/create/craft. This does NOT include things like video games, board games, "how to" crafts, and others. While these things are not inherently negative, they all have an end goal or target that children are given by adults or the creators.

February 5 this year was GSPD and in 4th grade, we took total advantage of it! We spent a half hour enjoying building, crafting, and playing with friends and classmates. Students were given blocks, legos, colored paper and craft supplies, STEM kits, and more, to express their individuality and practice problem solving with peers. We enjoyed seeing pictures of dogs and cats being drawn, Lego castles and cars being made, marble run towers constructed, and more! We LOVE being able to celebrate being a kid!!!



MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL (2ND QUARTER)

<u>12th Grade—All A's</u> DuVall, Elizabeth Gapp, Paul Gozdowski, Jessica Hillard, Lainey Howell, Susan Kolmar, Trenton Lenhart, Adam Murray, Kennedy Simmons, Mallory Wilson, Jordan Wilson, Megan Yount, Taylor	Emerson, Josephine Gapp, Isaac Houttekier, Mallory Olrich, Morgan Overmann, Alena Pello, Angelina Rodgers, Christian Schober, Alison Sonnenberg, Josie Urrutia, Jasah VanHove, Emma	Thomas, Karis Wing, Rylyn <u>9th Grade—All A's</u> Andrews, Alaina Bauman, Ali Blanchard, Morgan Butz, Kaitlyn Donnelly, Addison Dyer, Elijah French, Thomas Giesige, Jake Guilliam, Emily Hillard, Ava Holup, Erica Houttekier, Paige LaVoy, Kaitlyn Luse, Brayden McCollum, Kennedy Mensing, Case Norman, Halle Rasor, Luke Raymond, Emily Ruddy, Shea Russell, Kennedy Siler, Ava Spradling, Allison Thomas, Madelyn Ulery, Alyssa Ulery, Jessica Ulery, Mackenzie VanBrandt, Alyssa	Bahls, Carleton Bennett, Julianna Broshious, Van Conard, Karlei DeSilvis, Rylie Gapp, Annabelle Gorney, Ava Gray, Kenzie Griffith, Keira Hill, Joshua Iott, Jacob Johnson, Abigail Masters, Keegan Minkowski, Sofie Park, Christy Podgorski, Maysen Ruddy, Ryin Simmons, Aubrie Stevens, Noah Tammerine, Lexie Vida, Luke Webb, Jillian	Joerin, Rylan Linkey, Adam Luse, Haley Masters, Brendon McClain, Alaina Rasor, Emily Saylor, Jenna
<u>12th Grade—A/B List</u> <u>List</u> Andrews, Luke Barnett, Tatiana Bieber, Kaylee Buck, Emily Dauterman, Sophia DiTerlizzi, Natalia Hagan, Joshua Haubrich, Kyle Hizer, Hayden Mercurio, Jessica Morse, Chase Wing, Clayton	<u>10th Grade—All A's</u> Andrews, Jack Bauman, Zoe Creque, Jami Giesige, Cole Keller, Berlynn Kohler, Mackinzie Kolmar, Kyra Miller, Sidney Murray, Timothy Oberle, Nicholas Rose-McBee, Jada Ruddy, Ty Simmons, Ellie Turvey, Keira VanBrandt, Adrianna Webb, Hannah Willis, Caleb Wright, Emily Yavorsky, Makaila	<u>9th Grade—A/B List</u> Anderson, Dylan Cousino, Aidan DeBruyne, Lexi DeBruyne, Logan Diesing, Jaedon Ellis, Alena Gorney, Braden Kolmar, Cameron Lipp, Karmen McLaughlin, Mason Rodgers, Elliott Speweik, Quinn Tarnowski, Parker Turvey, Sarah	<u>8th Grade—A/B List</u> Aguado, Miasofia Andrews, Makayla Brace, Victoria Briem, Savannah DeBarr, Hunter Ellis, Avery Hayes, Darnell Iott, Jackson Joerin, Lincoln Lay, Joslyn Masserant, Kolby McGee, Jasmine Olrich, Trent Perry, Samantha Pirrone, Gaspare Schaefer, Jacqueline Schober, Anna Sheldon, Kaydence Szymanski, Joseph Thomas, Margo Turvey, Emily Welker, Austin Wernet, Emma Wing, Reagan	<u>7th Grade—A/B List</u> Billau, Lily Bott, Connor Consear, Layla Cousino, Avery Crots, Marin Delmotte, Logan Fielder, Ava Ghamlouche, Aiden Hill, Emily Lehsten, Isabell Lorenzen, Mariah Mills, Brooklyn Olrich, Jack Perez, Cristal Ruehle, Olivia Simmons, Liberty Swan, Clara Waterford, Malia
<u>11th Grade—All A's</u> Borowicz, Kyleigh Donnelly, Leah Lee, Macie Lee, Madison Murphy, Olivia Oberle, Sarah Olrich, Emma Smith, Jaden Spradling, Emma Sybert, Mackenzie Thomas, Paige Walton, Caleb Williams, Payton	<u>10th Grade—A/B List</u> Bauman, Noah Billau, Ambrelle Broshious, Tuesday DeBarr, McKenna Hillard, Levi Hizer, Owen Holliger, Rachel Holup, Stephen Howell, Molly Joerin, Isaiah Lydick, Alexander Murphy, Luke Oberle, Ryan Pello, Makaylah Ruehle, Carter Ruehle, Cooper Speweik, Clayton	<u>9th Grade—A/B List</u> Alexander, Shaylin	<u>8th Grade—All A's</u>	<u>6th Grade—All A's</u> Andrews, Nate Bahls, Mallory Bauman, Nina Billau, Koralynn Brown, Nolan Chung, Iza Cousino, Addeson DuBois, Lucas Dyer, Brandt French, Samuel Griffith, Cole Hamid, Sarah Hillard, Brody Jablonski, Joseph LaVoy, Kailee Pawson, Allison Ross, Grace Schalmo, Garrett Schroyer, Caden Scott, Jake Shingleton, Rory
<u>11th Grade—A/B List</u> Brown, Jordan Daniels, Alexa Dixon, Andrew Durden, Trent Dyer, Evan			<u>7th Grade—All A's</u> Call, Dawson	

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CORRECTION

The following students were inadvertently omitted from the “A/B List” for their respective grade from the 1st Quarter Honor Roll:

Brayden Zimmerman—6th Grade
Van Broshious—8th Grade
Seth Rodgers—8th Grade

The following students names were misspelled in the 1st Quarter Honor Roll:
Olivia Ruehle—7th Grade
Harmony Torres—11th grade

ELEMENTARY HONOR ROLL (2ND QUARTER)

<u>5th Grade—All A's</u> Alcock, Brayden Bauman, Austin Billau, Austin Buechele-Sloan, Philip Call, Cooper DuRocher, Delaney Eitniear, Tre Hoag, Riley Joerin, Theo Kahn, Sophia Lestock, Kate Luse, Kayla Masters, Marissa Messerschmidt, Kloe Prange, Amber Ruddy, Brek Schober, Cade Stevens, Ava Tyrrell, Brookelynn Valasek, James Wood, Avy	<u>5th Grade—A/B List</u> Brace, Isabella Briem, Kaeleigh Burton, Bradyn Chiotti, Braelynn DeBarr, Sierra Deloach, Kylie Flowers, Joseph Guilliam, Isabelle Hinojosa, Alexia Hughes, Anthony Johns, Sage Light, Noelle McCormack, Mason McCullough,, Jason Montrose, Conner Pitney, Kyleigh Ray, Cooper Saylor III, Jess Schroyer, Audrey Smith, Ava	Stevens, Anna Sulier, Ava Swiczkowski II, Christo-pher Thomas, Ryan Torres, Amaya Valasek-Wienclaw, Alisyn Williams, Leah Wright, Leah	Perry, Jeter Podgorski, Brady Suchora, Eva Vida, Molly Vida, Rory White, Brielle
		<u>4th Grade—All A's</u> Butz, Ava Cousino, Jackson Hall, Juliana Jurgenson, Harlow Keller, Lane Krieger, Jacob Masters, Brody Mock, Indy Olrich, Jade	<u>4th Grade—A/B List</u> Babcock, Jameson Cole, Kiera DuBois, Kyle Ellis, Camden Griffith, Allison Hamid, Sadia Ingram, Rilee Kendel, Emmalyn Raker, Allen Schumacher, Nathan Vance, Elijah

5TH GRADE SPELLING BEE

By Mrs. Michaelae Shepherd, Elementary Principal

Whiteford Elementary School held the 5th grade Spelling Bee on Wednesday, January 29, 2020. All fifth grade students participated, and after several rounds of intense spelling achievement, a final winner was determined. This year Audrey Schroyer will represent the Bobcats at the County-Wide Spelling Bee held on Wednesday, May 6 at the Monroe County Intermediate School District. Amber Prange was the Runner-Up.



Winner Audrey Schroyer and Runner-Up Amber Prange

Top Ten Spellers

Back Row: Ava Stevens, Brayden Alcock, Chris Swiczkowski, Marissa Masters, Grace Ford

Front Row: Austin Bauman, Hailey Schumacher, Corbin Biegajski, Audrey Schroyer, Amber Prange