

|  | SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE... <br> Dear Bobcat Family, <br> At Whiteford, we have students, teams, clubs, and groups doing some great things! I am excited to highlight our K-8 STEM program and Robotics Team in the latest Bobcat Tales! The K-8 STEM program is in its 5 th year of existence, and is currently taught by Mrs. Mindy Welch. The K-8 STEM program is fortunate to have a brand-new space this year due in part to the community supported Bond Project. The students have thoroughly enjoyed the new space, especially the Lego Wall. With a colorful and open learning environment, our students' creativity is sparked through the many projects they complete. One project involved keeping an egg safe as it trav- |
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| $\qquad$ | eled in a student designed car down a ramp. For this project, the students learned about Newton's Laws of Motion. The STEM room is always full of curiosity, learning, and tons of fun! We are excited to see this program grow in this new space! |
| Board of Education <br> President Christine Bischoff <br> Vice President Dave Dixon <br> Secretary <br> Mike Iott <br> Treasurer Shane Hillard <br> Trustees Jeff Bunge Kristi Mock | Whiteford Bobcats Team 6570 is in their 7 th year of competitions and are led by Mr. David Welling and Mr. Jeremy Gapp. The 2023 team includes 23 student members that hold a variety of positions such as building, programming, communications, pit crew, drive team, spokesperson and safety, and strategy and scouting. The season game season is split up into three sections: Autonomous Mode, Tele-op Mode, and Charge Station. This year, the team is excited about the engineering challenge of working with two different game pieces: inflated cubes and rigid cones. They are hard at work designing an intake system and a delivery system. The team will be participating in two tournaments: Jackson, MI (March 2-4) and Lansing, MI (March 911). Watch the tournaments here: Whiteford Bobcats - Team 6570-The Blue Alliance <br> Sincerely, <br> Scott L. Huard <br> Scott L. Huard <br> Superintendent |
|  | Athletic Booster News <br> Athletic Booster meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 6 pm in the MS/HS Media Center. Come join the fun and help support Whiteford athletics! |
| Upcoming Board of Education Meetings 6:00 PM MS/HS Bobcat Den | Kroger Community Rewards Program <br> 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, 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! |
| March 13 <br> April 17 May 8 June 12 July 10 August 14 September 11 October 9 November 13 December 11 | The boys' $3^{\text {rd }}$ through $6^{\text {th }}$ grade basketball season was a success. Thank you to all the volunteers that stepped forward to coach this season. The middle school gym is now busy with Kindergarten clinic, 1st and 2nd grade co-ed basketball, and 3rd through 6th grade girls basketball. Our kids are working hard, developing connections, and learning new skills throughout the week and on weekends. Ask them about their experience and give them some encouragement. |
| District Mission / Vision | Look in February backpacks for spring and summer Whiteford Rec sports sign-ups. <br> Banner Sale! Attention businesses, parents, and clubs! Show your support for the Whiteford Rec- |
| Engaged ... <br> in our learning <br> Encouraged ... <br> by our community <br> Empowered ... | reation Club and advertise at Whiteford Stoneco Community Park! Purchase a $48^{\prime \prime}$ wide $\times 24^{\prime \prime}$ tall banner, full color, with your company/club name, address, logo, website, and phone number! Cost is $\$ 250$, and banners will be displayed at Stoneco Park during the baseball season from midApril to the end of June. Please direct all questions to Ryan Dubendorfer - ryanduby@gmail.com. |
| Empowered ... for our world We are Whiteford! | Coming soon! The Whiteford Rec volunteer team is working hard to create and publish a new website making it even easier to sign up and get involved. Location to be announced. |
| PAGE 2 | Join us for our monthly Rec meeting in the high school media room every 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. or check us out at http://www.facebook.com/whitefordRec. ~ Kazia Kramer |



## COMPETITIVE CHEER AT WHITEFORD HIGH

SUBMITTED BY HIGH SCHOOL SPANISH TEACHER AND HEAD VARSITY CHEERLEADING COACH, KIM DeSILV


Whiteford has added Competitive Cheer to its winter sports repertoire. We are so excited to announce that the first-ever MHSAA Competitive Cheer season at Whiteford is underway. We currently have 16 high school and 9 middle school girls participating. This is an amazing new opportunity for our young lady athletes. The high school girls compete in three rounds. Round one is a cheer with jumps. Round two is a cheer with jumps, flexibility skills, and tumbling skills. Round three focuses on stunts, but also includes jumps, flexibility, and tumbling. The middle school does just rounds two and three. Each routine is scored by a panel of three MHSAA judges using a very complex and detailed scoring system. The Varsity Team is coached by Kim DeSilvis and Anita Simmons. The Varsity Sideline Cheer Assistant Coach, Brandy Crawford, is coaching the middle school team. The teams have worked countless hours putting together, learning, and perfecting all three rounds. We look forward to a great remainder of the

WHITEFORD ATHLETICS
SUBMITTED BY JEREMY SIMMONS, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL/ATHLETIC DIRECTOR HOW TO
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We are "hurdling" through this school year and, believe it or not, we are only a PHONE PROMPTS few sunflower seeds on a dugout floor away from the spring sports season! All ${ }^{4}$ Elementary Offic spring practices officially start on Monday, March $13^{\text {th }}$. Jay Yockey will be starting ${ }^{5} \mathrm{MS} / \mathrm{HS}$ Office $\begin{gathered}\text { Athletic Dept. }\end{gathered}$ his first year as varsity track and field coach, and he will be assisted by Ben Avis. 6 Transportation Our middle school track and field team will continue to be coached by Chris Thomas. Additionally, we would like to remind everyone that $6^{\text {th }}$ graders are able to compete in middle school track and field. Again, please be reminded that middle school track and field and cross country both allow for $6^{\text {th }}$ grade participation. Terry Pant will start his $13^{\text {th }}$ year as varsity baseball coach, and our varsity softbal coach, Matt VanBrandt, will bring back numerous players from last season's State Runner Up softball team. We have been chosen to host baseball and softball districts this spring as well as the baseball regional semifinal game. Lastly, if I have learned anything this year, it has been that every athletic team's original schedule is bound to change. Please keep checking our school athletic website (https:// whitefordathletics.com/) for the most updated schedule times and dates. We look forward to seeing you all as you come out to support our spring athletes!

## Whiteford Parents' Association (WPA) News

submitted by Jaclyn Warren

Happy New Year...and almost-spring! What a whirlwind this holiday season was! We want to thank all the parents who volunteered their time and cheer to Santa's Workshop. Thanks to you, (and Head Elf Sarah Cross!), everything went smoothly and the kids had an amazing shopping experience!

The Daddy/Daughter dance is coming up in April, and planning has begun! If you would like to be a part of that but were unable to attend the initial meeting please feel free to reach out to the WPA on Facebook. We don't want to spoil the theme here but we can say this year will be very glamorous, and we can never have enough creative minds and crafty hands to help us pull it off!

Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM in the elementary school cafeteria. Those dates are: February 21 st, March 21 st, April 18th, and May 16th. We look forward to seeing you there!

Follow us on Facebook—simply search for Whiteford Parents' Association! Already following us? Please invite your Whiteford friends to like our WPA Facebook page too! We don't want anyone to miss news and updates regarding all our exciting events and opportunities for parents and grandparents to get involved!


High School Honor Roll (1st Quarter)


## WREATHES ACROSS AMERICA

Last December, Wreathes Across America Day ceremonies were held all
across our nation. On December 17th, Whiteford High's Student Council, along with History Teacher Mr. Jay Yockey, attended the local event which took place at the Toledo Memorial Park Cemetery in Sylvania, Ohio. Taking part in this meaningful event each year is such a special way for our young Bobcats to remember and honor our U.S. Veterans while learning about the sacrifice and value of freedom. We at Whiteford wish to deeply thank all who have fallen and all who have served and continue to serve.


| Elementary School Honor Roll (1st Quarter) |  |  |  |
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| 4th Grade All A's | $\begin{gathered} \text { 4th Grade } \\ \text { All A's (cont'd) } \end{gathered}$ | 5th Grade All A's | 5th Grade All A's and B's |
| Adams, Ryleigh | Ovall, Clayton | Bub, Lucas | Andrews, Mylee |
| Billau, Lacey | Peters, Jase | Chiotti, Brennan | Babcock, Micah |
| Broshious, Blu | Phillips, Karson | Hawkins, Brayden | Billau, Josephine |
| Bub, Nathan | Pizio, Ava | Ingram, Avree | Blaisdell, Ava |
| Cole, Amber | Plante, Aaron | Jurkiewicz, Olivia | Carlson, Hadley |
| Consear, Aaron | Poulin, Eli | Kastel, Luke | Cousino, Jacen |
| Dibert, Alexa | Rasor, Ellie | Kemritz, Oliver | Cousino, Joshua |
| Dietz, Avery | Ray, Lucas | Lievens, Lauren | Emch, Addyson |
| Garcia, Andrew | Reed, Greyson | McClain, Micayla | Falk, Keilee |
| Henkle, Lucas | Richardson, Logan | Parsons, Kaitlyn | Fielder, Liam |
| Hilberath, Destery | Trejo, Maricelia | Pendygraft, Maximus | Grosteffon, Grace |
| Hill, Paige | Wahl, Shyann | Raker, Kira | Lake, Logan |
| Hubbard, Raegan | Ziem II, William | Russeau, Maya | Lenhart, Logan |
| Kemritz, Marley | Zilba, Brady | Snyder, Aden | Malcom, Autumn |
|  | 4th Grade | Speweik, Caden | Oloshove, Alivia |
| Lockhart, Carson Lowry, John | All A's and B's | Taylor, Henry | Sager, Cody |
| Madalinski, Lillian | Cole, Kade | Weiser, Charlie | yer, Laney |
| McCormack, Hudson | Holyfield, Allen | Wing, Rowyn | Tyrrell, Madison Walerius, Autumn |
| McCullough, Silas | Kobold, Banks |  | Wolniewicz, Karlie |
| Miller, Genevieve | Miller, Hilary |  | Workman, Kasey |
| Miller, Kensington | Peters, Braunn |  | Young, Vivian |
| Miller, Preston | Wernet, Bryce |  |  |
| Ogren, Ali ONeal. Irelyn |  | - | 0 |
| Elementary School Honor Roll (2nd Quarter) |  |  |  |
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| 4th Grade All A's | 4th Grade All A's and B's | 5th Grade All A's | 5th Grade All A's and B's |
| Adams, Ryleigh | Billau, Lacey | Andrews, Mylee | Babcock, Micah |
| Cole, Kade | Broshious, Blu | Blaisdell, Ava | Billau, Josephine |
| Consear, Aaron | Bub, Nathan | Bub, Lucas | Cousino, Jacen |
| Dietz, Avery | Cole, Amber | Chiotti, Brennan | Cousino, Joshua |
| Garcia, Andrew | Dibert, Alexa | Grosteffon, Grace | Falk, Keilee |
| Hilberath, Destery | Guilliam, Gabriel | Hawkins, Brayden | Fielder, Liam |
| Hill, Paige | Henkle, Lucas | Ingram, Avree | Jurkiewicz, Olivia |
| Hubbard, Raegan | Kobold, Banks | Kemritz, Oliver | Kastel, Luke |
| Kemritz, Marley | Lowry, John | Malcom, Autumn | Krieger, Brent |
| Labbruzzo, Tucker | Marsh, Emma | McClain, Micayla | Lake, Logan |
| Lockhart, Carson | McClain, Natalie | Parsons, Kaitlyn | Lievens, Lauren |
| Madalinski, Lillian | Miller, Genevieve | Pendygraft, Maximus | Oloshove, Alivia |
| McCormack, Hudson | Miller, Hilary | Raker, Kira | Palfalvi, Willow |
| McCullough, Silas | Peters, Braunn | Russeau, Maya | Schroyer, Laney |
| Miller, Kensington | Peters, Camden | Sager, Cody | Snyder, Aden |
| Miller, Preston | Peters, Jase | Speweik, Caden | Walerius, Autumn |
| Ogren, Ali | Pizio, Ava | Taylor, Henry | Wing, Rowyn |
| ONeal, Irelyn | Richardson, Logan | Tyrrell, Madison | Wolniewicz, Karlie |
| Ovall, Clayton | Trejo, Maricelia | Warren, Weston | Young, Vivian |
| Phillips, Karson | Wernet, Bryce | Weiser, Charlie |  |
| Plante, Aaron |  | Workman, Kasey |  |
| Poulin, Eli |  |  |  |
| Rasor, Ellie Ray, Lucas |  |  | 10 |
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| Wahl, Shyann | REPORT CARD |  |  |
| Ziem II, William Zilba, Brady |  |  |  |
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## It's GAME ON in the STEM Lab!!!



Thanks to our generous community, Whiteford now has an incredible new K-12 STEM Lab where creativity abounds on a daily basis! Simply put, STEM labs are educational spaces that facilitate active learning and problem solving while integrating the use of science, technology, engineering, and math. STEM pro ects inspire students to be critical thinkers, problem solvers, and creative engineers. Furthermore, since many of the projects are niously c STEM Lab, we welcomed our talented new STEM Teacher, Mrs. Mindy Welch, to our Bobcat amily at the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year. We are so fortunate to have Mrs Welch on board to guide the educational and creative processes that transpire in our amazing new space every day! Please enjoy these pictures of the students' latest creations!



| Dorothy Gale | Trees (Vocal Trio) | Stuffers | Jitterbugs |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Alena Ellis | Lana Consear | Kiera Cole | Lana Consear |
|  | Ava Hillard | Ava Smith | Jackson Cousino |
| Aunt Em Ava Hillard | Jackie Schaefer | Amaya Torres | Cooper Diesing |
|  |  | Brielle White | Ava Hillard |
|  | Mayor of |  | Carolyn Mohler |
| Uncle Henry | Munchkinland | Beauticians | Luke Rasor |
| Chase Lee | Austin Bauman | Ali Bauman | Brek Ruddy |
|  |  | Nina Bauman | Ryin Ruddy |
| Scarecrow/Hunk | Coroner of | Lexi DeBruyne | Jackie Schaefer |
| Dylan Anderson | Munchkinland | Jackie Schaefer | Ava Smith |
|  | Allen Raker |  | Brookelynn Tyrrell |
| Tinman/Hickory |  | Polishers | Amaya Torres |
| Aiden Ghamlouche | Barrister of | Austin Bauman |  |
|  | Munchkinland | Quinten Cossins | Munchkins |
| Lion/Zeke | Jackson Cousino | Cooper Diesing | ( $3^{\text {rid }}-6^{\text {drit }}$ Graders) |
| Seamus Waterford |  | Brek Ruddy | Brenna Allen |
|  | Poppies |  | Lacey Billau |
| Miss Almira Gultch/ Wicked Witch | Ali Bauman | Manicurists | Hayden Breischke |
|  | Nina Bauman | Ellie Biswas | Blu Broshious |
| Avery Ellis | Ava Hillard | Carolyn Mohler | Avery Dietz |
|  | Patrina Marsh | Kyleigh Pitney | Ella Dietz |
| Professor Marvel/ Wizard of Oz | Emily Turvey | Eva Suchora | AJ Ellis |
|  |  |  | Adeline Farr |
| Dane DuVall | Emerald City Chorus | Winkies | Liam Fielder |
|  | Lana Consear | Ali Bauman | Emma Houghtaling |
| Glinda | Jackson Cousino | Nina Bauman | Hailey Houghtaling |
| Kenzie Gray | Jakub Diesing | Ellie Biswas | Anna Huard |
|  | Kenzie Gray | Quinten Cossins | Reagan Hubbard |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { Guard } \\ \text { Jaedon Diesing } \end{gathered}$ | Grace Henry | Logan DeBruyne | Marley Kemritz |
|  | Ava Hillard | Lexi DeBruyne | Oliver Kemritz |
|  | Chase Lee | Grace Henry | Emma Lake |
| $\xrightarrow[\text { Jakub Diesing }]{\text { Nikko }}$ | Ryin Ruddy | Chase Lee | Kendra Lehberger |
|  | Brookelynn Tyrrell | Eva Suchora | Carson Lockhart |
|  | Liam Waterford | Brielle White | Colton McCormack |
| $\underline{\text { Winkie General }}$ |  |  | Gabe Mohler |
|  | $\mathrm{Oz}_{2}$ Man | Monkeys | Ava Ovall |
| Liam Waterford | Luke Rasor | Austin Bauman | Caden Speweik |
| $\frac{\text { Crows (Vocal Quartet) }}{\text { Jaedon Diesing }}$ |  | Kiera Cole | Payton Speweik |
|  | Second Man | Patrina Marsh | Mari Trejo |
| Chase Lee | Logan DeBruyne | Kyleigh Pitney | Maddie Tyrrell |
| Luke Rasor |  | Emily Turvey | Shyann Wahl |
| Liam Waterford | Oz Woman |  | Bristol Wing |
|  | Patrina Marsh |  | Rowy Wing |
|  |  |  | Bryce Wernet |
|  | Second Woman |  | William Ziem |
|  | Emily Turvey |  | Gabe Zink |

