

Bobcat Tales

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2019-2020 SCHOOL HOURS / CALENDAR

Building	Starting Time	Ending Time	Early Dismissal Time
Elementary	7:55 AM	3:08 PM	11:10 AM
Middle/High School.....	7:55 AM	2:55 PM	11:00 AM

Aug. 28..... Open House
(5:00 PM—6:30 PM)

Sept. 3 First Day of School
(students report at Noon)

Sept. 27 EARLY DISMISSAL

Oct. 31 EARLY DISMISSAL

Nov. 6-7 EARLY DISMISSAL

Nov. 27 EARLY DISMISSAL

Nov. 28-29 NO SCHOOL
(Thanksgiving Break)

Dec. 23-
Jan. 3 NO SCHOOL
(Christmas / Winter Break)

Jan. 16-17 EARLY DISMISSAL

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

Feb. 25..... EARLY DISMISSAL

Apr. 3 EARLY DISMISSAL

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

Apr. 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

Bobcat Tales Publication Deadlines

August 1, 2019
October 1, 2019
December 1, 2019
February 1, 2020
April 1, 2020
June 1, 2020

WHITEFORD AGRICULTURAL SCHOOLS Bobcat Tales

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June 2019

FIRST YEAR STEM PROGRAM A SUCCESS!

Submitted by Marcy Anderson, K-8 STEM Teacher

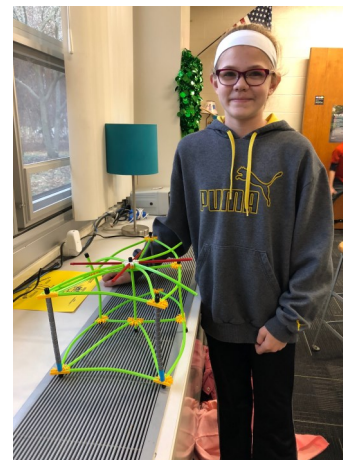


Bridges, boats, and catapults!! These are just a few of the examples of what we built in our wonderful first year of STEM. STEM was a new class offered at Whiteford this year for students in Kindergarten through 8th grade. STEM stands for **S**cience **T**echnology **E**ngineering and **M**athematics. In this class children did hands on science, creating, and problem solving. The concepts we covered in STEM complimented the science and math concepts that were taught in the classroom. We did a lot of group work and stressed the 4 C's which are communication, collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking. These are such important skills all students will need no matter what career path they will take in the future, and it is never too early to start practicing these skills.



The best thing about STEM class is that I gave the students a challenge and provided the materials, however I didn't show them or tell them how to put whatever it is they were creating together. They needed to design and think of a solution on their own. I loved seeing what their creative minds came up with. The engineering process of brainstorming, designing, building, testing, and then redesigning is something the students became very good at. Productive struggle, failure, and mistakes

are wonderful learning opportunities and the students became comfortable taking risks and then redesigning when necessary to improve the build. Some of the challenges were to build bridges out of different materials to see which is the strongest and which shapes worked the best. We designed buildings to withstand high winds that might be experienced in hurricanes. One grade was "stranded" on an island and they needed to build shelter, something to gather food, and a boat. We built towers, zip lines, ramps, parachutes that we tested for accuracy and speed, arcade games, and mini putt putt golf courses. We spent time studying energy, magnets, energy in ecosystems, Newton's Laws and finding ways to demonstrate our knowledge of the subjects we discussed. The real world problems such as clean water, pollution in the air and oceans, transportation in different types of weather, and cleaning up oil spills were also tackled.



We didn't find any new ground breaking discoveries yet, maybe next year!! We also had some free build time with k'nex, blocks, legos, lego robotics, and many more great materials we found. I watched the imaginations grow this year and it was amazing!!





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Upcoming
Regular Board of
Education Meetings
6:00 PM

July 8, 2019
August 12, 2019
September 9, 2019
October 14, 2019
November 11, 2019
December 9, 2019

High School Library

**District
Mission / Vision**

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

We are Whiteford!

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE...

A REMARKABLE YEAR COMES TO AN END

Dear Bobcat families,

It is hard to believe the 2019-2020 school year has come to an end. It seems like we opened the school year yesterday! While the year may have gone by fast, we are amazed at the incredible accomplishments of our students and staff this year. I am so proud of all of our students, but some stand out even further in my mind. First, our **Robotics Team** has made incredible progress this year. This team was just started within the last couple of years and they have already become state qualifiers! That is truly incredible progress and is evidence of their outstanding commitment to excellence and to one another. I can't wait to see what the future holds. The other stand-out for me is our Varsity **Softball Team** and their inspiring coach, **Kris Hubbard**. The end to their season came with a great deal of heartache, but also demonstrated true Bobcat Pride. The community came together during their final game to repair a rain drenched field allowing them to finish their game after a rain delay. The support of these families and district staff was inspiring to witness. The team did not win their game that day, but were still winners. They handled themselves with class and are champions in my book.

Speaking of champions, I am so grateful for the hard work of our staff this year. We are celebrating high achievement gains in several areas, all of which can be attributed to our teachers and support staff. The extra hours, extra work, and overall commitment has paid off and our students are better prepared for next year because of it. Thank you Bobcat Staff for an incredible year. You deserve a summer filled with family, rest, and rejuvenation!

Finally, I would like to give a big SHOUT-OUT to the Learning Team which consists of **Matt VanBrandt, Kelli Tuller, Cari Mitchey, Jason Mensing, Marcy Anderson, Jennifer Head, Stephanie Cavanaugh, Corey Mills, and Michael Shepherd**. The work this team accomplished this year is nothing short of outstanding. Together, we met weekly and over Christmas Break to create an innovative schedule that is student-centered and personalized to our students' individual needs. They overcame many barriers, were passionate and creative, and collectively led the district through a major structural change while always keeping students at the center of their work. They inspire me daily and I am truly grateful to work alongside the best people in the education profession.

Have a great summer Bobcats. School will be starting before we know it!

Sincerely,

Valerie Orr

Valerie Orr
Superintendent



CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2019!



CELEBRATE GOOD TIMES

Submitted by Mrs. Michaela Shepherd, Elementary Principal



For many years, teachers at Whiteford Elementary School have hosted grade level end-of-the-year celebrations. These ceremonies are always a fun way to close out the school year to bring to mind how much the students have learned and grown throughout the school year. Reminiscing about all of the activities, content learned, and events of the year help to bring the entire year to a positive ending. Each teacher has the opportunity to recognize their students and their classroom accomplishments as they reflect back through their school year. Learning achievements and fun experiences that have been enjoyed all year long are also commemorated in a culminating video slideshow. Certificates are earned and memories shared, and this nostalgic event is a great way to send the kids off for the summer. Everyone looks forward to this special time of commemoration and providing closure for another job well done!

MS STUDENTS OF THE MONTH RECAP

Middle School students of the month are chosen by the middle school faculty. September’s winners were chosen on the basis of outstanding academic performance, improvement and growth in their school work, having a positive attitude and leadership skills. Beginning in October, students were chosen based on a specific character trait for the month. Students of the month for September 2018 through May 2019 were:

Month	Character Trait	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
September	n/a	Haley Luse	Kenzie Gray	Alyssa Ulery
October	Integrity	Brendon Masters	Jacqueline Schaefer	Dylen Koepfler
November	Loyalty	Rylan Joerin	Brandon Knaggs	Lexi DeBruyne
December	Fairness	Alaina McClain	Hunter DeBarr	Alaina Andrews
January	Loyalty	Hunter Reese	Ava Gorney	Erica Holup
February	Self-Discipline	Cristal Perez	Van Broshious	Kaitlyn LaVoy
March	Reliability	Sophia Williams	Jacob Henry	Morgan Blanchard
April	Respectful	Avery Cousino	Abigail Johnson	Shea Ruddy
May	Optimism	Liberty Simmons	Jayden Crook	Aidan Cousino

Congratulations to all for setting such a fine example!

PARENT REMINDERS FOR 2019-2020 ...

- Bus Transportation:** Forms were due on June 1st. If you haven't turned in your form regarding bus transportation for the 2019-2020 school year, please do so by the end of June. **ALL households are requested to complete the form even if your child does not need bus transportation** (there is a box on the form to check if that is the case). Forms are available on the district website (www.whiteford.k12.mi.us; OUR DISTRICT, scroll to Transportation, then down to the form under the “Resources” heading) or can be picked up in one of the building offices. This information greatly assists us in planning bus routes for the upcoming school year.
- Schools of Choice Program:** Listed below are some upcoming deadlines for families new to the program for the 2019-2020 school year:
 - June 28, 2019**Deadline to submit application to REESIDENT district.
 - July 12, 2019**Applicants are notified to inform them whether they have been accepted into the Schools of Choice Program.
 - August 2, 2019**Parents/guardians must formally accept or reject acceptance into the Schools of Choice Program.
 - August 10, 2019**Student must be formally registered at the choice school.

THE GAME OF FOOTBALL IS SAFER THEN EVER...

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

Next year Whiteford Youth Football is making a significant change. We are moving to a flag football model and away from the tackle program that we have had for many years. Although this move is the decision of the youth organization, I wanted to write this article as a show of support for our leadership and their decision. First, it should be noted that we have had a very successful youth tackle program, it has been well organized with high levels of participation and run with great leadership. We are hopeful those things will continue as we make this transition to our flag league. As the Head Varsity Football Coach, my only goal for any youth football program is for our kids to have a great time participating and grow in their love for the game of football. There were several things that have occurred in the last few years that has led the leadership to make this decision. They are:

- ◆ MHSAA is planning on establishing a “Position Statement” on starting tackling at a later age.
- ◆ MHSFCA is planning on establishing a “Position Statement” on starting tackling at a later age.
- ◆ Participation in football has been dropping most significantly at the youth levels due to fears of injury; our goal is to grow the game and these fears are not typical with the flag game.
- ◆ Neurosurgeons have recommended that contact sports begin after the age of 12 as their belief is that allows greater brain development and in turn less risk to traumatic injury and the long-term potential health issues associated with that.
- ◆ The flag game is more age/developmentally appropriate for younger athletes as it engages manipulative skills, movement in space, and body control.
- ◆ Tackling and blocking is most appropriate when students have greater strength in their lower half and hip flexors allowing them to have the strength to squat then have triple extension, this allows the head and neck to stay up and allows for less risk on the CNS.
- ◆ The rigors of contact typically are sustained over a short period of time and starting at an earlier level generally leads to a lower participation rate at older ages.
- ◆ Flag Football is fun and engaging as all players can touch the ball and try to score. Our goal is to get more kids (boys and girls) to love football before the age of 12 to increase participation and interest in the game to grow the game for the next generation.

If you have questions or concerns with regards to this change, please feel free to contact me at 734-856-1443, ext. 103. Our Youth Football Program is making a very progressive decision that I support and believe will be inevitable in many communities. We have had a fantastic youth tackle program for many years and it is my hope that our Flag program can have a similar positive impact for our kids and community.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE FALLING BEHIND

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

As we round out the end of another school year, our offices are busy checking final student grades and records to ensure students are on track for graduation or can make up courses that may have been a struggle for the student. Matt VanBrandt and the Virtual Program have continued to run a credit recovery program the first two weeks following the school year. This is an excellent opportunity that not all schools are able to provide. Additionally, our new block schedule has been designed with specific and targeted intervention opportunities built into the schedule. Reasoning Skills is a math support course that has been created to ensure students who will benefit from daily math skills can continue to have that despite the block schedule. In addition, W.I.N. has been created so that our staff can identify specific needs and select students who would benefit most for these targeted areas. These programs are not only an aggressive pathway to help students who may be struggling but have an impact on all those who are in the class. Our students who are not in need of specific intervention at that time will have the opportunity to take an enrichment or extension course. These courses are often enjoyable experiences that allow students to get deeper into curriculum with courses they are going to find interesting and engaging. Our staff has created a variety of courses that will offer unique content but will continue to build on foundational skills in core academic areas or enriching elective options.

ACADEMIC LETTER WINNERS

Sixty-five (65) Whiteford students received academic letters at an assembly held on Thursday, May 23, 2019. To receive an academic letter, a student must meet the following criteria:

- First Year (Chenille Letter)** ~ maintain a **3.9 or higher grade point average** for the first semester

Second Year (Bronze Medal) ~ maintain a **3.8 or higher cumulative average** for three semesters

Third Year (Silver Medal) ~ maintain a **3.6 or higher cumulative average** through five semesters

Fourth Year (Gold Medal) ~ maintain a **3.4 or higher cumulative average** over seven semesters

FIRST YEAR AWARDS

Seniors:

Isaac Badenhop
Karsyn Berns-Moore
Nicholas Donnelly
Kasey Ebersole
Ty Eitnhear
Tadeusz Gnida
Anna Hetzel
Madelyn Hews
Alex Koepfler
Macy Long
Caleb Williams

Juniors:

Luke Andrews
Josh Hagan
Susan Howell
Chase Morse
Clayton Wing

Freshmen:

Zoe Bauman
Ambrelle Billau
Cole Giesige
Mackinzie Kohler
Kyra Kolmar
Sidney Miller
Timothy Murray
Jada Rose-McBee
Ty Ruddy
Adrianna VanBrandt
Emily Wright
Hannah Webb

SECOND YEAR AWARDS

Seniors:

Baylee Baldwin
Nathan Bauman
Katelyn Kuebler
Jessica Link
John Roscoe

Juniors:

Elizabeth DuVall
Lainey Hillard
Trenton Kolmar
Megan Wilson

Sophmores:

Kyleigh Borowicz
Leah Donnelly
Trent Durden
Olivia Murphy
Sarah Oberle
Alena Overmann
Angelina Pello
Jaden Smith
Emma Spradling
Mackenzie Sybert
Paige Thomas

THIRD YEAR AWARDS

Seniors:

Anthony Ausmus
Katherine Lipp
Nickolette Moore
Skyler White-Ebersole

Juniors:

Paul Gapp
Jessica Gozdowski
Adam Lenhart
Kennedy Murray
Mallory Simmons
Taylor Yount

FOURTH YEAR AWARDS

Seniors:

Madison Durden
Kaissidy Homolka
Milayna Iott
Hunter Lake
Katlyn Taylor
Bryce Wing
Jonathan Wright

CLASS OF 2019 TOP GRADUATES

The following students graduated **Summa Cum Laude** and earned a 3.900 or higher grade point average: **Katlyn Taylor, Bryce Wing, Jonathan Wright, Milayna Iott, Madison Durden, Kaissidy Homolka, Kathrine Lipp and Hunter Lake.**

Those graduating **Magna Cum Laude** (3.750-3.890 GPA) include **Skyler White-Ebersole, Anthony Ausmus, Zachary Bertz, Nathan Bauman, John Roscoe, Jessica Link and Nickolette Moore.**

Baylee Baldwin, Karsyn Berns-Moore, Nicholas Donnelly, Katelyn Kuebler, Isaac Badenhop and Joshua Niederkohr have maintained a 3.500-3.749 GPA and will be recognized **Cum Laude.**



MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL (4TH QUARTER)

12th Grade—All A's

Baldwin, Baylee
Bauman, Nathan
Durden, Madison
Homolka, Kaissidy
Iott, Milayna
Kuebler, Katelyn
Lake, Hunter
Lipp, Kathrine
Moore, Nickolette
Roscoe, John
Taylor, Katlyn
White-Ebersole, Skyler
Wing, Bryce
Wright, Jonathan

12th Grade—A/B List

Badenhop, Isaac
Bertz, Zachary
Eitnhear, Ty
Gilson, Zadon
Gnida, Tadeusz
Hess, Treylan
Hetzel, Anna
Hews, Madelyn
Koepfler, Alex
Long, Macy
Speweik, Samuel
Williams, Caleb

11th Grade—All A's

DuVall, Elizabeth
Gapp, Paul Daniel
Gozdowski, Jessica
Hillard, Lainey
Howell, Susan
Lenhart, Adam
Murray, Kennedy
Simmons, Mallory
Wilson, Megan

11th Grade—A/B List

Andrews, Luke
Dauterman, Sophia
DiTerlizzi, Natalia
Haubrich, Kyle
Hizer, Hayden
Kolmar, Trenton
Mercurio, Jessica

Shaw, D'Ondre'
Wilson, Jordan
Yount, Taylor

10th Grade—All A's

Borowicz, Kyleigh
Daniels, Alexa
Dixon, Andrew
Donnelly, Leah
Durden, Trent
Lee, Macie
Murphy, Olivia
Oberle, Sarah
Olrich, Emma
Overmann, Alena
Pello, Angelina
Smith, Jaden
Spradling, Emma
Thomas, Paige
Walton, Caleb
Williams, Payton
Wright, Brayden

10th Grade—A/B List

Dyer, Evan
Gapp, Isaac
Lee, Madison
Lewis, Julie
Olrich, Morgan
Rodgers, Christian
Schober, Alison
Sonnenberg, Josie
Sybert, Mackenzie
Urrutia, Jasah
VanHove, Emma

9th Grade—All A's

Bauman, Zoe
Creque, Jami
DeBarr, McKenna
Giesige, Cole
Holup, Stephen
Howell, Molly
Kohler, Mackinzie
Kolmar, Kyra
Miller, Sidney
Murray, Timothy
Oberle, Nicholas
Rose-McBee, Jada

Ruddy, Ty
Thomas, Karis
VanBrandt, Adrianna
Webb, Hannah
Wing, Rylyn
Wright, Emily

9th Grade—A/B List

Andrews, Jack
Bauman, Noah
Hillard, Levi
Holliger, Rachel
Joerin, Isaiah
Keller, Berlynn
Murphy, Luke
Oberle, Ryan
Parker, Cole
Ruehle, Carter
Ruehle, Cooper
Simmons, Ellie
Turvey, Keira
Willis, Caleb
Yavorsky, Makaila

8th Grade—All A's

Andrews, Alaina
Blanchard, Morgan
DeBruyne, Lexi
Dyer, Elijah
French, Thomas
Hillard, Ava
Jablonski, Jonathan
LaVoy, Kaitlyn
Lestock, Courtney
Luse, Brayden
Norman, Halle
Rasor, Luke

7th Grade—A/B List

Aguado, Miasofia
Alexander, Shaylin
Brace, Victoria
Briem, Savannah
Broshious, Van
DeBarr, Hunter
Diesing, Jakub
Ellis, Avery
Henry, Jacob
Iott, Jackson
Joerin, Lincoln

8th Grade—A/B List

Acton, Alexander
Anderson, Dylan

Bauman, Ali
Cousino, Aidan
DeBruyne, Logan
Diesing, Jaedon
Donnelly, Addison
Ellis, Alena
Giesige, Jake
Guilliam, Emily
Holup, Erica
McCollum, Kennedy
Mensing, Case
Raymond, Emily
Rodgers, Elliott

7th Grade—All A's

Bahls, Carleton Anson
Bennett, Julianna
Conard, Karlei
DeSilvis, Rylie
Gapp, Annabelle
Gorney, Ava
Gray, Kenzie
Griffith, Keira
Hill, Joshua
Iott, Jacob
Johnson, Abigail
Minkowski, Sofie
Park, Christy
Podgorski, Maysen
Ruddy, Ryin
Schober, Anna
Simmons, Aubrie
Thomas, Margo
Vida, Luke
Webb, Jillian
Wing, Reagan

7th Grade—A/B List

Aguado, Miasofia
Alexander, Shaylin
Brace, Victoria
Briem, Savannah
Broshious, Van
DeBarr, Hunter
Diesing, Jakub
Ellis, Avery
Henry, Jacob
Iott, Jackson
Joerin, Lincoln

Lay, Joslyn
Masters, Keegan
McGee, Jasmine
Olrich, Trent
Perry, Samantha
Schaefer, Jacqueline
Stevens, Noah
Szymanski, Joseph
Wernet, Emma

6th Grade—All A's

Billau, Lily
Call, Dawson
Cousino, Avery
Joerin, Rylan
Lievens, Owen
Luse, Haley
Masters, Brendon
McClain, Alaina
Mills, Brooklyn
Rasor, Emily
Saylor, Jenna
Swan, Clara

6th Grade—A/B List

Bott, Connor
Bushroe, Brayden
Consear, Layla
Crook, Mariah
Delmotte, Logan
Ghamlouche, Aiden
Lehsten, Isabell
Linkey, Adam
Murray, Kristian
Olrich, Jack
Perez, Cristal
Simmons, Liberty
Smith, Benjiman
Studer, Devon
Vernon, Isabell
Waterford, Malia
Williams, Sophia

WHITEFORD PARENTS ASSOCIATION (WPA) NEWS

Welcome to summer! The WPA concluded activities for the school year with the annual **Carnival**, one of the events the kids most look forward to all year! This year, the carnival featured a fire-eating juggler along with the traditional attractions, and he was a hit with students, staff and volunteers alike! Thank you to everyone who patiently painted faces, spray-painted hair, got covered in cotton candy (wo)manning the machine, supervised crafts and the bounce house, or helped in any of the other many areas we needed assistance in. This event requires many, many volunteers and as always, all you parents and grandparents stepped up and made it happen. You are very much appreciated. Not just those of you who volunteered for the carnival, but thank you to everyone who volunteered at one (or more!) of our other events throughout the year.

Even though summer has just started the WPA is already looking ahead to next year, and we see some big changes coming up. Two of our long-time events—**Santa’s Workshop** and the **Daddy/Daughter Dance**—are in need of a new chairperson or co-chairpersons; the women who have organized these events are stepping down to allow someone new the chance to take over these events and make them their own. Though some things must stay the same (the Daddy/Daughter dance *must* stay a dance, rather than turning into a different father/daughter event), the possibilities for the details are endless-so please, if you’ve had any interest in either of these events, send an email to our email box so we can talk with you about how you can become involved with either of these events. Ideally, we would love for multiple people to express an interest, so the different parts of the events can be divided among those people and not so intimidating or time-consuming for any one person. If you have ever attended or volunteered at either of these events, or any event that the WPA sponsors, for that matter, you know the joy, excitement and enrichment that we help bring to the kids. But we can’t do it without your help!

The WPA is also seeking candidates for the Treasurer and Secretary positions for the 2019-2020 school year and beyond. If interested, you should be available to attend all the meetings and volunteer at many of the events. Even if your very first child is just starting Kindergarten in the fall, you are welcome to throw your hat in the ring! We welcome new faces, and the fresh ideas that often come with them!

Please have a safe and happy summer, and see you in the fall!

The WPA welcomes parent and grandparent volunteers for any event we sponsor, as well as at meetings. If you are interested in volunteering or have questions, please email whiteford.parents@gmail.com. The WPA meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 8:05 AM in the elementary school cafeteria. We’ll be breaking for the summer but will have our first meeting on Tuesday, September 17th. We hope to see you there!

ATHLETIC BOOSTER NEWS

Golf Outing

The Athletic Boosters 29th Annual Golf Outing will be held on Friday, June 21st at The Legacy Golf Club. There are still spots available and time to get registered. The cost is \$90 per player and includes greens fee, cart, range balls, entry in the hole in one contest, and dinner. Register prior to the event and also receive an entry in a drawing for \$100 cash. Hole sponsorships are also available for \$150. You can register your team or sponsor a hole at www.WABgolfouting.com. Contact Tim VanBrandt at timv.terriv@gmail.com with any questions.

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, 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!

Brick Pavers

Create a lasting legacy and celebrate your graduate's accomplishments by purchasing an engraved brick paver. Prices start at \$35. You can find an order form on the school website (www.whiteford.k12.mi.us) or contact Tim VanBrandt at timv.terriv@gmail.com.

ELEMENTARY TRACK & FIELD DAY!

Submitted by Mrs. Michaele Shepherd, Elementary Principal



Track and field day was a huge success this year and loads of fun for all of the students! [Mr. Kirk Hubbard](#), Physical Education Teacher, organized 13 stations for the kids to participate in on Friday, May 31st. Some of the activities included an obstacle course, sack race, parachute fun, “Car Wash Relay”, bean bag toss, “Flamingo Ring Toss”, and “Ping Pong Ball Relay” to name a few. To culminate the end of their time on the field playing at each of those stations, there were Tug-of-War competitions among the classes. The kids enjoyed cheering each other on, racing each other in the fun games, and taking part in group events. They even got to relax with a freezey pop while they benefitted from a warm and sunny day! It was a great way to finish up the last full week of school!



“SUPPLYING OUR FUTURE”
BACKPACKS FOR KIDS IN MONROE COUNTY

(sponsored by The Salvation Army)

For the past several years, a coalition of community organizations, businesses, and churches have been providing free backpacks and school supplies to children in need in Monroe County. In these trying economic times, many families need assistance to equip their child/children with the necessary supplies for the school year.

Application forms are distributed to families primarily through the school districts themselves; however, they are also available via Whiteford's website (www.whiteford.k12.mi.us; News & Announcements section; look for the article dated May 9, 2019), Facebook page and in the elementary and middle/high school offices. If you do not have access to the Internet and would like a copy of the letter/form, feel free to stop in one of the offices during normal business hours. Completed application forms can be turned into the school district or directly to The Salvation Army at 815 E. First Street, Monroe, MI 48161 (fax: 734.241.7181). **Forms are due by July 19, 2019.**

If you have any questions, would like to participate in one of the back-to-school events or are in a financial position to assist with this program, The Salvation Army would be happy to hear from you. Feel free to contact them at **734.241.0440**.

ELEMENTARY HONOR ROLL (4TH QUARTER)

5th Grade—All A's

Bahls, Mallory
Bauman, Nina
Chung, Iza
Cousino Addeson
DeBarr, Mason
Diesing, Cooper
Dyer, Brandt
French, Sanuel
Gregg, Xander
Griffith, Cole
Lavoy, Kailee
Schroyer, Caden
Scott, Jake
Shingleton, Rory
Smith-Emerson, Samantha
Spradling, Bailey
VanHove, Addyson

5th Grade—A/B List

Alexander, Shevy
Billau, Koralynn
Brown, Nolan
Consear, Lana
DuBois, Lucas
Hamid, Sarah
Hillard, Brody
Jablonski, Joseph
McCormack, Lincoln
McCullough, Everett
Norman, Brock
Park, Joshua
Pawson, Allison
Welker, Tyler
Zimmerman, Brayden

4th Grade—All A's

Bieber, Gus
Billau, Austin
Buechele-Sloan, Philip
Call, Cooper
Chiotti, Braelyn
DeBarr, Sierra
Eitniear, Tre
Hoag, Riley
Hughes, Anthony
Kahn, Sophia
Lestock, Kate
Masters, Marissa
Messerschmidt, Kloe
Montrose, Conner
Prange, Amber
Schober, Cade
Schroyer, Audrey
Smith, Ava

Thomas, Jonathan
Valasek, James
Wood, Avy

4th Grade—A/B List

Alcock, Brayden
Bauman, Austin
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Briem, Kaeleigh
Burton, Bradyn
Deloach, Kylie
DuRocher, Delaney
Guilliam, Isabelle
Hinojosa, Alexia
Joerin, Theo
Johns, Sage
Light, Faith
Light, Noelle

Luse, Kayla
Massingill, Hunter
McCormack, Mason
Perez, Itxel

Pitney, Kyleigh
Ray, Cooper
Robertson, Blake
Saylor III, Jess
Schumacher, Hailey
Stevens, Anna
Stevens, Ava
Stewart, Caden
Sulier, Ava
Torres, Amaya
Tyrrell, Brookelynn
Valasek-Wienclaw, Alisyn
Williams, Leah

MIDDLE SCHOOL CAREER DAY WELCOMED TEN PRESENTERS

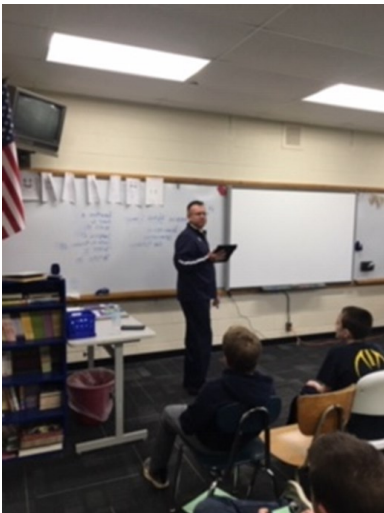
Submitted by Mrs. Stephanie Cavanaugh, Dean of Students/Career Coach

The sixth, seventh and eighth graders enjoyed learning about the career paths and occupations of six pre-senters on May 10th. In reflection of the event, 8th grader **Nick Poland** wrote, "Career Day presented multiple occupations. It was cool to have a guest who does the job they are talking about". Seventh grader, **Lincoln Joerin**, expressed, "I thought Career Day was great. We got a lot of different jobs we could see. I learned a lot about all the different years of school for all different kinds of paths." We are very thankful to the following people for volunteering their time and sharing their experiences:

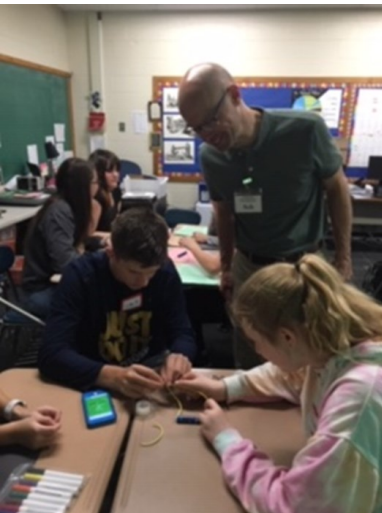
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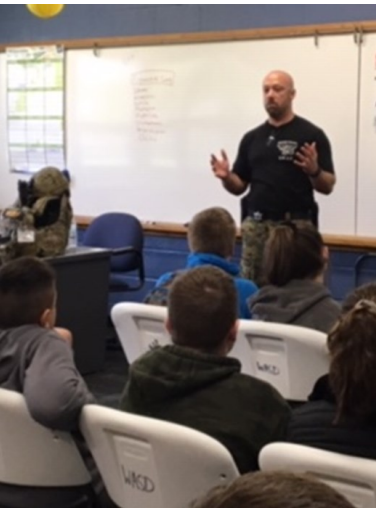
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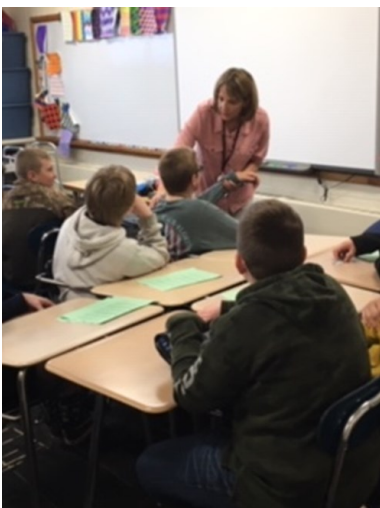
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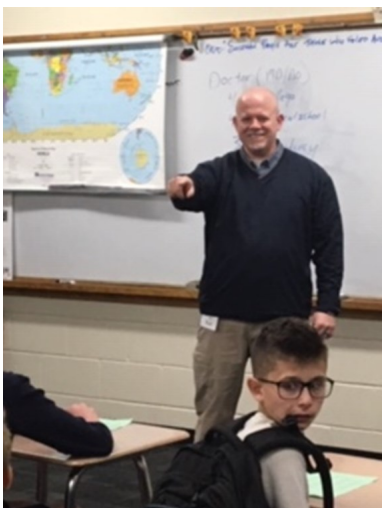
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WHITEFORD RECREATION CLUB (WRC) NEWS

The Whiteford Recreation Club Board of Trustees voted unanimously to move the 1st and 2nd grade flag football program under the umbrella of the Whiteford Youth Football League. The board also voted to donate \$500 to the Whiteford Youth Football League to help with equipment costs and other expenses.

The WRC would like to thank all of the generous businesses for their support of our children. The money raised from the sales of banners, which you can see on the back-stops during home baseball and softball games, will go toward equipment and keeping youth sports affordable for families in our community.

In the fall we will be looking to fill the positions of President and Secretary. If you are interested, please contact WRC President Justin Billau at justin.billau@sbcglobal.net.

Please follow facebook.com/WhitefordRec for updates.



TODAY'S LEADERS: TOMORROW'S FUTURE

Submitted by Mrs. Michelle Delmotte and Mrs. Cari Mitchey, English Teachers

Whiteford Middle School had a new course this year: **21st Century Leaders**. The objective was to empower young people to better understand the habits of highly effective leaders. Students taking the course were a bit surprised to learn that leaders are truly readers. According to Dave Ferguson, respected author and member of Forbes Coaches Council, successful leaders are constantly finding ways to improve themselves ("Six Habits of Highly Successful Leaders"). This helped students to see the importance of close and critical reading in all content areas as well as choice reading for enjoyment. Students started to make the connection that those who read, are those who lead.

Furthermore, students discovered that successful leaders find ways to connect with others. The students learned that effective leaders build positive relationships and are generous with their time and talents. Ferguson stated, "generosity is being willing to give of yourself to serve others" ("Six Habits of Highly Successful Leaders"). As a result, students completed a "generosity project" in which they set a goal to help others in some way.

Several of the second semester students did an outstanding job with their projects. Seventh graders, **Anna Schober** and **Shaylin Alexander**, designed a creative "Pie in the Face" fundraiser, which not only brought some fun entertainment for students and staff, but also raised close to \$50.00 to support the Mercy Children's Hospital. **Jillian Webb** and **Sophia Minkowski** marketed and hosted a "Penny War" among classes and earned over \$100 dollars for the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital! They combined funds with **Noah Stevens** and **Josh Hill**, who added an additional \$50.00 to the donation by hosting a bake sale. **Mason VanBrandt** and **Kolby Masserant** also held a bake sale and made a generous donation to the "Wounded Warriors", another very worthy organization that helps veterans and active duty service members. Finally, **Austin Welker** and **Frank Emmenecker** did yard work for families and earned funds to help the WWF, specifically to support tigers that are becoming extinct. Throughout these projects, students set goals and learned valuable leadership skills in addition to showing kindness and generosity.

Our goal as educators is to show middle school students that they are leaders and can help others in their school and their community. At the close of the semester, these young adults realized that leaders need to serve, help, and inspire others. We were inspired by these young Bobcats and their positive and resilient attitudes and look forward to watching them grow as leaders. This summer we know they will continue to read and lead!

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