

Superintendent Family Bulletin March 27, 2022

GREETING

April has been designated Child Abuse Prevention Month in the United States since 1983, and it is also Autism Awareness Month. The Child Advocacy Network (CAN) of Monroe County is a non-profit organization of concerned citizens, professionals, and agencies for programs to prevent child abuse and neglect. CAN is inviting all of Monroe County to "Light It Up Blue" for the month of April by displaying blue lights for Autism and a pinwheel, representing innocence as a national symbol for child abuse prevention. This week, you will notice CAN signs and pinwheels outside of our buildings. Our elementary students will have the opportunity to color a Pinwheel Coloring Sheet, and everyone is encouraged to wear blue on April 1 (our last day before Spring Break). As we display pinwheels and blue lights this month, let it serve as a reminder of the bright future all children deserve! I hope everyone has an enjoyable and safe Spring Break!

WHITEFORD, LET'S TALK!

Since March 1st, our district website has been receiving on-going revisions and updates to allow better access to district and school information as well as highlighting achievements of our students and staff. At Whiteford Schools, we care deeply about receiving stakeholder feedback, so we have introduced a feedback loop called, "Whiteford, Let's Talk!" at the very **bottom of our district home page**. This is a direct way to communicate with Whiteford Agricultural School District about critical district issues. This is an easy way for you to ask a question, raise a concern or pay us a compliment. Each submission is routed to the appropriate school, department and/or district staff member for follow up. This platform is not intended to replace face-to-face meetings. Feedback for specific teachers or staff members should be sent directly to those individuals. Also, this should not be used for emergency situations. If you have an emergency, please contact a member of the Whiteford Agricultural School District at 734-856-1443.

STRATEGIC PLAN RETREAT

After the cancellation of the Strategic Plan Retreat on March 5 due to a lack of participants, we have restructured the Retreat. The biggest reason for not being able to attend was the commitment of 7-8 hours on a Saturday. Rather than committing an entire day, we are going to offer stakeholders the opportunity to attend three (3) shorter sessions. Stakeholders are encouraged to attend all three (3) sessions from 3:15-5:30pm on March 31, April 12, and April 21. Each session will work towards the formation of a strategic plan. Retreat participants will review the following:

- Environmental Scan
- Review current status/progress of district
- Develop/Review/Renew Vision, Mission and Beliefs
- Review Educational Data
- Review Stakeholder Input Survey Summary
- Identify Key Strategic Goal Areas
- Identify 12-18 month priorities for each strategic goal
- Develop goal statements
- Communicate plan for implementation and process forward

The Retreat team consists of board members, superintendent, administrators, and representatives from teachers, staff, students, parents/guardians, and community. We understand the commitment involved in this process is great, but it is this work that will set the course of the Whiteford Agricultural School District for the next five (5) years. Each session will be held in the MS/HS Media Center with food and drinks being provided. If you are wanting to join in this work for ANY or all sessions, please email: scott.huard@whiteford.k12.mi.us . We will take ANY time you are able to commit to this important process.

4TH GRADE SPRING FLOWER SALE

The Spring Flower Sale has begun! An order form for Spring Flower Sales can be accessed at the Elementary School Office or by visiting our school website under News & Announcements at the bottom of the front page. Proceeds for this sale benefit our 4th graders that will attend Camp Michindoh next year. Order forms and payment are due by April 14.

KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

If you have an incoming Kindergartener, please sign-up for a date and time to register your child on April 13th from 4-7pm or April 14th from 8:30-11am. You can sign-up here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f4aafa62ca7fe3-kindergarten1

APRIL BOARD MEETING

The next Board of Education meeting is April 11, 2022. The Regular meeting will begin at 6:15pm in the MS/HS Media Center. The Board of Education Agendas & Minutes can be found here: <u>BOE Agenda & Minutes</u>

BREAKFAST/LUNCH MENUS

https://whiteford.nutrislice.com/menu

SCHOOL CALENDAR

2021-2022 School Calendar 2022-2023 School Calendar

THIS WEEK

March 28-31	5th/6th Grade Camp Michindoh
March 28	Varsity Baseball vs Adrian 4:30pm
March 28	Varsity Softball vs Adrian 4:30pm DH
March 29	Varsity Track vs Hudson/Tecumseh 4:30pm
March 30	JV Baseball at Blissfield 4pm DH
March 30	Varsity Baseball vs Blissfield 4pm
March 30	Varsity Softball vs Blissfield 4pm DH
March 31	Strategic Plan Retreat Day 1 3:15-5:30pm MS/HS Media Center
April 1	Half Day Early Release MS/HS 11am, Elementary 11:10am

UPCOMING

April 4-8	No School - Spring Break
April 5	Whiteford Recreation Club Meeting 7pm MS/HS Media Center
April 11	Board of Education Meeting 6:15pm MS/HS Media Center
April 12	Strategic Plan Retreat Day 2 3:15-5:30pm MS/HS Media Center
April 13	State Testing Day - No School for Grades K-7th and 12th
April 13	Kindergarten Round-Up 4-7pm
April 14	Kindergarten Round-Up 8:30-11am
April 14	4th Grade Flower Sale Orders/Money Due
April 15	No School - Good Friday
April 17	Easter
April 18	Track & Field Scrap Metal Fundraiser Begins
April 18-May 6	NWEA Spring Benchmarking Assessment Window
April 21	Strategic Plan Retreat Day 3 3:15-5:30pm MS/HS Media Center

We are better together - We are Whiteford!

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