

WHITEFORD AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office of the Superintendent of Schools



SUPERINTENDENT FAMILY BULLETIN
MARCH 5, 2023

GREETING

Hey, Bobcat Families and Staff! I hope everyone is enjoying this sunny day in early March. After the new Strategic Plan 2022-2027 was approved by the Board of Education on May 9, 2022, we continue to take steps to develop and implement objectives towards meeting our Strategic Plan goals. One such objective is to create a Whiteford Portrait of a Graduate. Once completed, the Whiteford Agricultural School District's Portrait of a Graduate will represent our school district's vision for the 21st century skills, character traits, and/or social-emotional competencies that students need to succeed in college, career, and life. Please see the details listed below to better understand how stakeholders can help begin the process of creating a Portrait of a Graduate by completing a short survey.

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) also requires all Michigan school districts to complete district and school improvement plans called the Michigan Integrated Continuous Improvement Process (MICIP). Our Strategic Plan goals and objectives will also compliment this school improvement work. The Michigan Integrated Continuous Improvement Process (MICIP) is a pathway for districts to improve student outcomes by assessing whole child needs to develop plans and coordinate funding. As a stakeholder, you will be learning more about this process in the coming months as we continue to focus our attention on the development of the whole child and ensuring that all students have equal opportunities to grow and learn at Whiteford! We are better together - We are Whiteford!

PORTRAIT OF A GRADUATE

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- What are the hopes, dreams, and aspirations that our community has for its students?
- What are the skills and mindsets our children need for success in this rapidly changing, complex world?
- What are the implications for the design of the learning experiences—and equitable access to those experiences—we provide in our school system?

We are seeking stakeholder feedback as we create our Portrait of a Graduate. Please provide your thoughtful input by completing the following survey: [Portrait of a Graduate Survey](#). The survey should take 2-4 minutes to complete.

The survey questions ask you to select ten (10) key competencies/terms that best reflect the skills, characteristics, and traits the Whiteford Agricultural School District should strive for in a high school graduate. The questions also allow you to share two (2) new competencies you feel were not included on the provided list. Once completed, this survey data will be used to help guide our next steps in prioritizing competencies and drafting a visual representation of our Portrait of a Graduate. This survey is completely confidential and answers cannot be tracked back to the participants. Thank you for your help!

SUBSTITUTES NEEDED

We are currently in need of substitutes for our Administrative Assistants and Paraprofessionals/Aides positions in both our elementary and middle/high school buildings. If you are looking for a fun way to get involved in our amazing school community, please consider filling in as a substitute in one of our main offices or helping our incredible students and teachers as a classroom paraprofessional/aide. Interested applicants must apply through Applitrack by clicking [HERE](#) or visiting the school website and clicking on the "Job Postings" button on the homepage. Come join our Bobcat family, and encourage your friends to do the same!

FEBRUARY STAFF MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to middle/high school teacher, Ashley Vittore, on being selected as the February Staff Member of the Month. Mrs. Vittore was nominated by Angel Webb for her outstanding efforts and organization of Whiteford's 1st hosting of the FFA District Leadership Contest on February 1st! Ashley will be awarded with a \$100 gift card compliments of Leski Wittman Insurance Agency at the Board of Education Meeting on March 13. Congratulations to Mrs. Vittore!

SCHOOL THREATS ARE NO JOKE

Now, more than ever, we need to maintain a partnership with parents/guardians to convey a consistent message to our students that regardless of intentions, a joke, prank, or any other intention, it is not okay to talk with friends or post on social media platforms about violence towards individuals, groups, or the school community. We are asking parents/guardians to clearly communicate with their student(s) that violent threats and behaviors are not acceptable. A discussion around possible consequences such as school suspension or expulsion, or prosecution by the Monroe County Prosecutor's Office for making threats of violence would also be appropriate. We ask that parents/guardians continue to stress the importance of how/when to report concerning behavior by utilizing the [OK2SAY](#) student safety program, Monroe County Sheriff's Dispatch Center, and/or communicating directly to a Whiteford staff member or school administration. Together, we can be vigilant in identifying possible threats of violence!

MARCH BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

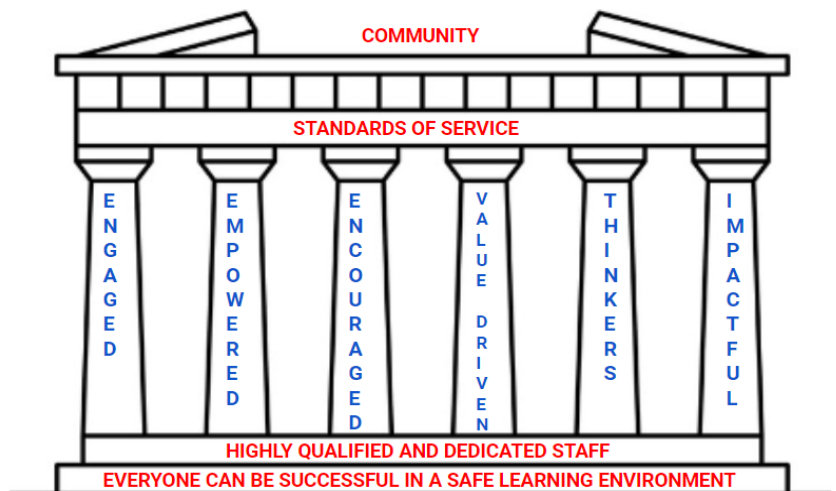
The next Board of Education meeting is March 13, 2023. The meeting will begin at 6pm in the Bobcat Den located in the MS/HS. The Board of Education Agendas & Minutes are typically posted the Friday preceding a meeting and can be found here: [BOE Agenda & Minutes](#).

WIZARD OF OZ SPRING MUSICAL

Our 21st Musical Production, *The Wizard of Oz*, will run March 17-19th. Friday and Saturday shows begin at 7:30pm and Sunday's performance is at 2:30pm in the high school gymnasium. The running time of the show is 2 hours and 15 minutes including intermission. Tickets for *The Wizard of Oz* are available online at: [The Wizard of Oz](#). Pricing as follows: Bleacher Seating: \$10.00, Floor Seating: \$15.00, OZ Reserved: \$20.00 and Emerald City: \$25.00.

STRATEGIC PLAN PILLARS OF SUCCESS

- **ENGAGED** in purposeful learning.
- **EMPOWERED** for a meaningful role in our dynamic world.
- **ENCOURAGED** by our community.
- **VALUE DRIVEN** leaders.
- Critical **THINKERS**.
- **IMPACTFUL** in their community.
- **STANDARDS OF SERVICE** We will treat all stakeholders (students, staff, parents/guardians, community members) with respect, kindness, and professionalism at all times.
- **COMMUNITY** promotes, cultivates, and celebrates student and district success.



BREAKFAST/LUNCH MENUS

<https://whiteford.nutrislice.com/menu>

SCHOOL CALENDARS

[2022-2023 School Calendar](#)

[2023-2024 School Calendar](#)

THIS WEEK

March 6 Varsity Boys' Basketball vs Ypsilanti Arbor Prep 7pm at Erie Mason MHSAA Tournament
March 7 Whiteford Recreation Meeting 7pm MS/HS Media Center
March 8-10 HS FFA State Convention at Michigan State University
March 9 After-Prom Parent Meeting 7pm MS/HS Media Center
March 9-11 Robotics Competition at Mason High School (Lansing)
March 10 Elementary Author Visit-Christian Dankert
March 10 5th Grade DARE Graduation 2pm Elementary Cafeteria

NEXT WEEK

March 12 Daylight Savings Time Begins
March 13 Spring Sports Practices Begin
March 13 Board of Education Meeting 6pm Bobcat Den
March 15-16 4th Grade Wax Museum
March 16 Elementary Reptile Road Show
March 17 8th/10th Grades Holocaust Museum Field Trip
March 17-18 Spring Musical-The Wizard of Oz 7:30pm High School Gymnasium

UPCOMING

March 19 Spring Musical-The Wizard of Oz 2:30pm High School Gymnasium
March 20 Elementary Author Visit-Katie Maskey
March 20-23 District 12 Choral Festival
March 21 1st/3rd/4th Grades Croswell Field Trip
March 21 Track Scrap Metal Fundraiser Begins
March 21 Whiteford Parent Association 6pm Elementary Cafeteria
March 23 KF/2nd/5th Grades Croswell Field Trip
March 24 End of 3rd Quarter
March 24 Half-Day Early Release MS/HS 11am, Elementary 11:10am
March 27-31 No School-Spring Break
April 7 No School-Good Friday
April 9 Easter
April 10 No School-Easter Break
April 12 State Testing Day
April 13-14 Kindergarten Round-Up
April 17 Board of Education Meeting 6pm Bobcat Den
April 18 Whiteford Parent Association 6pm Elementary Cafeteria

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