

# Whiteford Elementary School



November 10, 2023

## Hello Bobcats!

I hope you have all had a great week. It was so nice to see everyone at conferences last night. The teachers truly appreciate you taking the time to come and chat with them.

## Shining Star!

We have a champion amongst us in our 5th grade class. Ryleigh Adams skates with the Ann Arbor figure skating club and has finished in 1st place in the **State** for her division. Figure skating has two parts. One is the free skate which is a program/routine that skaters skate to (similar to what we see on tv). The other part is called the compulsory moves which is where the skater has to go out on the ice and do specific moves the judges ask her to do. Ryleigh finished 1st for both of these parts making her the top in the state! Wow! That is so awesome - way to go. Ryleigh is also on a synchronized skating team called the Ann Arbor Hockettes and that competition season is just beginning. We wish you well Ryleigh and can't wait to hear about more successes in the future.



## Whiteford Elementary Food Drive

The BIG Game will be here Thanksgiving weekend!

Who do you support?



To find out, we will be collecting non-perishable food items including but not limited to; cereal, juices, canned goods, toiletries, etc. We plan to donate our collection to our neighborhood Food Pantry at Zion Lutheran Church located at 8307 Memorial Hwy. Ottawa Lake, MI (734) 856-2921. They offer food pick up the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 10 am - 12 pm. Students can place all of their donations under the team flag of your choice located in the front vestibule; **November 10-20!** Who will our Whiteford students be cheering for during the big game!?!

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## **Santa's Workshop!**

It's that wonderful time of the year! Soon our cafeteria will be filled with the wonderful sounds of Christmas music and the students will have the opportunity to come and purchase gifts (each item is \$1.00) for their family. A letter explaining everything and an envelope for your child to bring their money in to go shopping with will be sent home with your child. Also, to make this wonderful experience so successful every year, we need some elves to help students shop and to help wrap presents. Below is a sign up if you are interested in volunteering an hour or two (or ten) throughout the week. Please contact Sarah Cross if you have any questions.

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### **Sign up for Santa's Workshop**



**\*Santa's WorkShop 2023!\* Elves Wanted! \*Nov. 27- Dec. 1\***

We value our volunteers and Santa's Workshop wouldn't be possible without you. This year we will be located in the cafeteria for more space and convenience. Please consider signing up for one or as many slots as you would like. Gift wrap and tape will be provided, but if you have any extra feel free to bring it along. If you would like to help, but are unable to attend these

## **Free Little Library**

Last year our student council held the Kiss the Pig event to raise money to purchase a Free Little Library for our school. It was a great success and we were able to do that. The library is finished and was put up this week out front by the fence and is loaded with books. I am attaching a video of a book that explains the story behind the Free Little Libraries that you see around the communities. It is a nice little story I think you will enjoy. Please feel free to take a book or leave a book in the Free Little Library. 😊

### **Little Libraries Big Heroes by Miranda Paul**



### **Lost and Found:**

All of the lost and found has been moved to tables so it is easier to see. Please look through it the next time you are in the building. There are winter coats that look brand new!! Come take a look before the table is cleared off.



### **WPA Sponsored Mother/Son Night**

The WPA has a medieval themed night of fun planned for our Knights in grades K-5. The festivities will be held in the MS gym (the previous HS gym) on November 11th from 6:00-8:00.

There will be many volunteers needed, so if you are available to help with a game or help serve snacks during the evening, please sign up using the link below.

[Sign up for Mother/Son](#)

**Upcoming Important Dates:**

November 11	Mother/Son Night 6:00-8:00
November 13	Board Meeting 6:00 pm
November 15	5th Grade Field trip to the Walleye game

November 21	WPA meeting 6:00 pm
November 22	½ day - dismiss at 10:55am
November 23-24	No School - Thanksgiving Break

Nov. 27-Dec.1	Santa's Workshop
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December 14	Elementary Christmas Concert More information to follow
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December 22	½ day - dismiss at 10:55
Dec. 23-Jan. 2	No School - Christmas Break
January 3, 2024	Return to School

Have a fantastic weekend and please let me know if there is anything I can assist with.

Educationally yours,



Marcy Anderson  
Elementary Principal