

Bobcat Tales

Whiteford Agricultural Schools
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2021 – 2022 SCHOOL HOURS / CALENDAR

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

August 30MS/HS Registration Day
Sept. 1EL & MS/HS Open House & 6th Grade Orientation
Sept. 7First Day of School (students report at Noon)
Oct. 29EARLY DISMISSAL
Nov. 11-12EARLY DISMISSAL
Nov. 24EARLY DISMISSAL
Nov. 25-26NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving Break)
Dec. 22EARLY DISMISSAL
Dec. 23-
Jan. 3NO SCHOOL (Christmas / Winter Break)
Jan. 12EARLY DISMISSAL (Spring Break)
Jan. 17NO SCHOOL (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)
Jan. 20-21EARLY DISMISSAL
Feb. 21NO SCHOOL (President's Day)
Mar. 16EARLY DISMISSAL

Apr. 1EARLY DISMISSAL
Apr. 4-8NO SCHOOL (Spring Break)
April 13STATE TESTING DAYNO SCHOOL K-7, 12
May 30NO SCHOOL (Memorial Day)
June 9EARLY DISMISSAL
June 10*EARLY DISMISSAL (Last day of school)
**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
9:30 AM—10:30 AM

Zion Lutheran Church
2nd/4th Tuesday of Month
10 AM—12 PM

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY SCHEDULE

- *1st Tuesday: 4:00—6:00 Nova Faith
5105 Glendale Ave., Toledo, OH 43614
- *1st Thursday: 4:30—6:30 Crossroads
6960 Sylvania-Petersburg Rd., Ottawa Lake, MI 49267
- *2nd Tuesday: 3:00—5:00 St. Paul's Episcopal
798 S. Coy Rd., Oregon, OH 43616
- *2nd Thursday: 4:00—6:00 SSFAC (Social Services for the Arab Community)
3110 Tremainsville, Toledo, OH 43613
- *2nd Friday: 10:00—12:00 5 Points @ Augsburg Lutheran
1342 W. Sylvania Ave., Toledo, OH 43612
- *3rd Thursday: 10:00—12:00 Lott Industries
3350 Hill Ave., Toledo, OH 43607
- *3rd Friday: 2:00—4:00 Winterfield Academy
305 Wenz Rd., Toledo, OH 43607
- *4th Tuesday: 2:00—4:00 BGSU Health & Human Services Building
Bowling Green, OH 43403 *BGSU Spring and Fall Only
- *4th Thursday: 4:00—6:00 Indiana Ave Missionary Baptist
640 Indiana Ave., Toledo, OH 43604
- *4th Friday: 2:00—4:00 Agape Community Center
225 S. Irwin Rd., Holland, OH 43528

WHITEFORD AGRICULTURAL SCHOOLS Bobcat Tales

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June 2022

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2022!!

The Whiteford School Community celebrated the Class of 2022 at its annual Commencement Ceremony held on June 3rd at Crossroads Community Church. The high school administration would like to salute the members of the Class of 2022 for their leadership and resiliency over the course of the past four years. They suffered severe disruptions in their education due to a global pandemic but certainly led the way as Whiteford High School returned to "normalcy" for the 2021-2022 school year. The class of '22 helped reinstitute important traditions like our pep assemblies, school dances, spring prom, and Senior Sunday, and they began a new tradition of painting parking spaces, hosting a Senior Sunrise at the beginning of the year and a Senior Sunset at the school year's close. We wish them nothing but the best in the years to come. ~Principal Jeremy Fielder





Superintendent of Schools
Scott L. Huard

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE...

Dear Bobcat Family,

It is hard to believe that we have crossed the finish line of another school year. At Whiteford, our VISION is to develop value-driven leaders and critical thinkers who will positively impact their community. In order to meet this VISION, we believe...everyone has the ability to be successful...creating an environment that is physically and emotionally safe...hiring and retaining a highly qualified and dedicated staff...promoting student success through community support.

It is our hope that as you reflect on this past school year, you will identify experiences and opportunities where your children were pushed to be critical thinkers in the classroom and challenged to be value-driven leaders that genuinely care for others' well-being. Relationships matter! As the summer begins, please encourage your child to read daily for pleasure and investigate topics of interest for deeper and exploratory learning. Wishing everyone a safe and fun summer season! We are better together - We are Whiteford!

Sincerely,

Scott L. Huard

Scott L. Huard
Superintendent



SUBMITTED BY KAZIA KRAMER

Whiteford Rec Baseball/Softball session is underway. Thank you to Whiteford Township for the great field conditions making it a safe and wonderful place for our teams to play. The kids are improving each day with the support of our amazing volunteers and parents. We're still looking for parents and coaches to participate in our end-of-the-season Baseball/softball game where the kids get to switch roles and be coaches and referees for the adult teams. For more information contact Jake Ray at sunraylaserworks@outlook.com
Flag football forms were sent home at the end of the school year. Teams will be created over the summer and will begin as we return to school. If you missed sign-ups, please reach out to us on our Facebook page: Whiteford Rec Club. Shout out to our sponsors this year that helped make all our programs a success and available to anyone who wants to play. Have a Great Summer! Go Bobcats!

ATHLETIC BOOSTER NEWS

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!

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Upcoming Board of Education Meetings
6:15 PM

July 11
August 8
September 12
October 10
November 14
December 12

District Mission / Vision

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

We are Whiteford!

Middle School Honor Roll (3rd Quarter)

6th Grade All A's

Biswas, Ellie
Butz, Ava
Griffith, Allison
Jurgenson, Harlow
Lake, Blair
Masters, Brody
Raker, Allen
Vida, Molly
Vida, Rory
Wing, Breslin

7th Grade All A's

Alcock, Brayden
Billau, Austin
Call, Cooper
Chiotti, Braelynn
DeBarr, Sierra
Eitnrear, Tre
Johns, Sage
Kahn, Sophia
Luse, Kayla
Masters, Marissa
Messerschmidt, Kloe
Prange, Amber
Schumacher, Hailey

7th Grade All A's cont'd

Smith, Ava
Stevens, Ava
Tyrrell, Brookelynn
Valasek, James
Wood, Avy
Wright, Leah

8th Grade All A's

Andrews, Nate
Bahls, Mallory
Bauman, Nina
Bennett, Jude
Brecht, Mason
Brown, Nolan
Chung, Iza
Cousino, Addeson
DeBarr, Mason
Diesing, Cooper
French, Samuel
Frye, Jenna
Griffith, Cole
Hamid, Sarah
Knutson, Mason
LaVoy, Kailee
Ruddy, Drew

8th Grade All A's cont'd

Schalmo, Garrett
Schroyer, Caden
Scott, Jake
Shingleton, Rory
Spradling, Bailey
Turvey, Alison
VanHove, Addyson
Welker, Tyler
Wing, Briar
Zimmerman, Brayden

6th Grade All A's and B's

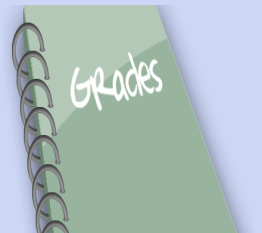
Ballert, Logan
Hamid, Sadia
Ingram, Rilee
Krieger, Jacob
Luzier, William
Miller, Jacoby
Mock, Indiana
Mohler, Carolyn
Olrich, Jade
Smith, Parker
Speweik, Glory
Virost, Anthony

7th Grade All A's and B's

Bauman, Austin
Bieber, Charlie
Biggs, Paityn
Brace, Isabella
Briem, Kaeleigh
DuRocher, Delaney
Geske, Jacob
Guilliam, Isabelle
Joerin, Theodore
Krajcar, Piper
Massingill, Hunter
McCullough, Jason
Mills, Conner
Ray, Cooper
Robertson, Blake
Saylor, Jess
Schober, Cade
Schroyer, Audrey
Stevens, Anna
Stewart, Caden
Sulier, Ava
Thomas, Jonathan
Torres, Amaya
Turvey, Amanda
Valasek Wienclaw, Alisyn
Williams, Leah

8th Grade All A's and B's

Billau, Koralyne
Consear, Lana
Henegar, Luke
Hillard, Brody
McCormack, Lincoln
McCullough, Everett
Mills, Blake
Riffle, Logan
Ross, Grace
Smith-Emerson, Samantha

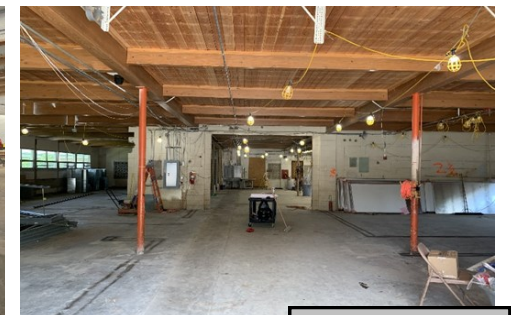
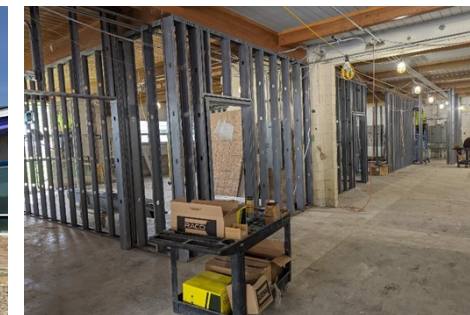


*4th Quarter grades were not yet finalized and will appear in the next issue of the Bobcat Tales.

2019 BOND PROGRAM UPDATE

MS/HS Building Renovations & Additions

- The new agricultural barn and greenhouse are now completed!
- The Art/Music/Weight Room addition is scheduled for completion at summer's end 2022
- The existing bus garage and agricultural barn have been demolished to make way for the new multi-purpose gymnasium now under construction
- Summer renovations of the STEM/AG wing and Media Center/Study Area have begun
- The team continues to plan for furniture installation and activation of the new spaces in preparation for fall semester.



MIDNIGHT GARDEN GALA, 2022



Prom Royalty from left to right: Cole Crouch, Olivia Cossins, Ali Hamze, Zoe Bauman, King Levi and Queen Rilyn

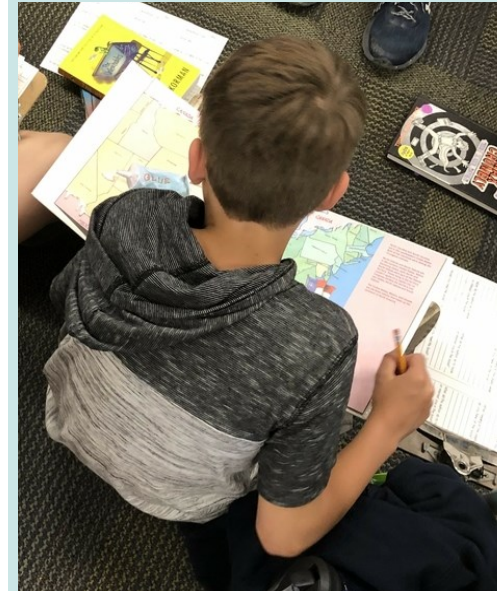
After the previous two years of dealing with last-minute changes and cancellations due to the pandemic, this year's Junior/Senior Prom was a true blessing and fortunately went off without a hitch! Whiteford students enjoyed a traditional prom night where they danced the night away to some retro and current tunes spun by MS/HS English Teacher, Mr. Jim Ross. A huge thank you to all who had a hand in making the night such a wonderful success for our Bobcat student family!

Prom Queen Rilyn Wing and Prom King Levi Hillard



THE JOYS OF READING!

SUBMITTED BY 4TH GRADE TEACHER AMIE HANSELMAN



At Whiteford, we are all about our students being lifelong readers. Sometimes, we think we don't like reading, but it's just because we haven't found what we like to read yet! To help our children in the challenge of finding books they enjoy, fourth grade did a "book tasting" in May, exploring different genres and books. We spent 3 minutes checking out the book we chose from the pile and then took some time to reflect on the book we explored. We repeated this a few more times. I was ecstatic with the response I got from students after I asked them what they thought of the activity! Many students walked away with new ideas

of books they wanted to read!!! I asked students to think about, "how often do you pick something out of your comfort zone when it comes to books?" I admitted to them that I sure don't! I sometimes wind up limiting myself when I make the predictable choice and stick to what I know. After engaging in this activity, students were excited to try new genres and asked multiple times if we could do the activity again!!!



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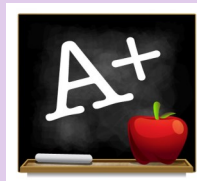
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High School Honor Roll (3rd Quarter)

9th Grade All A's

Biswas, Emmy
Butz, Brady
Consear, Layla
Emerson, Virginia
Fielder, Ava
Joerin, Rylan
Laws, Olivia
Linkey, Adam
Luse, Haley
Masters, Brendon
McClain, Alaina
Mills, Brooklyn
Murray, Kristian
Neal, Dalton
Rasor, Emily
Ryan, Jasmine
Saylor, Jenna



10th Grade All A's

Aguado, Miasofia
Briem, Savannah
DeSilvis, Rylie
Dickinson, MaKayla
Gorney, Ava
Griffith, Keira
Lay, Joslyn
Minkowski, Sofie
Nelson, Unity
Podgorski, Maysen
Ruddy, Ryn
Simmons, Aubrie
Stevens, Noah
Tammerine, Lexie
Vida, Luke
Webb, Jillian
Wing, Reagan



11th Grade All A's

Andrews, Alaina
Blanchard, Morgan
Butz, Kaitlyn
DeBruyne, Lexi
French, Thomas
Gorney, Braden
Hillard, Ava
Holup, Erica
Lipp, Karmen
Luse, Brayden
McLaughlin, Mason
Mensing, Case
Ruddy, Shea
Spradling, Allison
Thomas, Madelyn
Ulery, Alyssa
Ulery, Jessica
Ulery, Mackenzie
VanBrandt, Alyssa



12th Grade All A's

Bauman, Zoe
Bauman, Noah
Biansco, Julian
Billau, Ambrelle
Creque, Jami
Giesige, Cole
Hillard, Levi
Holliger, Rachel
Holup, Stephen
Howell, Molly
Kohler, Mackenzie
Kolmar, Kyra
Miller, Sidney
Murray, Timothy
Oberle, Nicholas
Rose-McBee, Jada
Simmons, Ellie
Thomas, Karis
Turvey, Keira
VanBrandt, Adrianna
Webb, Hannah
Willis, Caleb
Wright, Emily

9th Grade All A's and B's

Bott, Connor
Butz, Megan
Cousino, Avery
Cox, Sophie
Delmotte, Logan
Greer, Logan
Henry, Brooke
Lee, Chase
Lehsten, Isabell
Lorenzen, Mariah
Palfalvi, Frank
Perez, Cristal
Porter, Connor
Ruehle, Olivia
Schaefer, Grant
Simmons, Liberty
Stevens, Nathan
Tenney, Kira
Vance, Bailey
Waterford, Malia
Williams, Sophia
Wolniewicz, Audrey

10th Grade All A's and B's

Andrews, Makayla
Bahls, Carleton
Brace, Victoria
Conard, Karlei
Crook, Jayden
Gapp, Annabelle
Gray, Kenzie
Henry, Jacob
Hill, Joshua
Iott, Jackson
Iott, Jacob
Joerin, Lincoln
Johnson, Abigail
Knaggs, Brandon
Masserant, Kolby
Masters, Keegan
Parker, Evan
Schaefer, Jacqueline
Schober, Anna
Thomas, Margo
Turvey, Emily
VanBrandt, Mason
Wernet, Emma

11th Grade All A's and B's

Anderson, Dylan
Bauman, Ali
Brown, Logan
Cousino, Madelyn
DeBruyne, Logan
Donnelly, Addison
Guilliam, Emily
Kolmar, Cameron
Marsh, Patrina
Rasor, Luke
Raymond, Emily
Russell, Kennedy
Speweik, Quinn
Turvey, Sarah



12th Grade All A's and B's

Andrews, Jack
Boxell, Andrew
DeBarr, McKenna
Fielding, Mason
Joerin, Isaiah
Jurgenson, Emma
Keller, Berlynn
Lydick, Alexander
Oberle, Ryan
Ruddy, Ty
Speweik, Clayton
Wing, Rylyn
Yavorsky, Makaila

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COUNSELING CORNER

SUBMITTED BY MS/HS COUNSELOR JENNIFER HEAD AND ELEMENTARY COUNSELOR LAUREN EHMAN

How to Support Your Child's Mental Health This Summer

School is out! Now what? I think we all enjoy a break from the routine of getting ready for school, preparing breakfasts and lunches, homework, and after school activities. However, did you ever stop to think that routines may actually benefit us in many ways? This is especially true for kids dealing with mental health issues such as ADHD, anxiety, and depression.

John Duffy, a clinical psychiatrist, states that mental issues can be more noticeable in the summer: "Anxiety issues can also come to the surface. We often find that anxiety-based issues become apparent due in part to the lack of structure; though most young people claim this is the time of year they most look forward to, many become listless and irritable because of a lack of structured activity."

Much is still being learned about mental health-related issues in children. I believe it is multifactorial. Poor nutrition, stress, problems at school, and relationship difficulties can all influence behavior. Therefore, the approach to healing should be holistic, meaning you need to acknowledge all aspects of a child – physical, emotional, and spiritual. Here are some of the ways I recommend supporting these elements during the summer.

1. Create a Summer Schedule

Although a break from routine is nice, structure is important for children during the summer months. This could be a summer job (walking a neighbor's dog or mowing the lawn), a camp, club, or volunteer activity. We have an amazing community that provides lots of summer activities and fun for children, and I'm sure yours does, as well. Check out the local libraries, museums, the Humane Society, or gyms (such as the YMCA). William Oswald, a behavior specialist, says, "When people have a purpose, their minds stay occupied, and boredom is not as prevalent of an issue. When they go from being extremely busy to having nothing to do, often-times this boredom results in mild, or in some cases severe, forms of depression."

2. Get Fresh Air and Exercise

I can't say enough about the importance of the outdoors, fresh air, and exercise! We were meant to move and be active. We have moved toward a sedentary lifestyle and are definitely feeling the effects of this choice by increasing rates of obesity, mental health issues, and inflammatory conditions. Only 7% of children ages 5-11 and only 4% of 12-17 year-olds are meeting the suggested guidelines for physical activity. Ride bikes, explore nature on hiking trails, play soccer in your backyard, climb a tree, and more (ever tried geocaching)? Really, the choices are only limited by your imagination. Get out every day, enjoy the summer, and absorb some much-needed Vitamin D while you are at it.

3. Feed Your Children Nutritious Food

Excess amounts of refined sugar, lack of fiber, and lack of nutrient intake lead to problems, including insulin resistance. It is important to start your child's day off with a protein-rich meal combined with complex carbohydrates and healthy fats to help balance blood sugar and provide sustained energy. Sugary cereals don't cut it. This will create an energy burst, quickly followed by fatigue, restlessness, irritability and sometimes nausea or a headache. The summertime offers us an abundance of fresh food, so take advantage of the bounty while it's here! Take your children to the farmers markets and let them choose new foods to try, or go berry-picking for a fun and delicious activity. An easy and nutrient-dense breakfast I often give my kids is homemade granola with the fat from coconut milk (with a yogurt-like consistency) and a drizzle of honey or maple syrup on top. You can also add fresh, seasonal fruit. Yum!

Cheers to great health and a fun-filled summer!

<https://www.culinarynutrition.com/support-childs-mental-health-summer/>

Elementary School Honor Roll (3rd Quarter)

4th Grade All A's

Andrews, Mylee
 Billau, Josie
 Bub, Lucas
 Chiotti, Brennan
 Cousino, Joshua
 Falk, Keilee
 Grosteffon, Grace
 Hawkins, Brayden
 Ingram, Avree
 Kemritz, Oliver
 Lievens, Lauren
 Malcom, Autumn
 McClain, Micayla
 Palfalvi, Willow
 Parsons, Kaitlyn
 Pendencygraft, Maximus
 Raker, Kira
 Rousseau, Maya
 Sager, Cody
 Schroyer, Laney
 Taylor, Henry
 Tyrrell, Madison
 Walerius, Autumn
 Warren, Weston
 Wing, Rowyn
 Wolniewicz, Karlie
 Young, Vivian

4th Grade All A's and B's

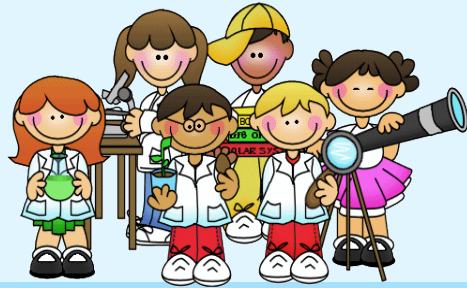
Blaisdell, Ava
 Carlson, Hadley
 Cousino, Jacen
 Emch, Addyson
 Fielder, Liam
 Jurkiewicz, Olivia
 Kastel, Luke
 Krieger, Brent
 Lake, Logan
 Oloshove, Alivia
 Smith Emerson, Lane
 Snyder, Aden
 Speweik, Caden
 Tenney, Mia
 Weiser, Charlie
 Workman, Kasey

5th Grade All A's

Anderson, Kinsley
 Dietz, Ella
 Dubendorfer, Drew
 Hill, Addison
 Iott, Clara
 Jimenez, Ethan
 Johnson, Aubrey
 Masters, Kate
 Ovall, Macy
 Puhl, Aiden
 Rasor, Grant
 Rasor, Kaia
 Sanjur, Noah
 Scott, Raelynn
 Soss, Colton
 Wood, Cody
 Zink, Gabriel

5th Grade All A's and B's

Bieber, Murphy
 Carpenter, Susan
 Chalmers, Cadence
 Donbrosky, Amelia
 Ellis, Austin Judah
 Hill, Oliver
 Krueger, Jaxton
 Lehberger, Kendra
 Mahnke, Allianna
 May, Makylee
 McCullough, Nathan
 Meinert, Grayson
 Pawson, Carter
 Perez, Stafani
 Peterlin, Wyatt
 Rousseau, Wesley
 Sanjur, Logan
 Saylor, Jacob
 Schumacher, Jacob
 Swearingen, Autumn
 Swy, Ava
 Taylor, Lauren
 Thompson, Elliott
 Van Aken, Hailey
 Wells, Anna
 Zink, Samuel



Elementary School Honor Roll (4th Quarter)

4th Grade All A's

Andrews, Mylee
 Billau, Josie
 Chiotti, Brennan
 Cousino, Joshua
 Emch, Addyson
 Hawkins, Brayden
 Jurkiewicz, Olivia
 Kemritz, Oliver
 Lievens, Lauren
 McClain, Micayla
 Parsons, Kaitlyn
 Pendencygraft, Maximus
 Raker, Kira
 Sager, Cody
 Snyder, Aden
 Taylor, Henry
 Tyrrell, Madison
 Walerius, Autumn
 Warren, Weston
 Wing, Rowyn
 Wolniewicz, Karlie
 Workman, Kasey
 Young, Vivian

4th Grade All A's and B's

Blaisdell, Ava
 Bub, Lucas
 Carlson, Hadley
 Falk, Keilee
 Fielder, Liam
 Garcia, Evelin
 Grosteffon, Grace
 Ingram, Avree
 Kastel, Luke
 Krieger, Brent
 Lake, Logan
 Lichner, Kaitlyn
 Raker, Kira
 Malcom, Autumn
 Oloshove, Alivia
 Palfalvi, Willow
 Rousseau, Maya
 Schroyer, Laney
 Tenney, Mia
 Weiser, Charlie

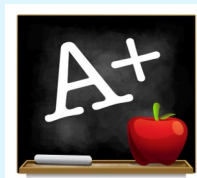
5th Grade All A's

Dietz, Ella
 Dubendorfer, Drew
 Hill, Addison
 Hill, Oliver
 Iott, Clara
 Johnson, Aubrey
 Masters, Kate
 Ovall, Macy
 Puhl, Aiden
 Rasor, Grant
 Rasor, Kaia
 Sanjur, Noah
 Scott, Raelynn
 Taylor, Lauren
 Zink, Gabriel

5th Grade All A's and B's

Allen, Brenna
 Anderson, Kinsley
 Bieber, Murphy
 Gillette, Mason
 Jimenez, Ethan
 Lehberger, Kendra
 Mahnke, Allianna
 May, Makylee
 Meinert, Grayson
 Pawson, Carter
 Perez, Stafani
 Peterlin, Wyatt
 Sager, Colton
 Sanjur, Logan
 Saylor, Jacob
 Schumacher, Jacob
 Swy, Ava
 Thompson, Elliott
 Van Aken, Hailey
 Zink, Samuel

Go Bobcats!



MEET THE NEW ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL/ATHLETIC DIRECTOR!

Many of you are already familiar with Mr. Jeremy Simmons and his family as they have been devoted members of the Bobcat community beginning when their oldest child attended his first year at Whiteford back in 2004. Mr. Simmons was later hired into the district as a Social Studies teacher in 2012, and from there has served the district in multiple capacities including Volunteer Middle School Cross Country Coach, JV Baseball Coach, Assistant Track Coach, Middle School Basketball Coach, Student Council Advisor, Junior Class Advisor, Sophomore Class Advisor, and Washington DC Trip Coordinator. In August, he and his wife Anita will be celebrating 25 years of marriage, and together they have five wonderful children; McCarty (Whiteford grad 2018), Mallory (Whiteford grad 2020), Ellie (Whiteford grad 2022), Aubrie (Class of 2024), and Liberty (Class of 2025). The Simmons kids are a very active bunch and have been, (and some currently still are), involved in a number of Whiteford sports and activities including Cross Country, Volleyball, Cheerleading, Track & Field, and Softball. Mr. Simmons' wife, Anita, is an avid runner, and as for his own interests, he likes to dabble in various sports including smaller triathlons. While the 2022-2023 school year will be Mr. Simmons' first as Whiteford's new Assistant Principal/Athletic Director, it will be his 24th year in education. We are thrilled to congratulate Mr. Jeremy Simmons and to welcome him back in the fall serving the Whiteford Agricultural School District in his exciting new role!



FIRST WHITEFORD STUDENT TO BE AWARDED THE SEAL OF BILITERACY

SUBMITTED BY HS SPANISH TEACHER KIM DESILVIS



Congratulations to Mia Aguado! She earned the Michigan Seal of Biliteracy Award in Spanish. To earn this honor, a student needs to score at the Intermediate High proficiency level in all four skills: reading, writing, listening, and speaking of Spanish on a standardized test. This year was the first time that Whiteford has offered this test to earn the Seal. This is an amazing accomplishment for Mia, and we look forward to more students earning this honor in the future!



WHITEFORD PARENTS ASSOCIATION (WPA) NEWS

SUBMITTED BY JACLYN WARREN

And that's a wrap on another successful school year! The WPA would like to thank everyone who helped us do what we do this year. After switching to evening meeting times, our attendance skyrocketed, and we had a record number of moms, dads, and grandmas coming to meetings and volunteering at events. From Daddy/Daughter dance to Mother/Son night to Track and Field/Carnival day, you all answered the call like never before and helped our kids make so many happy memories this year! So truly, thank you for giving your time, energy, funds, and ideas.

We look forward to seeing everyone again in the fall at 6:00PM on the 3rd Tuesday of every month in the elementary cafeteria. Until then, have a wonderful summer!

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ELEMENTARY CARNIVAL/TRACK & FIELD DAY FUN!

The annual Whiteford Elementary Carnival and Track & Field Day is always filled with fun, friends, family, zany activities, and some friendly competition! I think everyone agrees that by the time June rolls around, enjoying outdoor activities such as these makes for a wonderful and much-needed break from the normal routine. Please enjoy the hodgepodge of photos submitted by our incredible elementary educators!



FIRST WHITEFORD TEACHER TO BE HONORED IN NEW MONROE NEWS PROGRAM

Congratulations to our very own Mrs. Linda Groch who received Honorable Mention in the Monroe News for 'Monroe News Educator of the Month'! In March of 2022, Mr. Blake Bacho from Monroe News reached out to area Superintendents in the hopes of starting a new program for the purpose of highlight the amazing educators of Monroe County. Superintendent Scott L. Huard and Elementary Principal Marcy Anderson submitted the following for Mrs. Groch's nomination:

"Mrs. Groch is considered a "Hall-of-Fame" teacher. She is an exemplary instructional teacher that understands the importance of building meaningful and lasting relationships with her students. She makes learning fun and enjoyable for all her students by offering engaging learning opportunities and experiences. Students feel empowered with their learning in Mrs. Groch's classroom, and she challenges her students through inquiry-based learning. Her daily instructional strategies foster a learning environment where students are engaged and motivated to reach their highest potential. Linda collaborates well with her grade-level colleagues and exhibits great listening and facilitating skills that enable her to make informed decisions to positively impact positive change within our school. She is quick to help support as needed for the benefit of children. She is the elementary student council advisor and does many extra things to make the elementary a fun and engaging environment for everyone. Mrs. Groch is a true champion for all students and always goes above and beyond to help everyone she encounters. She is a true blessing to all at Whiteford schools. "

What a wonderful tribute to such a brilliant and soulful educator! We wish Mrs. Groch all the very best as she transitions from 3rd Grade Teacher to her new position as the district's Elementary Academic Interventionist. As always, we know Mrs. Groch will pour her heart and soul into her new and exciting position and continue doing great things for our Bobcat students and families!



WHITEFORD TRACK & FIELD 2022

SUBMITTED BY MS/HS SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER AND COACH JAY YOCKEY



The 2022 Track and Field season at Whiteford did not disappoint. It was one filled with exciting results, history being made, and lasting relationships built. The season started off rough as we were at the mercy of a very cold, very wet Michigan spring which made for tough practices and meets. However, the boys' and girls' teams made the best of it and hit milestones and personal bests all throughout the season. The girls finished 5th overall in the TCC while the boys were 3rd, which was the highest finish in over a decade.

For the first time in school history, thanks in large part to the community for voting for a track and field facility, the track program hosted the Regional Meet on May 21st. It was a success-

ful day on the track; 8 boys, (the most in over a decade), and 1 girl qualified for the State Meet. As a team, the boys placed second at Regionals and the girls were fifth. The boys 3200-meter relay broke the school record. The record was from 2007 and was the first boys record to be broken since 2008. The team, comprised of Keegan Masters, Ryan Oberle, Nick Oberle, and Ty Ruddy, ran a time of 8:33 and qualified for the State Meet. Other qualifiers were Stepan Masserant in the pole vault, Noah Bauman in discus, Keegan Masters in the 1600 and 3200 runs, Jake Iott in the 400, and the 1600-meter relay team of Dylan Anderson, Ryan Oberle, Ty Ruddy, and Jake Iott.



Annabelle Gapp qualified in the 300-meter hurdles.



The State Meet, held on June 4th at Kent City High School, was a great day. We had perfect weather, beautiful state-of-the-art facilities, and great competition. Every athlete ran and performed well and close to their personal bests; it was also a great learning curve for all who competed. The boys 4x4 team of Dylan Anderson, Ryan Oberle, Ty Ruddy, and Jake Iott put the icing on the season, and their time running together in the event, by placing 8th, earning all-state honors and breaking the school record with a time of 3:31.5 in the process!

This season truly was special as the team grew closer together and made lasting memories. It is a true joy to be able to work with and coach such amazing young men and women. We hope to pick up next season where we left off and continue our growth as a program with such wonderful young athletes and continue to add to the legacy of Whiteford Athletics.



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