

WHITEFORD AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office of the Superintendent of Schools



SUPERINTENDENT FAMILY BULLETIN
FEBRUARY 11, 2024

GREETING

Over the past four months, we had several meetings that provided stakeholders the opportunity to share feedback related to our enrollment stabilization plan to control growth, lower class sizes, and address athletic upgrades. Through these meetings and feedback, we have established that we have a great opportunity in front of us as we prepare for the future. I wanted to personally thank the nearly 200 individuals that gave of their time to attend a meeting and offer suggestions and comments, so we can make difficult decisions moving forward. For those of you unable to attend any of these stakeholder meetings, I suggest that you access our district website at: whiteford.k12.mi.us. Once there, you will want to click on "Our District" from the top menu bar, and choose "Strategic Plan". On the Strategic Plan page, you will have access to the "State of the District - Year 1 Progress" and "Strategic Plan Enrollment Vision Follow-Up" presentations, videos, documents, and feedback information. Our intentions are to be transparent throughout this entire process as we want everyone to be able to gather the factual information and pass it along to other stakeholders in the community. Before making any decisions about what you may be hearing from others, I ask that you please take the time to peruse the information available on our website. We have a shared belief at Whiteford Schools, "We believe community support is valuable in promoting student success." We can't be successful without the support of our community! We are better Together - We are Whiteford!

JANUARY STAFF MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Social Studies teacher, Jay Yockey, on being selected as the January Staff Member of the Month. Mr. Yockey was nominated by Mrs. Marsha Groll, MS Science Teacher. Mrs. Groll shared Mr. Yockey's dedication to Whiteford as a teacher, coach, advisor, mentor, and colleague. He goes above and beyond to give his students the best Bobcat experience, and he serves as a good role-model to others. Mr. Yockey will be awarded with a \$100 gift card compliments of Leski Wittman Insurance Agency at Monday night's Board of Education Meeting.

NO SCHOOL - FEBRUARY 16 & 19

As a reminder, students do not have school on Friday (2/16) due to teacher professional development, and Monday (2/19) due to President's Day. Tuesday (2/20) is an early dismissal for parent-teacher conferences.

SPRING COUNT DAY

This Wednesday (2/14) is not only Valentine's Day, but it is our Spring Count Day. The Spring Count Day is mandated through the State School Aid Act, and it is when all public schools in Michigan tally the number of students attending their school. The Fall Count Day counts for 90% of our school funding, while the Spring Count Day accounts for the remaining 10%. Please make sure your child is in attendance on Wednesday (2/14). If they are not in attendance, we are still able to count students under certain guidelines for students that are excused, unexcused, or suspended.

KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

Registration Day for Whiteford's incoming kindergarten class for the 2024-2025 school year is March 14th, 2024, from 1pm-7pm in the elementary building. Please secure your time by signing up through the "SignUp Genius" link: [Kindergarten Registration](#). This link can also be accessed through our website: www.whiteford.k12.mi.us by clicking on the Registration button on the home page.



Michigan State Law requires that children entering kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school year must be 5 years of age on or before September 1 of the upcoming school year – September 1, 2024. The older and more mature your child is when

he or she enters school, the greater the chances for academic, social, and emotional success. For your child to enter kindergarten in the fall, the following items **must** be completed at registration time, and can be accessed online here:

- Certified Copy of the Child's Birth Certificate (MUST be presented to register)
- Registration Forms Completed (available on-site and online)
- Bi-lingual Information Completed
- Medical Information Form (MUST be turned in before the start of school)
- Proof of Residency (3 types)
 - Driver's License with correct Whiteford School District address
 - Paperwork from home purchase or rental agreement/lease
 - A current utility bill, (Gas, electric or landline phone bill --- a cell phone bill will not be accepted)
- Bus Transportation Form (If Applicable)

PORTRAIT OF A GRADUATE

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.

- 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?

The first survey was completed by stakeholders in March 2023 asking to identify their top 10 competencies for a graduate of Whiteford I. These survey results narrowed the list of competencies from 30 to 11. A second survey was conducted in May 2023 to narrow the list to the top 6 competencies. Those six competencies are: Responsibility, Communication, Critical Thinking, Confidence, Leadership, and Adaptability.

We are seeking volunteers to join a committee to continue work in creating a Whiteford Portrait of a Graduate. The next committee meeting will be held on Thursday, February 29, 2024 at 5:30pm. If you are interested in attending, please contact Scott Huard at: scott.huard@whiteford.k12.mi.us.

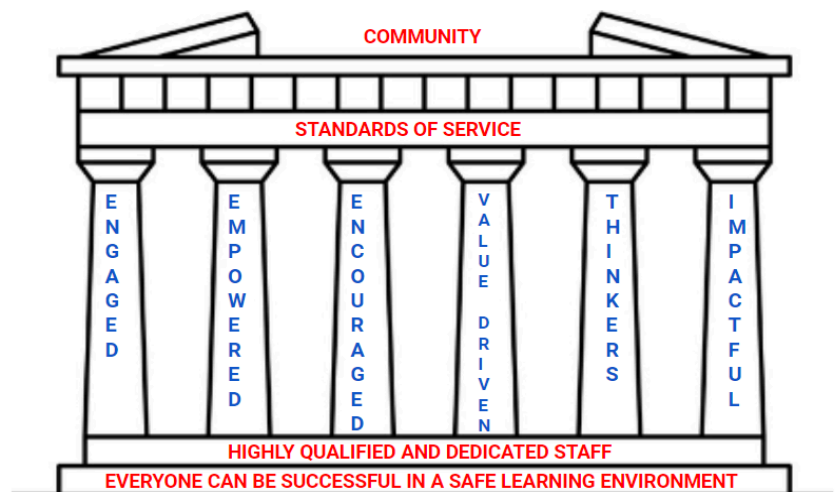
FEBRUARY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The next Board of Education meeting is February 12, 2024. The meeting will begin at 6pm in the board room located in the MS/HS. The Board of Education agenda is posted the Friday preceding a meeting: [BOE Agenda & Minutes](#).

STRATEGIC PLAN PILLARS OF SUCCESS

[Whiteford Strategic Plan 2022-2027](#)

- **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

[2023-2024 School Calendar](#)

[2024-2025 School Calendar](#)

ATHLETICS WEBSITE/CALENDAR

<https://www.whiteford.k12.mi.us/athletics/>

THIS WEEK

February 12	Board of Education Meeting 6pm Board Rm
February 14	Spring Count Day
February 14	Valentine's Day
February 16	No School - Teacher Professional Development
February 19	No School - Presidents Day

UPCOMING

February 20-27	Elementary Student Council "Teacher Takedown" Fundraiser
February 20	WPA Meeting 6pm Elementary Cafeteria
February 20	5th Grade Spelling Bee 8:15am Elementary Cafeteria
February 20	Early Release Elementary 10:55am; MS/HS 11:05am
February 20	Parent-Teacher Conferences 12-3pm
February 21	5th Grade Mini Society
February 23	Elementary Spring Pictures
February 27	5th Grade Mini Society
February 28	FFA Field Trip: State Convention MSU
February 29	Portrait of a Graduate Committee Mtg 5:30pm Board Rm
March 1	Elementary WPA Read-a-Thon Begins
March 5	Whiteford Recreation Meeting 7pm MS/HS Media Center
March 8	5th Grade: DARE Graduation 9:00am Elementary Cafeteria
March 11-15	Washington DC Trip
March 11	Board of Education Meeting 6pm MS/HS Board Rm
March 14-15	Field Trip: K-5th Croswell Opera House
March 14	Kindergarten Round-Up 1-7pm Elementary
March 15	HS Spring Musical 7:30pm HS Gym
March 16	HS Spring Musical 7:30pm HS Gym
March 17	HS Spring Musical 2:30pm HS Gym
March 19	WPA Meeting 6:00pm Elementary Cafeteria
March 22	End of 3rd Marking period
March 22	Early Release Elementary 10:55am; MS/HS 11:05am
March 23-April 1	Spring Break
March 31	Easter
April 1	No School - Easter Break
April 2	Whiteford Recreation Meeting 7pm MS/HS Media Center
April 8	Board of Education Meeting 6pm MS/HS Board Rm
April 10	State Testing Day
April 16	WPA Meeting 6:00pm Elementary Cafeteria
April 19	FFA Career Development Events

April 20 Junior/Senior Prom 2023
April 22 American Red Cross Blood Drive 9am Auxiliary Gym
April 28-29 FFA Field Trip: Leadership Camp
May 2 5th Grade Field Trip: Toledo Zoo 9:30am
May 3 FFA Banquet 5pm MS Gym
May 4-June 2 FFA Greenhouse Open
May 7 Whiteford Recreation Meeting 7pm MS/HS Media Center
May 8 MS Field Trip: Mud Hens Game 9am
May 10 FFA Ag Awareness Day
May 13 Board of Education Meeting 6pm Board Rm
May 14 5th Grade Field Trip: Sauder Village 8:15am
May 19 Senior Sunday 5pm HS Gym
May 21 WPA Meeting 6pm Elementary Cafeteria
May 24 Senior Parade 6-7:30pm
May 24 Senior Sunset 7:30pm HS Gym
May 27 No School - Memorial Day
May 29 Senior Breakfast 8am MS/ HS Cafeteria
May 29 Senior Rehearsal 9am
May 30 Commencement 7pm Crossroads Community Church
June 4 Whiteford Recreation Meeting 7pm MS/HS Media Center
June 5 Early Release Elementary 10:55am; MS/HS 11:05am
June 6 End of 4th Marking Period
June 6 Early Release Elementary 10:55am; MS/HS 11:05am
June 10-14 Camp Invention (Incoming KG-6th)

My best,



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