

WHITEFORD AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office of the Superintendent of Schools



SUPERINTENDENT FAMILY BULLETIN

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May 12, 2024

GREETING

Hey, Bobcat Families! I want to start by wishing all of our mothers a Happy Mother's Day! Our mothers play a significant role in our lives, offering unconditional love, endless support, and caring guidance. Mothers shape our character, nurture our dreams, and empower us to face life's challenges with resilience and grace. Today, I honor and cherish the irreplaceable role of mothers in shaping the lives of our children. May your day be filled with joy, laughter, and the love you so selflessly give each day!

As we wrap up Staff Appreciation Week at Whiteford, I want to extend my gratitude to our dedicated school staff. Everyday, I witness the commitment to our students' well-being and academic success. They continue to give of their own personal resources and time to ensure our students do not go without and to ensure students are challenged and inspired with teaching and learning in the classroom. Our staff impact extends far beyond the school as they shape and transform the lives of our students by creating positive, caring relationships with our students. I am grateful for ALL of the Whiteford Staff as they ALL play a significant role in ensuring our students are safe, loved, and cared for on a daily basis! We are better together - We are Whiteford!

APRIL STAFF MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Mr. Tony Napierala, Maintenance & Buildings and Grounds Support, on being selected as the April Staff Member of the Month. Mr. Napierala was nominated by Misti Burtscher and Debra Keefe for his dedication to Whiteford School and for always going above and beyond. Mr. Napierala will be awarded with a \$100 gift card compliments of Leski Wittman Insurance Agency at our next board meeting. Congratulations to Mr. Napierala!

FFA GREENHOUSE

Whiteford's FFA Greenhouse opened for business on Friday, May 3. We have annuals in hanging baskets, patio planters, hanging bags, 4" pots, and 48 count flats. We also have a very nice selection of vegetables, as well as perennials in gallon sized 4" pots. The student-built greenhouse is open through Sunday, June 2nd from 9am-6pm M-F and 10am-4pm S-S. It is closed Memorial Day. We are priced to sell this year, and we will NOT be offering an end-of-year sale. Proceeds go to Whiteford FFA to help pay for student contests, conventions, program equipment, and improvements.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

If you missed Kindergarten Round-Up on March 14, please contact Marcy Anderson at: anderson@whiteford.k12.mi.us to register your kindergartener.

TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN

Based upon survey data collected from families in December/January and other considerations, we are moving forward with a Transitional Kindergarten (TK) classroom for the 2024-2025 school year. The program is designed for students who will turn 5 between May 1, 2024-December 1, 2024. Students who turn 5 before May 1, 2024 will also be considered based on screening results. Parents who were unable to attend Kindergarten Round-Up with their student will need to contact the Elementary Principal, Ms. Anderson, at anderson@whiteford.k12.mi.us or 734-856-1443 Ext.104 to set up a screening time for their child. We will begin contacting parents of students who meet the criteria for Transitional Kindergarten after May 14 to seek interest in enrolling in the Transitional Kindergarten program.

BUS SERVICE

We are currently short a bus driver, and we have limited substitute drivers that are covering this shortage. We have instituted a rolling cancellation of AM and PM routes to ensure equity with our bus service. We apologize to our families

that utilize our bus service daily, and we are actively looking for permanent and substitute bus drivers. If you are interested in learning more about filling either position, please contact Charlie Butz at: cbutz@whiteford.k12.mi.us.

TRANSPORTATION REQUEST FORMS

If you plan to have your child ride the bus next year, it is mandatory that you fill out and return a Transportation Request Form and return it to school by June 1, 2024. If you do not fill out and return it to school, your child(ren) will not be assigned to a bus route for the 2024-2025 school year. You can access a Transportation Request Form here: [Transportation Request Form](#). Additionally, they can be found on our website under the Transportation and New Student Registration Tab. Thank you for your cooperation

MAY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The next Board of Education meeting is May 13, 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](#).

SCHOOL OF CHOICE WINDOW NOW OPEN

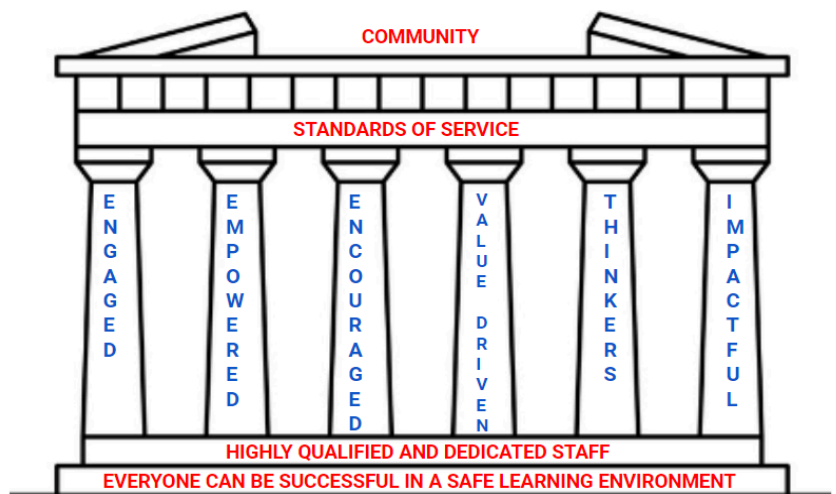
To provide a quality education for all students in Monroe County, the Monroe County Schools of Choice Program is offered by the Monroe County Intermediate School District in cooperation with its constituent districts. This program allows parents and students the choice to attend any public school in Monroe County, regardless of where they live. The Monroe County Schools of Choice application window will be open April 1, 2024 - June 28, 2024. Applications are available on our website www.whiteford.k12.mi.us located [here](#), or you can access a hardcopy application at the Superintendent's Office. Remember, a student must be released by his/her resident district. Here is the School of Choice Process:

- Student and parent(s) complete the application and file it with the RESIDENT district.
- Application is reviewed to determine if the student meets guidelines to participate in the program.
- Students who do not qualify are notified by the RESIDENT district and the process ends.
- For students who do qualify, the RESIDENT district signs the application and forwards it to the CHOICE district.
- The CHOICE district informs applicant whether or not space is available at the district. This communication is copied and sent to the RESIDENT district, so all parties know who has been accepted by the CHOICE district.
- If space is not available, the family is notified and is placed on a waitlist, or the process ends.
- For students accepted by the CHOICE district, parents/guardians MUST formally enroll the student.

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

May 12	Mother's Day
May 13	Board of Education Meeting 6pm Board Rm
May 14	FFA Banquet MS Gym 6pm
May 14	5th Grade Field Trip: Sauder Village 8:15-2:45pm
May 15	Athletic Signing Day
May 15	Honor's Breakfast 8am MS/HS Cafeteria
May 16	KG Field Trip: Wildwood Preserve Metropark 9-12:30pm
May 17	Elementary Field Day/Carnival Day
May 19	Senior Sunday 5pm HS Gym

UPCOMING

May 20-24	Senior Exams
May 20	HS Spring Concert 7pm
May 21	WPA Meeting 6pm Elementary Cafeteria
May 21	4th Grade Field Trip: Ann Arbor Hands on Museum
May 22	HS Academic Award Assembly 2pm HS Gym
May 22	HS Band/Choir Concert 7pm MS Gym
May 23	Baccalaureate Service 6pm New Life Church
May 24	Seniors Last Day
May 24	5th Grade Shark Tank Presentations 8:30-10:15am Elementary Cafeteria
May 27	No School: Memorial Day
May 28	MS Academic Assembly 2pm MS Gym
May 28	MS Band/Choir Spring Concert 7pm
May 29	Senior Breakfast 8am MS/HS Cafeteria
May 29	Senior Rehearsal 9am Crossroads Community Church
May 29	Senior Parade 6pm
May 29	Senior Sunset 7:30pm HS Gym
May 30	1st Grade Field Trip: Ritter Planetarium
May 30	Commencement 7pm Crossroads Community Church
May 31	Elementary Field Day/Carnival Day Rain Date
June 4	Whiteford Recreation Meeting 7pm MS/HS Media Center
June 4	Kindergarten Graduation 1:30pm Elementary Cafeteria
June 5	Early Release Elementary 10:55am; MS/HS 11:05am
June 6	5th Grade Graduation 9am Elementary Cafeteria
June 6	End of 4th Marking Period
June 6	Early Release Elementary 10:55am; MS/HS 11:05am
June 10	Board of Education Meeting 6pm Elementary Cafeteria
June 10-June 14	Camp Invention (Incoming KG-6th Grade)