

# WHITEFORD ELEMENTARY WEEKLY NEWS BLAST

May 17, 2024

Hello, Bobcat Families!

Despite the initial soggy weather, another successful (and super fun) Carnival/Field Day is in the books, and everyone had a great time! A big thank you to Kirk Hubbard, the WPA, the entire teaching and support staff, parents and students, and all the many other helping hands involved in pulling off an event of this magnitude. Your hard work and dedication is so very appreciated!

On behalf of the entire elementary staff and student body, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our School Resource Officer, Deputy Benes, in honor of National Law Enforcement Week. Having Deputy Benes on campus is a huge comfort to us all, and we truly appreciate all the support he offers on a daily basis. Thank you, Deputy-Whiteford is so grateful to have you! (Scroll down for pics of Deputy with our 4th graders!)

Sign-ups for WRC Flag Football and Tackle Football went home with students this week on Thursday, May 16th (forms also attached below). The deadline for filling out and returning the permission slips to school, (with payment if paying by cash or check; otherwise, please pay online), is Friday, May 31st. Please return slips and payment on time as this helps the WRC plan for coaching needs and with organizing the teams. Thank you!

Since the school year is rapidly coming to a close, **please check the LOST & FOUND** for your children's lost/misplaced items (located on and around the hooks in the middle hallway). If you do not claim your children's items by the close of the school year, they will be donated to the Good Will. Thank you!

Don't forget there are still **2 more Wednesdays in May to send your students to school with their favorite hat and \$1** to support our sweet Derby. Also, remember to stop into the Whiteford FFA Greenhouse for some beautiful flowers; our FFA students do an amazing job and you won't want to miss it! Additionally, I'd like to remind you of the many amazing summer youth athletic camps (flyers with more details and links for online payment below)...we hope you are able to take advantage of the many excellent opportunities for your kiddos!

The United Way and Salvation Army are again teaming up to help children in Monroe County with getting school supplies for next school year! Attached below is a letter and a referral form for all students. There is no income verification for families, so **ANY** student in need may request a backpack filled with supplies for the 2024-2025 school year. Simply fill out the form below and return it to the Salvation Army per the instructions on the form. Don't hesitate to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity!

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.

Please be reminded that the Growing Tree After School Program is expanding its services. The program will now include a summer child care program for children entering kindergarten through 6th grade. Check out the flyer below for more information.

Please review the "Important Dates" section at the bottom and keep reading the teacher newsletters for all the important upcoming activities and special events.

Wishing you well,



Marcy Anderson  
Elementary Principal

**WRC FLAG FOOTBALL 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**

This program is for students currently in Kindergarten through 3rd grade this year but will be in **1st through 4th grade for next year's 2024-2025 school year.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Through 4<sup>th</sup> Grade 2024 -25**

**WHITEFORD Recreation**

**FLAG FOOTBALL**

- Practice will be held 2 days a week.
- Games will start in September and run through October
- All games will be played on Saturdays (travel involved)
- Season is 6 or 7 weeks long.
- The cost is \$75/player or \$85/2 players or \$95/3 players
- Includes: League fees, Game shirt, mouthguards
- Required: Rubber cleats

**Pay via cash, check, or Venmo @Whitefordrec**

Players Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_

Player Grade Entering into on September 5<sup>th</sup> 2024: \_\_\_\_\_

PLAYER'S RELEASE AND PARENTS PERMISSION: In consideration of the above named minor as a member of one of the teams in the Whiteford Recreation Club, Inc. (WRC), the undersigned, jointly or severally, for themselves, their heirs, representatives and assigns, waive and release and discharge the WRC, its members, officers, agents and representatives or successors from any and all claims, obligations, causes, demands, causes of action and damages whatsoever which may be sustained or sponsored by any of the undersigned in connection with the activities of the WRC, and participation of activity save said WRC, its members, officers, agents and representatives harmless from all obligation liability claims, damages, suits, and causes of action asserted against it or them, directly or indirectly, our of the present, past or future participation of the aforesaid minor in any activity(s); and further, the undersigned agree to save WRC and each of them harmless for any loss of and to any equipment or other property entrusted to or used by said minor.

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Parent's Name                      Phone Number                      Willing to coach (Y/N)                      Shirt Size

**Return Permission Slip to school by May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

**Please follow the link and complete full registration  
online at our Whiteford Rec Web site:**

<https://forms.gle/NCDR9XbogxnvTXkM9> or  
<https://sites.google.com/view/whitefordrecsignups/forms>

**WRC TACKLE FOOTBALL 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**

This program is for students currently in 4th and 5th grade this year but will be in **5th and 6th grade for next year's 2024-2025 school year.**

5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade 2024 -25

**WHITEFORD Recreation**

**TACKLE FOOTBALL**

- Practice will be held 3 days a week.
- Games will start in September and run through October
- All games will be played on Sundays In Sylvania (1:00, 2:30, or 4:00)
- Season is 6 weeks long.
- The cost is \$135/player or \$200/2 kids or \$300/3+ kids
- Includes: League fees, jerseys, pads, and helmets
- Required: Rubber cleats and Mouthguards

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**SALVATION ARMY BACKPACKS FOR KIDS LETTER**

**Brian Peddle**  
General

**William A. Bamford**  
Territorial Commander



**Colonial John Turner**  
Divisional Commander

(Founded in 1865 by William Booth)

**Major Wayne Ruston**  
**Major Tracy Ruston**  
Corps Officers/Pastors

**THE SALVATION ARMY**  
***Campus of Hope / Family Manor***  
815 East First  
Monroe, MI 48161  
734-241-0440  
Fax – 734-241-7181

May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024

To Parents of Monroe County children:

"Supplying Our Future" Backpacks for Kids in Monroe County is a group of caring people who are working to make sure every child K-12 has the school supplies necessary to start school. In this trying economy, we know there are those who need a backpack filled with the necessary supplies for school. On the other side of this letter is an application that can be turned in at The Salvation Army for your child/children for the up-coming school year. We do not require income information on the application.

We understand seeking assistance is not always easy, rest assured there are many caring people and agencies working together to help your family during these tough times. We have distribution events planned throughout the county to make it easier for you to get these needed supplies. Please check which site will be convenient for you. We will have food and fun activities planned. If your family could benefit from this program, please fill out the application and turn it in. We will have information from many agencies that work with families available.

If you do not need assistance but would like to come to the fun back to school events you are still welcome to come. If you are able to assist us with donations to this program, we would be happy to accept them.

If you want further information on this program, you may call The Salvation Army at 734-241-0440 ext 103. We are working hard to make a successful start for the upcoming school year.

Sincerely,

*Wayne Ruston*

*Collin Keehn*

Major Wayne Ruston  
Corps Officer  
The Salvation Army  
Supplying Our Future Co-Chair

Collin Keehn  
AFL-CIO Community Services Liaison  
United Way of Monroe/Lenawee Counties  
Supplying Our Future Co-Chair





2024

**“Supplying Our Future”  
Backpacks for Kids in Monroe  
County**



Fill Out Referral – Check Correct Site and Return to The Salvation Army.

- Mail, The Salvation Army 815 E. First St, Monroe, MI 48161
- Scan and email the form to: [wayne.ruston@usc.salvationarmy.org](mailto:wayne.ruston@usc.salvationarmy.org)
- Fax form to 734-241-7181

Form must be received at the Salvation Army by **Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup>.**

*Please! Send the top portion only and keep the bottom portion as your reminder.*

**RETURN THIS PORTION**

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name	Gender	Grade K-12	Student Name	Gender	Grade K-12
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**Back Pack Pick-Up Sites Are:**

- 1. Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup> 4-6 pm. Bedford Branch Library. 8575 Jackman Road, Temperance, MI 48182
- 2. Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> 11am – 2pm at The Salvation Army 815 E First Street, Monroe, MI 48161 – **Children’s Activities and Refreshments will be provided**

**KEEP THIS PORTION**

*Cut along the dotted line and keep this lower portion for your reminder.*

*Please remember to check the same pick-up site as the above portion.*

*Any Questions? Call Monroe County Salvation Army at 734-241-0440*

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### **TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN (TK)**

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. The TK program is limited to 15-18 students. 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](mailto: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 1 to seek interest in enrolling in the Transitional Kindergarten program. You can access additional information by accessing [Transitional Kindergarten \(TK\) Information](#). Please contact Ms. Anderson if you have any questions about the program or setting up a screening time.

### **ELEMENTARY DRESS CODE**

Here is the elementary dress code as written in our student handbook which can be found on our website:

While fashion changes, the reason for being in school does not. Students are in school to learn. Any fashion (dress, accessory, or hairstyle) that disrupts the educational process or presents a safety risk will not be permitted.

If a student has selected a manner of appearance that is beyond mere freedom of expression and disrupts the educational process or presents risk to themselves or others, they may be removed from the educational setting.

The following guidelines for styles or manners of dress must be followed:

- A. All tops must have at least two inches of material on the top of their shoulders.
  - B. All shorts, skirts, and dresses must be appropriate in length.
  - C. Hats are to be removed as you step foot into the building or before. Hoods may not be put up to cover a student's head. Except for hats for Derby Day 😊
  - D. Shoes must be worn at all times. Flip flops are prohibited footwear at the elementary school.
- Students who are representing [the school] at an official function or public event may be required to follow specific dress requirements. Usually, this applies to athletic teams, cheerleaders, bands, and other such groups.



# Hats off to Derby!



## Let's Celebrate Derby in Style!

This is Derby's 4th year here at Whiteford and on May 5th we will be celebrating her 6th birthday!. We are so thankful for everything she does each and every day for our students, staff, and families. We want to celebrate her commitment to Whiteford and provide our school community the opportunity to show their love and appreciation for all she does!

**What: Every Wednesday in May, starting May 8th** - students can donate **\$1** and will be able to wear a school appropriate hat for the day. Students can give the donation to their classroom teachers in the morning.

Don't want to wear a hat but want to show your Derby love? There will be a spot to donate to Derby in front of the office. Funds raised will contribute to purchasing food, treats, monthly heart worm and flea treatments, necessary vet bills, etc.

Thank you to everyone for your generosity and support in ensuring that our school facility dog program continues to be a success!

## **DO YOU HAVE AN INCOMING KINDERGARTEN STUDENT?**

Entering kindergarten is such an exciting adventure - it's time to enroll your five or soon-to-be five year olds!

If you missed our screening day and would like to set up an appointment, please contact Marcy Anderson at [anderson@whiteford.k12.mi.us](mailto:anderson@whiteford.k12.mi.us).

For your child to enter kindergarten in the fall, the following items **must** be completed at registration time, and can be accessed on Whiteford's website under the "Student Registration" tab

- 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)

### **Note:**

**As of March 28th, we were notified by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services that we do not need to require the dental screening for the 2024-25 school year. This is different information that we had at our initial kindergarten round up day on March 14. We have since found out that because it is not being offered through the Monroe County Health Department at no cost to families, we do not need to require it this school year. If you happen to get it completed by your local dentist, please drop it off in the office and we will add it to your child's records though.**





Summer Wellness

May 17, 2024

# Counseling Corner

Whiteford Elementary School

## Summer Wellness: Supporting Your Child's Health & Happiness

As summer break rapidly approaches, it's a great opportunity to spend time focusing on nurturing healthy habits in our children's day-to-day routines. Ensuring they stay active, eat well, and maintain emotional balance are keys to a joyful and fulfilling summer break and can also aid in helping them prepare mentally, physically, and emotionally for the next school year! Continue reading to learn how you can support your child in these areas this summer.



## Indoor & Outdoor Play

Encourage your child to participate in a minimum of 60 minutes of physical activity daily. This can involve indoor play that involves movement, as well. From a family bike ride to a nature scavenger hunt, a kids' yoga session, a stroll in the park, or a fun game of tag with friends, staying active not only enhances physical well-being but also uplifts mood and boosts energy levels. You can also consider enrolling your child in a summer sports camp or a new dance class to maintain their activity levels and discover new hobbies and talents! Monroe County Community College has tons of summer camps this year! See my Schoology group for more information.

## Emotional Well-Being

Summer is a wonderful time to intentionally focus on strengthening our children's emotional well-being. We can support them by encouraging activities like drawing, writing, or playing music to help them express themselves. Additionally, guiding your child to identify and manage their emotions, set and achieve positive and realistic goals, and make responsible decisions are all important steps. Having regular conversations about their feelings and experiences can enhance your understanding of their emotional needs and strengthen your bond. Engaging in community activities such as summer camps and youth programs can introduce children to new experiences, foster relationships, improve social skills, promote physical activity, and boost confidence. Allocating time for quiet relaxation, reading, ensuring adequate sleep, and limiting screen time are equally important. By prioritizing the emotional health of our children during the summer, we can better prepare them for the upcoming school year. Consistent focus and intentional efforts are key to this practice.

## Healthy Choices Through Food

Summer is the perfect time to enjoy a variety of colorful fruits and vegetables with every meal. Involve your child in the process of choosing and preparing meals to enhance their interest in nutritious foods. You can introduce a list of fruits and vegetables, allowing your child to select new ones to try! You can even turn this into a game by "rating" each food to make the exploration of new foods more exciting. Enjoy picnics with wholesome snacks like carrot sticks, watermelon, and homemade sandwiches for a fun and engaging way to eat well. Work together to prepare a new kid-friendly recipe featuring delicious fruits or veggies they already know they enjoy. And remember, stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water throughout the day! Opting for water instead of sugary beverages keeps us hydrated, while sweet drinks often contain added sugars and minimal nutritional value.



For more information on summer wellness, please visit my **Counseling Corner Newsletters and Resources** section within my **Resources** tab in my Schoology group.

# Whiteford FFA Greenhouse

**Where:** Whiteford High School  
6655 Consear Rd.  
Ottawa Lake, MI 49267  
**\*\*Parking lot off Sylvania-Petersburg**

Contact Information:  
Mr. Jake Gust  
**Email:** [jgust@whiteford.k12.mi.us](mailto:jgust@whiteford.k12.mi.us)  
**Cell:** 517-605-2209 or  
**School:** 734-856-1443 ext. 224



## **Open:**

Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup> through  
Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup>

## **Hours:**

Mon- Fri: 9 am-6 pm

Sat. & Sun: 10 am-4 pm

\*\*Closed Memorial Day

**\*\*We are priced to sell this year and will NOT be offering an end-of-year sale**

## **What We Offer**

- Annual flowers: 10" Hanging baskets, wall bags, 4" pots, 48 flats
  - Vegetables in 48 flats
  - Perennials: Gallon or 4" pots
- \*Proceeds go to Whiteford FFA to help pay for student contests, conventions, program equipment & improvements





## WHITEFORD ATHLETIC SUMMER YOUTH CAMPS FLYER

\*Please click the following link for the option to pay online:

<https://whitefordagmi.infinitecampus.org/campus/store/whiteford/school-store/2/5/products>

\*Volleyball is the only sports camp that is not using the portal payment, but directions are on the registration form as to payment options. Anyone wanting to pay via check or cash should send that in an envelope to the elementary or directly to the MS/HS office with the students' name and camp he/she is attending.

<https://whitefordagmi.infinitecampus.org/campus/store/whiteford/school-store/2/5/products>



# Whiteford Athletic Youth Camps



GRADES LISTED ARE FOR 24-25 SCHOOL YEAR  
ALL REGISTRATIONS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH GOOGLE FORMS.  
REGISTRATION LINKS ARE IN SCHOOLGY GROUPS AND ON THE  
SCHOOL WEBSITE.  
PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE THROUGH THE INFINITE CAMPUS STORE

## Baseball

JUNE 10-12 9-11 A.M.  
ENTERING 2ND -8TH GRADES

## Boys Basketball

JUNE 18-20 9 A.M. - NOON  
ENTERING 3RD-8TH GRADES

## Girls Basketball

JUNE 25-27 3-6 P.M.  
ENTERING 3RD-8TH

## Volleyball Camp

ALL SKILLS CAMP  
JULY 22, 24, 25  
GRADES 3RD-9TH  
VOLLEYTOTZ  
3 YRS TO 2ND GRADE

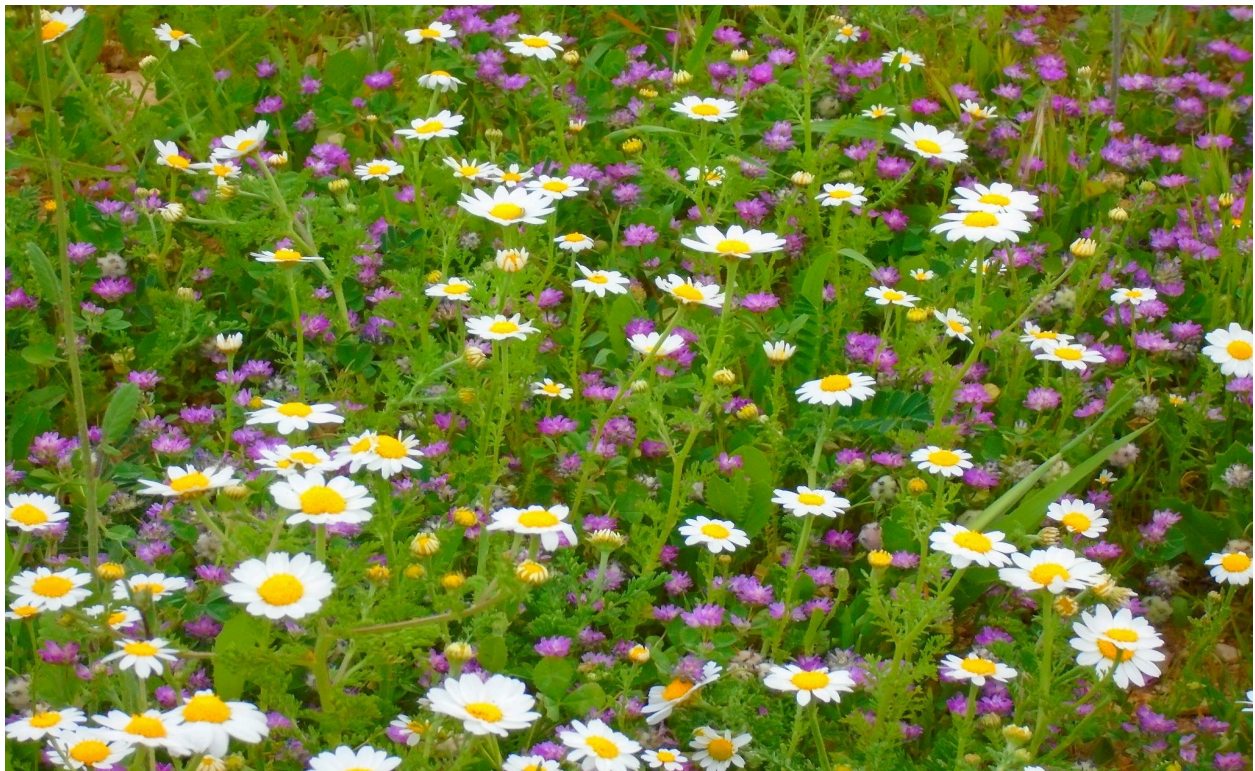
## Football Camp

JULY 22-24  
4-5:30 P.M.  
Entering 1st-6th



## IMPORTANT DATES

May 17	Field Day/Carnival Day
May 21	4th Grade Field Trip: Ann Arbor Hands on Museum
May 21	WPA Meeting 6:00 pm elementary cafeteria
May 27	No School - Memorial Day
May 31	Field Day/Carnival Day Rain Date
June 4	Kindergarten Graduation 1:30 - elem cafeteria
June 5	Half day - Dismiss at 10:55am
June 6	5th Grade Graduation 9:00 - elem cafeteria
June 6	Last Day of School, Half day - Dismiss at 10:55am
June 10	School Board Meeting 6pm Boardroom
June 10-14	Camp Invention



## GROWING TREE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM FLYER

### **Growing Tree After School Program is Expanding !**

The program will now include a summer childcare program for children entering kindergarten through sixth grade. We are housed at Whiteford Wesleyan Church, 10285 Sylvania Petersburg Road, Ottawa Lake, MI

**Hours of Operation:** Monday through Friday, 7 am to 6 pm

**Registration:** These will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis  
Returning latchkey or preschool family: \$25      New Family: \$50

To Register or request more information:

734-856-2430 Whiteford Wesleyan Church

419-279-0442 Director

**Fees Per Child:**

½ day (6 hours or less): \$30

Full Day: \$45

Weekly: \$180

The program will provide 2 snacks a day: mid - morning and mid - afternoon.  
Families will be required to provide sack lunches and drinks daily.

**Dates of Importance:**

June 10-14: CLOSED for maintenance

June 24-28: Church will hold Vacation Bible School, 9 am to 11:30 am.

Families are invited to attend. Program will be open. ½ day fees charged to those who attend.

July 4 and 5: Closed for holiday

August 28: Last day of Program

Latchkey begins first day after school dismisses



**4th GRADE VISIT W/SRO DEPUTY BENES**

