

# WHITEFORD ELEMENTARY NEWS BLAST



DECEMBER  
19TH

## Updates

- We wish you a relaxing, joyful and safe holiday!
  - Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
- As we exit 2025, we want to express our gratitude for the Whiteford Community. From the welcome back picnic, to the Halloween parade, parent teacher conferences, and the Christmas concert, WHITEFORD SHOWS UP!! Thank you for all your support!
  - A school is only as strong as its community!

## HELPFUL LINKS

- [INFINITE CAMPUS LOGIN](#)
- [VOLUNTEER FORM](#)
- [SCHOOL CALENDAR](#)
- [WPA GROUP](#)
- [DROP OFF/PICK UP INFO](#)

OUR DECEMBER VALUE:

GRATITUDE

## UPCOMING EVENTS

CHRISTMAS BREAK

DECEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> - JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>

SCHOOL RESUMES JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>

MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
AND  
HAPPY  
NEW YEAR



GO BOBCATS!



## Whiteford Elementary 2025 Year-in-Review 🐾

As we wrap up another incredible year at Whiteford Elementary, I want to take a moment to reflect on what made 2025 so special. This year was filled with growth, learning, and countless moments that made us proud to be Bobcats.

### Academics & Learning

Our students continued to grow academically through strong instruction, consistent routines, and a focus on foundational skills. We saw gains across grade levels in reading, writing, and math, and our teachers worked tirelessly to meet students where they are and help them move forward. Just as important, our students showed perseverance when learning felt challenging and celebrated their successes along the way.

### School Culture & Values

Throughout the year, we centered our work around our monthly values—responsibility, gratitude, perseverance, inclusion, leadership, and empathy. These values were visible every day in our classrooms, hallways, cafeteria, playground, and on the bus. Our students consistently demonstrated kindness, respect, and pride in their school.

### Community & Family Partnerships

Whiteford Elementary thrives because of our strong partnership with families and the community. From attending events, volunteering, supporting at home, and communicating openly with staff—your involvement makes a difference. We are truly grateful for the trust you place in us each day.

### Staff & Students

I am incredibly proud of our students for their hard work and growth, and deeply appreciative of our staff for their dedication to creating a safe, supportive, and engaging learning environment. Whiteford is a special place because of the people in it.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to helping every child learn, grow, and succeed—academically and as a person.

Thank you for being part of an amazing year.

As always... GO BOBCATS! 💙💛

# DECEMBER

## Counselor's Corner Whiteford Elementary

December is a wonderful time to pause, reflect, and check in with how we're feeling. This month, our classroom counseling lessons will focus on managing our emotions—helping students recognize their feelings, understand what those feelings tell us, and practice healthy ways to cope. As we move through a busy and exciting season, these skills support students in staying calm, connected, and confident at school and at home.

### TIPS TO BUILD EMOTIONAL RESILIENCE IN KIDS

Spend quality time with kids. When they feel loved and supported, children develop emotional strength.

Talk about feelings so your child learns to share their worries and fears with people they trust.

Instead of rushing to solve problems, give kids time to work things out themselves.

When children experience failure or disappointment, it's important to praise their effort and encourage them to try again.

Acknowledge your own mistakes to teach kids that mistakes are essential for learning and growth.

If your child can't find a solution to a problem, use gentle questioning to guide them towards it.

Ensure kids are eating well and getting enough sleep and exercise.



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### Positive Self-Talk

I always end my lessons with a positive affirmation for the kids to say. Positive affirmations bring huge benefits for children, from boosting confidence to enhancing their ability to empathize with their peers.

### Celebrating Togetherness

The holiday season is a time to come together and celebrate with family and friends. Encourage your child to think about how they can contribute to a positive and joyful atmosphere at home and at school. Whether it's helping with holiday preparations or participating in family traditions, there are many ways to spread joy and kindness during this time of year.

### Contact Information:

If you have any questions or would like to discuss how to support your child's progress, please feel free to contact me at [danielle.brossia@whiteford.K12.MI.US](mailto:danielle.brossia@whiteford.K12.MI.US)

I AM STRONG

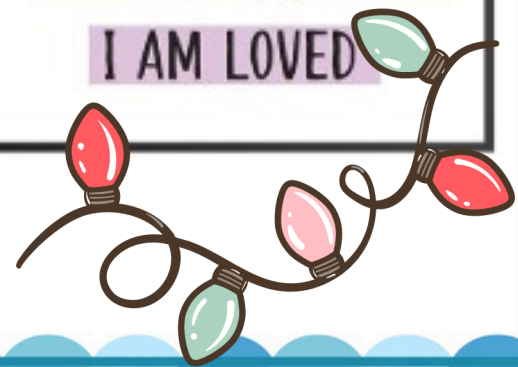
I AM BRAVE

I AM SMART

I AM UNIQUE

I AM KIND

I AM LOVED







# CHILD SAFETY CAR SEAT CHECK EVENT



**January 17, 2026**

**11 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**Frenchtown Fire Dept.**

**6940 N. Monroe St,**

**Monroe, MI 48162**



**Sign up today!**

This material was developed through a project funded by the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning and the U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.



# UPCOMING WHITEFORD RECREATION CLUB OPPORTUNITIES!

**COMING SOON!**

**WRC Girls**

**BASKETBALL**

**Practices starting the  
week of 1/5/26**

**Games**

**Madison 1/17**

**Erie Mason 1/24**

**Whiteford 1/31**

**Summerfield 2/7**

**Sandcreek 2/14**

**Lenawee Christian  
2/21**

**BASKETBALL**

**KINDERGARTEN CLINIC**

**WRC**

**1/17/26 8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m**

**1/24/26 8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m**

**1/31/26 8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m**

**2/7/26 8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m**

**WRC**

**1&2**

**CO-ED**

**BASKETBALL**

**Practices  
begin week  
of 1/5/26**

**Game weeks**

**1/17**

**1/24**

**1/31**

**2/7**

**2/14**





# WPA Events



8/20/2025- Elementary Back to School Picnic\*

9/23/2025-10/9/2025- Cookie Dough Fundraiser

11/13/2025- Cookie Dough Pick-Up

11/15/2025- Mother/Son Night

11/21/2025- Limo for Cookie Dough Sales Winners

12/8/2025-12/12/2025- Santa's Workshop

Date TBD- Family Fun Night

3/3/2026-3/31/2026- Reading Month- WPA will support!

3/14/2026- Daddy/Daughter Dance

5/4/2026-5/8/2026- Staff Appreciation Week

5/12/2026- Honors Celebration

5/15/2026- Field Day\*\*

\*Rain Date for Back ToSchoolPicnicis8/21/2026

\*\*Rain Date for Field Day is 5/29/2026



## Monthly Meetings:

Second Wednesday of the month -6 pm in the Elementary Cafeteria  
September 10. October 8. November 12. January 14.  
February 11. March 11. April 8. May 13

More information: Facebook-Search: Whiteford Parents' Association



# OUR DISTRICT NEEDS YOU!

POSITIONS AVAILABLE:

## **SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS**

- **60+ Credit Hours from Accredited College/University**

## **SUBSTITUTE PARAPROFESSIONALS/AIDES**

- **High School Diploma**

## **OTHER SUPPORT STAFF**

- **High School Diploma**

*School Employment (SE) Background Check Required for All Positions*

ARE YOU  
LOOKING  
FOR:

Opportunities to Support Your Community  
The Ability to Choose Your Schedule  
Extra Income  
Variety in Your Role

## JOIN OUR TEAM!

**Apply today at [edustaff.org](https://edustaff.org)**

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- **Employee Support**
- **Largest Educational Staffing Company in Michigan**



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out!  
¡No te lo  
pierdas!

# Your school memories from cover to cover

Tus recuerdos escolares de principio a fin.

## Order your yearbook today!

¡Encarga hoy tu anuario!

**Lifetouch.**

Order your yearbook today at [ybpay.lifetouch.com](http://ybpay.lifetouch.com)

Encarga hoy tu anuario



Scan to order today!  
¡Echa un vistazo para  
encargar hoy!

### Order Deadline:

Fecha Tope Para el Pedido:

Apr 12, 2026

### Yearbook ID Code:

Código ID del anuario:

2086426

### School Name:

Nombre de escuela:

Whiteford Elementary School

### Yearbook Anuario \$15.00

- Sturdy softcover with protective coating
- All-color pages that vibrantly capture your memories throughout the school year
- Durable saddle-stitched binding that keeps the yearbook intact through wear and tear

• Cubierta blanda resistente con revestimiento protector.  
• Todas las páginas a color, que captan de manera vibrante tus recuerdos durante el año escolar  
• Encuadernación cosida a caballete duradera, que mantiene el anuario intacto contra el uso y desgaste.

### Packages Paquetes

#### BEST VALUE! ¡Mejor valor!

#### PACKAGE A \$27.10

PAQUETE A

- Yearbook
- The Week Junior
- Personalized Yearbook Cover
- Autograph Insert
- Stickies

- Anuario
- The Week Junior
- Cubierta personalizada
- Volante de autógrafo
- Adhesivos

#### PACKAGE B \$25.25

PAQUETE B

- Yearbook
- The Week Junior
- Personalized Yearbook Cover
- Autograph Insert

- Anuario
- The Week Junior
- Cubierta personalizada
- Volante de autógrafo

#### PACKAGE C \$23.50

PAQUETE C

- Yearbook
- The Week Junior
- Personalized Yearbook Cover

- Anuario
- The Week Junior
- Cubierta personalizada

#### PACKAGE D \$17.80

PAQUETE D

- Yearbook
- The Week Junior

- Anuario
- The Week Junior





### Monroe County Food Closet Network Income Eligibility Guidelines

Based on 200 percent of Federal Poverty Income Guidelines

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$30,120	\$2,510	\$579
2	\$40,880	\$3,406	\$786
3	\$51,640	\$4,303	\$993
4	\$62,400	\$5,200	\$1,200
5	\$73,160	\$6,096	\$1,406
6	\$83,920	\$6,993	\$1,613
For each additional family member add	\$10,760	\$896	\$206

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WITH YOU:**

- Proof of residency:** utility bill, rent receipt, tax bill, etc.
  - Proof of number of household members:** Medicaid cards, Income Tax Returns, etc.
- Times and dates subject to change. Contact your local food closet to confirm hours of operation.*

#### SOUTH COUNTY

Knights of Columbus - Erie Food Closet 9758 Dixie Highway Erie, MI 48133	(734) 848-8000	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM
St. Michael Lutheran Church 5790 West Temperance Road Ottawa Lake, MI 49267	(734) 856-2944	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month 10 AM to 11:30 AM
Zion Lutheran Church 8307 Memorial Hwy Ottawa Lake, MI 49267	(734) 856-2921	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday 10 AM to 12 PM
Zion United Methodist Church 1607 Yargerville Road Monroe, MI 48145	(734) 243-5940	Corner of Strasburg & Yargerville 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month 6 PM to 7 PM
Bedford Twp. Veterans Center Pantry 760 W. Temperance Rd Temperance, MI 48182	(734) 224-7032	Mon- Fri, 10 AM to 4 PM And Last Saturday of the month 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm <b><u>Must pre-register for distribution</u></b> <b>Must be a Bedford veteran</b>
St. Paul's Lutheran Church 9144 Lewis Ave Temperance, MI 48182	(734) 847-3400	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 1 PM – 2:30 PM
Wings Mission (Lulu United Methodist) 12810 Lulu Rd. Ida, MI 48140	(734) 269-6127	Corner of Lulu & Douglas Every Tuesday 2 PM to 5 PM
Lambertville United Methodist Church 8165 Douglas Rd Lambertville, MI 48144	(734) 847-3944	Tuesday: 10 AM – 11 AM Thursday: 5 PM – 6 PM <b>Clients may visit once a week</b>



1140 S. Telegraph Road, Monroe, MI 48161 Ph: 734.241.2775 Fax: 734.457.0630 Toll Free: 866.261.9184

*A Community Action Agency serving Monroe County residents since 1965.*



**God Works! Community Dinners**  
Meals are free to all and served at 6 PM each night

#### **CITY OF MONROE**

Monday	Solid Rock Church 77 Wadsworth Street, Monroe, MI 48161	(734) 349-6423
Tuesday	St. Paul's United Methodist Church 201 South Monroe Street, Monroe, MI 48161	(734) 349-6423
Wednesday	Oaks Village 924 East Second Street, Monroe, MI 48161	(734) 349-6423
Thursday	First Presbyterian Church 108 Washington Street, Monroe, MI 48161	(734) 242-1545
Friday	St. Mary's Parish Life Center 127 North Monroe Street, Monroe, MI 48162	(734) 241-6097
Saturday	Salvation Army 815 East First Street, Monroe, MI 48161	(734) 349-6423
Sunday	Trinity Lutheran Church 323 Scott Street, Monroe, MI 48161	(734) 242-2308

#### **NORTH COUNTY**

Wednesday	First Congressional Church of Christ 26250 East Huron River Drive, Flat Rock, MI 48134	(734) 755-0196
Thursday	House of Prayer Church & Christian Wellness Center 5080 North Stoney Creek Road, Monroe, MI 48162	(734) 384-3727

#### **SOUTH COUNTY**

Monday	St. Luke's Lutheran Church 1690 West Sterns Road, Temperance, MI 48182	(734) 349-6423
Tuesday	Bridgepoint Church 9875 Lewis Avenue, Temperance, MI 48182	(734) 349-6423
Wednesday	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church 8330 Lewis Avenue, Temperance, MI 48182	(734) 349-6423
Thursday	Crossroads Church 6960 Sylvania Petersburg Road, Ottawa Lake, MI 49267	(734) 349-6423

#### **WEST COUNTY**

Wednesday	St. John's Lutheran Church 460 Riley Street, Dundee, MI 48131	(734) 529-3218
Friday	St. Joseph's Parish 8295 Van Aiken Street, Ida, MI 48140	(734) 349-6423