



WHITEFORD ELEMENTARY NEWS BLAST



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Updates

- **Happy Halloween!**
 - Remember there is no school on Monday 11/3 for teacher professional development.
- **November is coming!**
 - Cold weather is already here!
 - Please make sure that our students are coming to school with sweatshirts, coats or jackets.
 - We go outside until the temperature goes below ten degrees.
- **November is Responsibility Month!**
 - Please talk to your child(ren) about the importance of being responsible!

OUR NOVEMBER VALUE:

RESPONSIBILITY

UPCOMING EVENTS

NO SCHOOL (TEACHER PD)

NOVEMBER 3RD

BOOK FAIR

NOVEMBER 10TH - 14TH

PICTURE RETAKES

NOVEMBER 11TH

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES/

COOKIE DOUGH PICK-UP/

EARLY RELEASE!

NOVEMBER 13TH

HELPFUL LINKS

- [FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH](#)
- [CLASS SUPPLY LIST](#)
- [INFINITE CAMPUS LOGIN](#)
- [VOLUNTEER FORM](#)
- [SCHOOL CALENDAR](#)
- [WPA GROUP](#)
- [DROP OFF/PICK UP INFO](#)



GO BOBCATS!

WEDNESDAY 11/4 WPA Dine-To-Donate

- See Flyer on next page!

Book Fair 11/10-11/14

- Mrs. Tyrrell will be running our Scholastic Book Fair November 10th through the 14th. (THANK YOU MRS. TYRRELL)
 - Dates: November 10-November 14
 - Location: Elementary Library
 - Family Event schedule and location: Thursday November 13 12:00-4:00 p.m.
 - For full details, and to create an eWallet, visit our school's Book Fair homepage:
 - [Book Fair Link!](#)

Parent Teacher Conferences 11/13

- Teachers will be sending conference sign ups out through Schoology.
- 1/2 Day for students.
- 2 sessions:
 - 12:00 - 3:00
 - 4:00 - 7:00

Lost and Found

- If you believe that these may belong to your child, please advise them to pick their item up!
- We are getting full!
- All lost items will be donated after parent teacher conferences (11/13).





The Whiteford Bobcats are hosting a dine and donate at Sidelines Sports Eatery on Tuesday, November 4th. Be sure to show your server this flier

Present this flier to your server and Sidelines will donate 20% of your bill to the WPA!
Dine in or carry out.



Tuesday, November
4th all day!



Lambertville location only. 8116 Secor Road.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Dear families,

Get ready—the Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school! This is a great opportunity to build your child’s home library with new books they’ll dive into again and again.

The easiest way to let your child shop the Fair independently is by creating an eWallet. It’s easy to set up and easy for others to add funds.

Create an eWallet, and you’ll also have the opportunity to contribute to Share the Fair - the giving program that supports students at our school who need help buying books. Consider participating so that no child leaves the Fair empty-handed!

Here’s everything else you need to know about the Book Fair:

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Location: **Elementary Library**

Family Event schedule and location: **Thursday November 13 12:00-4:00 p.m.**

For full details, and to create an eWallet, visit our school’s Book Fair homepage:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/whitefordelementaryschool1>

More than ever, we need to get students reading. Studies prove* that children with more books at home have higher-level reading skills, and attain more years of education overall.

Lastly, this is a great opportunity to be a Book Fair volunteer! When you give your time, it helps make our Fair an unforgettable reading experience where *every purchase* benefits our school directly.

Happy reading,

Mr. Sam Marsh

Principal

Whiteford Agricultural Elementary School

P.S. Don’t miss out! A new Scholastic sweepstakes offers a chance to get more books for your child’s home library—plus an unbelievable vacation!



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Enter for a chance to
WIN a trip for 4 to Walt Disney World.
+ a collection of Disney books*
Infinite worlds and infinite stories await!

*NO PURCHASE NECESSARY. Open to legal US residents age 18+ who are currently a parent or legal guardian of a PreK through 8th grade child in US schools. Open for entries 8/11/25 at 12:01am ET through 11/2/25 at 11:59pm ET. Void where prohibited. Sponsor: Scholastic Inc. For complete rules, go to: s-bf.com/magic-sweeps-rules



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*Scholastic Research & Validation. (2023). Scholastic Home Libraries Topic Paper. New York: Scholastic



Fall Picture Retake Day is Coming!

School Name: Whiteford Elementary School

Picture Day Date: Tuesday, November 11

Picture Day ID: EVT92HKXF

When you or a family member needs help, it's hard to know where to turn. In an effort to ease the burden of finding the mental health and substance use services you need, we have partnered with Care Solace, your central hub of care.

- Call 888-515-0595 at any time. Multilingual support is available 24/7/365. A dedicated Care Companion will help you every step of the way to research options, secure appointments, and follow up to make sure it is a good fit.
- Search anonymously to get matched with an extensive list of care providers at:
- www.caresolace.com/whiteford
Contact your school counselor or principal, and they will submit a referral on your behalf.

No matter what you're experiencing, there is hope and help. We are confident that our new partnership with Care Solace will help us build a healthier, more vibrant school community.

If you have a life-threatening emergency, please call 9-1-1 or The Suicide and Crisis Lifeline at 988. Care Solace is not an emergency response service or mental health services provider.

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It's okay to ask for help.

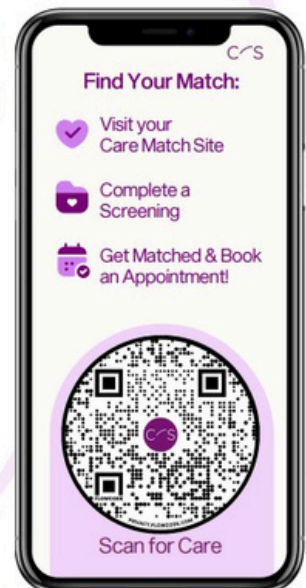


Save our number! (888) 515-0595

Care Solace is a free, confidential service that connects students, staff and their families to mental health providers and substance use treatment matched to their needs – regardless of insurance.

Scan the code or use your link:
www.caresolace.com/whiteford

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OCTOBER

Counselor's Corner



Whiteford Elementary

October brings cooler weather and the excitement of fall activities! This month, I will be visiting classrooms to teach social-emotional lessons focused on empathy, accepting others, responsible decision-making, and being a good friend. Small groups will also begin this month and will be held during lunch. Groups were formed based on teacher recommendations, but if you feel your child would benefit from participating, please don't hesitate to reach out!

Upcoming Events

National Bullying Prevention Month!

- **October 22:** Unity Day! Wear Orange to promote kindness and inclusion!
- **October 27th-31st:** Healthy Choice Week! This week we will be focusing on keeping our minds and bodies healthy. Stay tuned for fun activities and a themed spirit week!

Building Empathy & Understanding

Empathy is the ability to understand and share the feelings of others. This month, we'll be exploring how students can practice empathy in their daily interactions and why it's so important for creating a supportive and inclusive school environment.



Contact Information:

If you have any questions or concerns, I'm here to help. You can reach me at danielle.brossia@whiteford.k12.mi.us or call 734-856-1443 ext.309.



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 To School Picnic is 8/21/2026

**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

Michigan's secure storage law went into effect Feb. 13, 2024 to help protect Michigan's youth and reduce firearm injuries. The law requires firearm owners to securely store firearms whenever minors are present or likely to be present. It also requires schools to share this information with all parents and guardians, which is intended to help parents, guardians and firearm owners understand and comply with Michigan's secure storage law.

Summary of the Law (MCL 28.429)

Secure Storage Requirements

If a firearm is unattended where a minor (under 18) is or is likely to be present, it must be:

- Secured in a locked box or container, and/or
- Unloaded and secured with a locking device, like a trigger or cable lock, that would prevent anyone from using it.

This law applies whether firearms are in your own home or brought to another location.

Firearms in Vehicles

While traveling with a firearm in a vehicle, the vehicle must be locked when not in use, and the firearm must be secured and either locked in a container or unloaded and disabled with a trigger or cable lock if a child is present or likely to be present in the vehicle or destination.

Importance and Benefits of Secure Storage to Help Keep Children Safe

Legal ownership of firearms is a Constitutional right. This comes with important safety responsibilities to prevent thefts, firearm homicide, firearm suicide, and unintentional firearm injuries, including among children. **Simply hiding unlocked firearms or keeping them on a shelf out of reach does not guarantee or equal secure storage under Michigan law.** Secure storage reduces the risk of unintentional injuries among children and theft of guns. When access to guns is reduced, the overall suicide rate drops.



Unintentional firearm injuries among children 17 years and younger happen most often:

- With guns that are loaded and unlocked.
- When a child is playing with a gun or showing it to someone else.



In these situations, the most common victim of an unintentional firearm injury is a friend or a sibling of the child.



Closets and nightstands are common locations of guns used in these fatal unintended shootings.

Source: U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

For more information and a full list of other resources, including Project ChildSafe, visit the MDHHS firearm secure storage page at [MDHHS Secure Storage](#).

Project ChildSafe

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (Call or text 988)

University of Michigan Family Guide to Firearm Home Safety

Or scan the QR code below:





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 rd 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 nd Saturday of the month 10 AM to 11:30 AM
Zion Lutheran Church 8307 Memorial Hwy Ottawa Lake, MI 49267	(734) 856-2921	2 nd and 4 th Tuesday 10 AM to 12 PM
Zion United Methodist Church 1607 Yargerville Road Monroe, MI 48145	(734) 243-5940	Corner of Strasburg & Yargerville 2 nd 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 <u>Must pre-register for distribution</u> Must be a Bedford veteran
St. Paul's Lutheran Church 9144 Lewis Ave Temperance, MI 48182	(734) 847-3400	3 rd 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 Clients may visit once a week



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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

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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