

Bobcat Tales

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2024 – 2025 SCHOOL HOURS / CALENDAR

Building	Starting Time	Ending Time	Early Dismissal Time
Elementary	7:40 AM	2:55 PM	10:55 AM
Middle/High School	8:00 AM	3:00 PM	11:05 AM

August 28 Teacher PD Day
August 28..... 1-12 Open House
August 29..... TK/K Open House
Sept. 3..... First Day of School
(students report at noon)
Nov. 1 NO SCHOOL
(Teacher PD Day)
Nov. 14..... EARLY DISMISSAL
(Parent-Teacher Conferences)
Nov. 27..... EARLY DISMISSAL
(Start of Thanksgiving Break)
Nov. 28-29 NO SCHOOL
(Thanksgiving Break)
Dec. 20 EARLY DISMISSAL
(Start of Christmas/Winter Break)
Dec. 23-
Jan. 3 NO SCHOOL
(Christmas / Winter Break)
Jan. 6 School Resumes
Jan. 20 NO SCHOOL
(Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)
Jan. 23-24 EARLY DISMISSAL (Exams)
Feb. 14 NO SCHOOL
(Teacher PD Day)
Feb. 17 NO SCHOOL
(President's Day)
Feb. 21 EARLY DISMISSAL

March 21 EARLY DISMISSAL
(Start of Spring/Easter Break)
March 24-
March 28 NO SCHOOL
(Spring/Easter Break)
March 31 School Resumes
April 9 STATE TESTING DAY
(No School Grades K-7, 12)
April 18 NO SCHOOL
(Good Friday)
April 21 NO SCHOOL
(Day After Easter)
May 26 NO SCHOOL
(Memorial Day)
June 10 EARLY DISMISSAL (Exams)
June 11* EARLY DISMISSAL
(Exams & Last Day of School)

*pending weather delays/closings; parents are reminded that additional days may be added to the school year should we exceed our state limitation on number of days/hours cancelled or delayed during the school year.



Food Pantry Dates / Hours

Crossroads Church

1st Thursday of Month
4:30 PM—6:30 PM

St. Michael Lutheran Church

2nd Saturday of Month
9:30 AM—10:30 AM

Zion Lutheran Church

2nd/4th Tuesday of Month
10 AM—12 PM

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY SCHEDULE

- *1st Tuesday: 4:00—6:00 Nova Faith
5105 Glendale Ave., Toledo, OH 43614
- *1st Thursday: 4:30—6:30 Crossroads
6960 Sylvania-Petersburg Rd., Ottawa Lake, MI 49267
- *2nd Tuesday: 3:00—5:00 St. Paul's Episcopal
798 S. Coy Rd., Oregon, OH 43616
- *3rd Thursday: 12:00—2:00 Lott Industries
3350 Hill Ave., Toledo, OH 43607
- *4th Thursday: 4:00—6:00 Indiana Ave Missionary Baptist
640 Indiana Ave., Toledo, OH 43604
- *4th Friday: 2:00—4:00 Agape Community Center
225 S. Irwin Rd., Holland, OH 43528

WHITEFORD AGRICULTURAL SCHOOLS Bobcat Tales

This newsletter is also available on the district's website: www.whiteford.k12.mi.us

May 2025

STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

March 5 through March 9 was National Teacher Appreciation Week, which here at Whiteford we include our entire staff. Teachers and administrators have a great impact on the education of our children, but everyone on the sidelines makes a significant contribution as well. The office staff, custodians, transportation staff, cafeteria workers, and classroom aides all work hard and help in one way or another to assist teachers and students alike in reaching all of their educational goals. With the support of our amazing WPA (Whiteford Parents' Association) and sponsorship from Nick Puhl (Edward Jones Financial Advisor), our staff was treated to a Taco Bar (Monday), Coffee Bar and Breakfast Bites (Tuesday), Snacks (Wednesday), and Hamburgers/Hotdogs Barbecue (Thursday). We are better together, we are Whiteford!



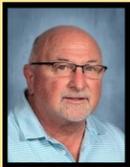
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From the Superintendent's office...

Superintendent's Message



Hey, Bobcat Families,

As we close the 2024-2025 school year, I am filled with pride and gratitude for all we have accomplished together this school year. This year has brought moments of challenge, resilience, growth, and celebration for our students and athletes. Our students, staff, families, and community members have once again demonstrated what it means to support one another, aim high, and stay committed to academic excellence.

Our classrooms were filled with curiosity and creativity, and our hallways echoed with the energy of learning and laughter. We saw remarkable academic achievements, growth in our extracurricular programs, and strong community partnerships that enriched our students' experiences. From successful athletic seasons to outstanding performances in the arts and academic competitions, this year showcased the incredible talent and determination of our students and staff.

To the Class of 2025: Congratulations! You have reached an important milestone in your lives, and we are so proud of all you have achieved. Your high school journey was marked by dedication, resilience, and a deep sense of purpose. Whether you are heading to college, the workforce, the military, or other adventures, know that you carry with you the support and pride of the entire Whiteford School community. We believe in you and look forward to the positive impact you will make in the world.

As we head into summer, I encourage everyone to rest, recharge, and reflect. Let's take pride in what we've accomplished and look forward to what lies ahead. Thank you for being part of another incredible school year. Warm wishes for a safe, joyful summer—and once again, congratulations to the Class of 2025!

We are better Together - We are Whiteford!

My Best,

Scott L. Huard

Scott L. Huard
Superintendent

The Strategic Plan 2022-2027, which was created by a very broad and diverse group of 32 stakeholders and the survey results of over 400 people, was Board approved at the May 9, 2022 meeting. Throughout the planning process, the community expressed high expectations of Whiteford Schools becoming a world-class school district and having all students graduate from high school. Even though some of the goals are extremely high, they reflect the strong desire that has been expressed to embrace significant change and dramatically improve the school system for the next five years.

Mission

Whiteford Agricultural School District's mission is to engage in purposeful learning and empower all for a meaningful role in our dynamic world.

Vision

Whiteford Agricultural School District's vision is to develop value-driven leaders and critical thinkers who will positively impact their community.

Shared Belief Statements

We Believe...

- Everyone has the ability to be successful.
- In meeting the social, emotional, and academic needs in an environment that is physically and emotionally safe.
- A highly qualified and dedicated staff.

Strategic Plan Goal Areas

Academics & Programs

Personnel & Leadership

Culture & Learning

Facilities

Spotlights...

Staff Member of the Month

Congratulations to the following Staff Members of the Month winners!

- September..... **Corey Bruce** (HS Science Teacher)
 October..... **Jeremy Simmons** (HS SS Teacher)
 November..... **Sarah Bowen** (Elem Kindergarten Teacher)
 December..... **Ashley Van Camp** (Administrative Assist.)
 January..... **Jon Scheffer** (HS Math Teacher)
 February..... **Matt VanBrandt** (HS Virtual Teacher)
 March..... **Shelly DeVantier** (Elem Reading Specialist)
 April..... **Deb Motyka-Iott** (Administrative Assist.)

Each winner was presented with a \$100 gift card from Leski

Happy Retirement!



Mrs. Lisa Childers is retiring as MS/HS Art Teacher after 33 years of service at Whiteford where her creativity shaped the lives of her students and decorated the school halls.



Mrs. Judy Denomy is retiring from Whiteford Schools after serving 45 years with the district as a bus driver. Judy is an alumni of Whiteford and also raised her children here.



Mrs. Marcy Anderson retired after 27 years of service at Whiteford where she wore many hats. Marcy was a classroom teacher, an instructional coach, STEM teacher, principal, and lastly Director of Data, Curriculum and Assessment.

WELCOME SAVANA LEFEVRE



Hello, everyone! My name is Savana LeFevre and I'm excited to be a part of the Whiteford administrative team as the new Administrative Assistant in the Middle School/High School office. I previously lived in Philadelphia, PA and worked for American Airlines as a flight attendant but recently relocated back home to Michigan to start a new chapter of life! My fiancé and I have a 7-month-old baby girl who shares the spotlight with a very spoiled pup. I love to show them off, so don't be surprised if I show you a picture! I can't wait to meet everyone, and I'm excited for this next chapter as a Bobcat!



HOW TO CONTACT US

MAIN PHONE

734-856-1443

PHONE PROMPTS

- 4 Elementary Office
- 5 MS/HS Office Athletic Dept.
- 6 Transportation Superintendent/Business Office/Maintenance

ADMINISTRATION / SUPPORT SERVICES

Superintendent
Scott L. Huard
ext. 101 or 401

Elementary Principal
Samuel Marsh
ext. 104 or 110

MS/HS Principal
Jeremy Fielder
ext. 102 or 108

Athletic Director
Marcus Luzier
ext. 103

Dean of Student Services/Career Coach
Ken Groch
ext. 240

Elem. Counselor
TBD
Ext. 309

MS/HS Counselor
Jennifer Head
ext. 216

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Charlie Butz
ext. 107 or 401

Director of Finance & Business Services
Marisa Tebbe-Cousino
ext. 105

Accounting Assistant
Laura Cruz-Hartland
ext. 106

Director of HR
Cathy Machcinski
ext. 111

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734-856-4724

MS/HS Office
734-856-2564

Superintendent / Business Office
734-854-6463

Band and Choir



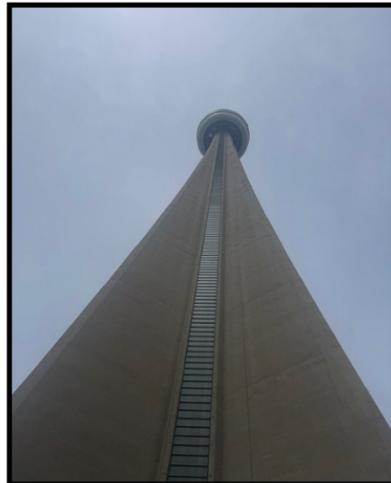
The Middle School Concert Choir attended the MSVMA State Choral Festival on Wednesday, April 30th at Leslie HS. They performed 3 difficult songs and earned an overall Division 2 rating of "Good"...with 2 judges scoring them at the Division 1 level.

The High School Concert Choir and High School Chorale attended the MSVMA State Choral Festival on Thursday, May 1st at Leslie HS. Each choir performed 3 challenging songs. The Concert Choir earned a solid Division 2 rating of "Good"...

...just a handful of points way from the Division 1 Rating. The Chorale earned a solid Division 1 rating of "Excellent" with all 3 judges scoring them at that level!



The Middle School Band and Choir traveled to Niagara Falls on May 2nd and 3rd. While enjoying the beautiful sites of Canada, the students represented the school district in a very professional manner, often receiving compliments from perfect strangers for their behavior and kindness!



Kindergarten Round Up Information

If you missed our screening day and would like to set up an appointment, please contact elementary principal Sam Marsh at samuel.marsh@whiteford.k12.mi.us or the elementary office at 734-856-1443 ext. 110.

Michigan State Law requires that children entering kindergarten for the 2025-2026 school year must be 5 years of age on or before September 1 of the upcoming school year – September 1, 2025. The older and more mature your child is when he or she enters school, the greater the chances for success.

For your child to enter kindergarten in the fall, the following items **must** be completed at registration time.

- **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)**
 1. **Driver's License with correct Whiteford School District address**
 2. **Paperwork from home purchase or rental agreement/lease**
 3. **A current utility bill, (Gas, electric or land line phone bill --- a cell phone bill will not be accepted)**
- **Bus Transportation Form must be filled out if your child will use Whiteford Transportation next year**

Schools of Choice

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.

Remember, a student must be released by his/her resident district.

The Monroe County Schools of Choice application window runs **April 1st - May 30, 2025**. Applications are available on our website www.whiteford.k12.mi.us (New Student Registration Tab).

Transportation Request Forms

If you intend to have your child(ren) ride the bus to and/or from school for the upcoming school year, you are required to fill out a Transportation Request Form and return it to school by June 1, 2025. If you do not fill out and return this form, your child(ren) will not be assigned to a bus route for the 2025-26 school year. These forms are available in the building offices and can be found on our website under the "New Student Registration" and "Transportation" tabs.

Substitute Bus Drivers Needed

Whiteford is always in need of substitute bus drivers. If you have free time in the mornings and/or afternoons and are interested, please contact Charlie Butz, Director of Transportation & Buildings and Grounds, at 734.856.1443, ext. 107 or cbutz@whiteford.k12.mi.us. We'll even help you with obtaining your CDL. Paid training is provided. This is a great job for stay-at-home moms or dads with school-aged children or retirees who love working with children and want to earn a little extra money.

From the athletic director...

Athletics

Submitted by: Marcus Luzier, Athletic Director

Winter sports seem long in the past, but our boys and girls teams were just recently named Academic All-State in Division 3 by the Basket Coaches Association of Michigan. Our boys ranked #1 and girls #5 with a 3.8234 GPA for the boys and 3.8977 for the girls. Congratulations to these two fine teams that truly embody the term student-athlete.

The boys basketball team has already begun preparation for next season with the beginning of 4 player workouts with new **Varsity Coach Jordan Bollin**. Coach Bollin comes to us with 10 years of coaching experience between Dundee and Bedford. He has a career record of 118-98, with a league and district title to his credit at Dundee, while at Bedford he guided a squad to the best record in school history and this past season won a district title. The Associated Press named Coach Bollin the Division 1 Coach of the year in 2023.



Spring is here and over 200 Whiteford student athletes in grades 7-12 are headed back outdoors to compete. The Baseball and Softball programs have been a point of pride here in the Whiteford community for years and this season looks to be no different, as both teams have shot to the top of the league standings. The baseball team will travel to Hudson for Districts with an opening round match up against Onsted on Tuesday May 27 at 4:30 pm. Whiteford Schools will host the softball districts on Saturday May 31, with our girls taking on Monroe St. Mary's at 12:00 pm.

Track season is up and running and our coaches are confident that some school records will be eclipsed again this year. The TCC League Championship Meet will take place at Sand Creek on May 9th at 2:30 pm. The Track team would love to hear you cheering them on at a meet this season. Coach Yockey, Coach Avis and myself wanted to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers that make track season happen. Please consider volunteering to help at events next year, there are so many duties to be covered at a track meet and any of the folks listed here would be happy to help train you.

Steve and Renee Oberle
Mark Johnson
Joe Copciac
Amanda Collins
Robin DeBruyne
Chris and Kristin Thomas
Shane and Mariann Hillard
Jeremy Gapp
Adam Linkey

Jenni and Mike Bauman
Maria Mohler
Tim and Amy Speweik
Mike and Nicole Lee
Jeff and LeeAnn Thomas
Chris Andrews
Buffy Ruddy
Joy Luse
Jess and Bethany Saylor



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Middle School / High School



Bobcat Babies

The zoology class has been studying reproduction in class and welcomed three baby goats from two different females.



FFA Greenhouse

Our FFA greenhouse opened Thursday May 1st through Sunday, June 1st. It will be open daily (except Memorial Day). Weekday hours are 9 am to 6 pm. Weekend hours are 10 am to 4 pm.

There are a nice selection this year of baskets, bags, planters, 5" pots, and veggies and flowers in 48 count flats. Annuals and Perennials are both for sale.

Proceeds benefit the Whiteford FFA chapter to support our student's contests and conventions, and our involvement in local, regional, and state FFA events. Proceeds also help them with program improvement and facility maintenance.

Students have been working hard since early February seeding and sticking cuttings that they eventually planted into hangers, bags, and pots.



From the classroom...

Middle School / High School

The Butterfly Project

The English 8 classes participated in **The Butterfly Project** May 5 through May 9. Each student received a card with the story and picture of a child who died in the Holocaust, and they then glazed a ceramic butterfly in memory of that child. These butterflies will be fired by Ms. Childers and then will be added to the permanent display in the middle school hallway that was started last school year. **The Butterfly Project** was founded in 2006, in San Diego, CA, by educator Jan Landau and artist Cheryl Rattner Price. This artistic and educational project memorializes the 1.5 million children who were killed during the Holocaust and honors the Survivors. The Butterfly Project has become a global and unifying memorial that uses the lessons of the Holocaust to teach about social justice and to remember the past, act responsibly in the present, and create a more peaceful future. This project transforms resistance through art and education and Empowers people to take actions against injustice. May this memorial bring ongoing dialogue that empowers people of all backgrounds and beliefs to create a more peaceful world. Every butterfly painted memorializes a child who was lost and symbolizes a voice that is gained.



Middle School Spring Fling

Middle School Student Council decided to do two formal dances this year, as opposed to last year's one dance. They had their Fall Formal back in November, and their Spring Fling at the beginning of April. No theme was planned for this dance other than FUN! Students showed up dressed in their very best, and had a blast dancing with their friends and requesting their favorite songs.



Athletics

WHITEFORD SUMMER CAMPS

CAMP	DATES	TIMES	GRADES	COST
All-Skills Volleyball	July 14th, 16th, 17th	5:00 - 6:30 PM	3rd - 6th	\$60
All-Skills Volleyball	July 14th, 16th, 17th	7:00 - 9:00 PM	7th - 9th	\$60
Football Youth Camp	July 21st - 23rd	4:00 - 5:30 PM	1st - 6th	\$50
Football JR High Camp	July 21st - 23rd	6:00 - 8:00 PM	7th - 8th	\$50
Girls Basketball Camp	June 17th - 19th	4:00 - 6:00 PM	3rd - 8th	\$60
Boys Basketball Camp	TBD	6:00 - 8:00 PM	3rd - 6th	\$50

SCAN QR CODES TO REGISTER

VOLLEYBALL

FOOTBALL

Stay tuned on our District Facebook Page and whitefordathletics.com for more information, including registration for Basketball camps, and on Summer Camps offered. *Dates, times, and location all subject to change

Whiteford State FFA Convention Contest Results

The Whiteford FFA Chapter took a group of almost 50 members to State FFA convention who competed in Leadership Contests, attended FFA sessions, earned awards, networked with other FFA members from around the state, and had a lot of fun! Some highlights from the March 5-7th trip in East Lansing included 7 state qualifying leadership contest teams and individuals. Whiteford FFA had more individuals compete at states than any of the other 140+ FFA chapters in the state!

Zoe Stanger, one of our Summerfield Co-op students earned a 3rd place gold award in **Extemporaneous Public Speaking**.

Molly Vida earned a 5th place gold award in **Greenhand Public Speaking**.

The **Ag Issues team** of Addeson Cousino, Avery Lisk, Brooklyn Mills, Garrett Schalmo, Samantha Smith-Emerson, Jenna Frye, and Bailey Spradling earned a 5th place gold award with a presentation on PFAS in soils.

Parliamentary Procedures ran a mock meeting using Parliamentary Procedures abilities and earned an 8th place silver award. Team members include Cooper Diesing, Austin Bauman, Tre Eitnrear, Ava Stevens, Kayla Luse, Theo Joerin, and Jess Saylor.

Greenhand Conduct of Meetings team ran a mock meeting and took 10th place with a bronze award. Team members include Jade Olrich, Rilee Ingram, Jackson Cousino, Maddox Diesing, Parker Smith, Gavin Meinert, and Matthew Swy.

Junior High Conduct of Meetings team ran a mock meeting and took 12th place with a bronze award. This team included Clara Iott, Addy Hill, Kinsley Anderson, Aubrey Johnson, Grant Rasor, Ava Swy, and Lauren Taylor.

Ag Issues Roundup team took 12th place and a bronze award. Team members include Avy Wood, Laney Pirrone, Savannah Seevers, Brek Ruddy, and Jason McCullough.

We also had 4 members earn State FFA degrees for their FFA involvement, community service, work performed outside of class, and academic success. Alaina McClain, Brooklyn Mills, Isabel Lehsten, and Zoe Stanger earned this prestigious award.

FFA Skills Contests

Whiteford FFA had 42 participants at state skills contests on Friday April 11th. 2 teams earned Gold Awards for their excellent work.

Clara Iott, Addy Hill, and Ava Swy earned first place and the title of State Champion in the **middle school Floral contest**. They had to identify flower species, arrange a table setting, arrange a corsage, and take a floral knowledge test. Individually, Clara ranked 1st place and Addy ranked 2nd out of over 60 participants.

Our **Agronomy team** also earned a 4th place gold award out of 49 teams in the state. Zoe Stanger, Avy Wood, Laney Pirrone, Blair Lake, and Peyton Welch had to identify crops, seeds, weeds, equipment, and take a knowledge test.

FFA Banquet

Our FFA held our annual awards banquet on Monday April 14th in the middle school gym to celebrate our awards and give recognition for a great year. We estimated that over 160 members and families were present to share in our successes.

FFA Elections/Interviews

FFA officer election process is underway. Officer interviews were held on Wednesday April 16th. 10 FFA officer candidates interviewed with a panel of 3 interviewers from the Agricultural/FFA community. The officers must complete a written application and interview with a panel. Officers are elected based on the application, interviews, student vote, and FFA involvement. Results will be posted soon.

From the classroom...

Elementary

4th Grade Wax Museum

On March 20, 2025 the incredibly talented 4th grade students participated in the traditional Wax Museum event. Each student chose a historical figure to learn about, spent time writing and memorizing interesting facts about their respective figures and finally dressed up to look like that person and presented their prepared speeches to visiting family, staff and students.



Third Grade Escape Room

Students in Mrs. Brunt's and Mrs. Tabbert's third grade classes wrapped up their human body systems unit with a fun and engaging escape room activity. This was a hands-on way to review all of the knowledge that the students learned over the past several weeks in ELA. Thanks to some amazing parent volunteers, our little learners had the opportunity to use a stethoscope, a microscope, and an ultrasound machine. They also participated in a digestive system experiment, made a model of human lungs, made different body parts and systems using playdough, and many more fun activities.



March Reading Month

To close out another wildly successful Reading Month and to celebrate the chosen book, "Pie", by Sarah Weeks, the WPA organized a pie-in-the face fundraiser. Principal Sam Marsh not only graciously offered to be the recipient of a pie to the face at every lunch hour on Thursday, March 20 but was a great sport too.



Elementary



5th Grade D.A.R.E. Graduation

On January 10, 2025, the 5th grade students had their D.A.R.E. (drug abuse resistance education) graduation. The program aims to prevent drug abuse and unkind/harsh behaviors and it also focuses on helping students make good choices physically and socially. Sergeant Bomia was once again the incredible D.A.R.E. instructor.



5th Grade Spelling Bee

On March 19, 2025, the 5th grade held their annual Spelling Bee. The top speller was Olivia Obarski. Runner up was Gabe Mohler. Honorable mention from left to right, Callie Shantz, Charlee Ingram, Eastyn Allen, Emma Houghtaling, Eli Milot, Adeline Farr, Jameson McCartney, and Cole Taylor.



5th Grade Mini Society

The last week of February our 5th graders held their economics project called "Mini Society". They all did a phenomenal job and sales days were a huge success.



State FFA Convention



FFA Skills Contest



From the booster groups...

Robotics Goes To States Again!

By: Isabelle Guillian '27

With over 500 competing teams in Michigan, Robotics students earn their "wires" and "circuits"- and a whole lot of caffeine! After months of preparation, the Bobcats took third in their Ferndale competition, spent a fun filled weekend in St. Joseph bringing home fourth, and for the second year in a row, advanced to compete in the State Championship in Saginaw. At Ferndale we received the award of Gracious Professionalism. "The winning team exemplifies... fairness, humility, positivity, and respect," described judges at FIRST Robotics. Also receiving the award of Innovation and Control at States, our trophy case is quickly filling up! This award celebrate unique machine functions from electrical, mechanical, or software components. We can proudly say this season was a success!



Hanging around! One challenge this season was ending the match with the robot fully suspended. We built and tested prototypes with the end result being a system designed with compressed air. This was the more difficult end game option and our team rose to the occasion. Pictured here is the almost 150 pound robot hanging.



Pow wow! Grace Burke '26 takes on the roll as spokesperson, she spent hours interviewing teammates and preparing notes to present to judges. The team's work paid off big as we secured two awards!

Thank You to Our Awesome Sponsors and Community! Our robot highlights our sponsors and we are so grateful to have a community the supports our students!

From the booster groups...

Whiteford Parents' Association (WPA)

The WPA would like to congratulate the Graduating Class of 2025! We would also like to recognize their Parents for supporting them through their journey at Whiteford!

The WPA hosted the Daddy/Daughter Dance on March 8. This GLOW-themed event took place in the High School Gym and featured a GLOW bar, temporary tattoos, a bracelet making station, picture opportunities, as well as snacks and refreshments. Thank you to all who participated. Thank you to the volunteers that helped with the planning and decorating. Thank you to the Dads and Special Guests that really dressed the part for our theme! We were so impressed with the support and turn out for this event!

On March 14, WPA hosted author of the book *Pie*, Sarah Weeks. Sarah presented age appropriate messages to the elementary students as a part of Reading Month. The WPA with the help of the Food Service Team provided mini pies to each elementary student! Thank you to all who participated in our Pie in the Face fundraiser. Mr. Marsh was a great sport and took multiple pies to the face in each lunch period! Students enjoyed the show and appreciated the treats to encourage reading month!

May 5 through May 9 WPA celebrated Staff Appreciation Week with a taco bar for lunch on Monday, a coffee bar and breakfast bites on Tuesday, and treats in the break rooms on Wednesday! We are thankful for everything the staff does for our students and our school. They all impact lives in a very special way. Thank you to Tammy Wissinger and Stephanie Horn for coordinating the events for the week!

Dine to Donate events took place at **Funagin's** on April 8 and at **Chik-Fil-A** on May 6. Thank you to all who participated! It is fun to see our community come together outside of school for a great cause!

On May 13, Honors Celebration took place in the High School Cafeteria. Breakfast was provided for students who made the honor roll for all three marking periods.

Mark Your Calendar for the WPA's Upcoming Events

May 16 will be Field Day!

Our last **WPA Meeting** for the year will be on **May 20, at 6:00 PM** in the Elementary School Cafeteria. We plan to discuss events for next year including future WPA Board opportunities. We hope to see you there!



From the booster groups...

Athletic Boosters

Athletic Booster meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 6pm in the MS/HS Media Center. Come join the fun and help support Whiteford athletics!

Kroger Community Rewards Program

If you are not currently supporting an organization through the Kroger Community Rewards Program, please take a few minutes to register today and help support Bobcat athletics. Go to www.kroger.com, log into your account and follow the links to the Community Rewards page. Select organization number **PV787** as the donation recipient. Remember, this is free money and will not affect your fuel points!

Whiteford Recreation Club

Fall Football SIGN UPS ARE OPEN!

At WRC we are always planning ahead; spend fall at Whiteford Stoneco Park with us! We offer **Recreation Fall Flag Football** and **5th and 6th grade Tackle Football**. Go online and get signed up on our website.

Softball/Baseball is just getting started, come on out to the fields and cheer on your favorite young athlete.

Whiteford Rec would like to thank all our volunteers and sponsors that made Elementary School level sports possible again this year. You are the heart and souls of the community!

Whiteford Rec is still selling Whiteford Bobcat Spirit Blankets to keep you warm in our unpredictable weather. Reach out to us if you would like to purchase any or check for them at all the concession stands at home games. Profits go toward WRC elementary sports programs.

For all thing WRC check out our website at <https://sites.google.com/view/whitefordrecsignups/home>; follow us on our Facebook page <https://facebook.com/WhitefordRec>; contact us at whitefordrecreationclubmi@gmail.com

Whiteford Recreation Club is a 501© (3) Organization nonprofit volunteer program



From the booster groups...

Music Boosters

The 23rd Annual Musical (Charlie and the Chocolate Factory) was held on Friday, March 14, Saturday, March 15, and ended with the traditional matinee show on Sunday, March 16. The musical adaptation follows Charlie Bucket (Oliver Kemritz), who wins a golden ticket to tour Willy Wonka's chocolate factory, along with four other winners. This musical included 60 students from elementary, middle, and high school. The story explores themes of imagination, greed, and the importance of family. The musical features elaborate stagecraft and costumes thanks to the many helping hands that made this production possible, and thank you to all of the family and community members who filled the seats every show. This annual musical was extra special because it was the first to be performed on the newly named and dedicated Todd R. Schreiber stage.

