

# Bobcat Tales

Whiteford Agricultural Schools  
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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

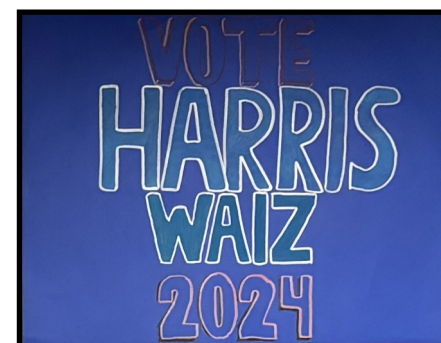
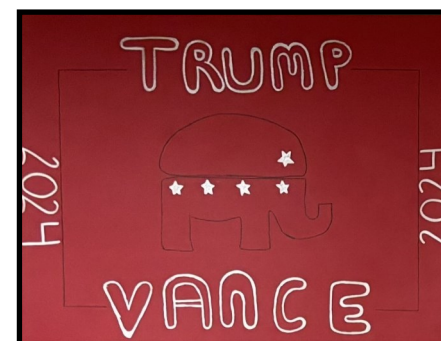
- \*1st Tuesday: 4:00—6:00 Nova Faith  
5105 Glendale Ave., Toledo, OH 43614
- \*1st Thursday: 4:30—6:30 Crossroads  
6960 Sylvania-Petersburg Rd., Ottawa Lake, MI 49267
- \*2nd Tuesday: 3:00—5:00 St. Paul's Episcopal  
798 S. Coy Rd., Oregon, OH 43616
- \*3rd Thursday: 12:00—2:00 Lott Industries  
3350 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](http://www.whiteford.k12.mi.us) November 2024

## ROCK THE MOCK ELECTION

On Election Day as Americans headed to the polls, the social studies department hosted a Rock the Mock Election event which allowed students to cast their own ballots. Students voted during the first hour of the day and were able to cast a vote for the candidate of their choice. Leading up to Election Day, students in their social studies classes learned about the process of our voting system. Students made signs that were hung up, and wrote announcements that were made school-wide to help inform the Middle/High School student body about the candidates and their platforms. Mock elections are designed to teach students about the power of voting. Our goal was to create a well-informed student body and to mimic the election process as much as possible.



**Board of Education**



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President



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Secretary



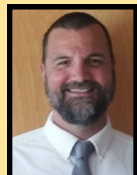
**Janelle Young**  
Treasurer



**Jeff Bunge**  
Trustee



**Kristi Mock**  
Trustee



**Jason Vida**  
Trustee

*From the Superintendent's office...*

**Superintendent's Message**



Hey, Bobcat Families,

I hope everyone is enjoying the start of the holiday season! The holiday season brings about the opportunity for our students to showcase their many skills and talents along with serving a need within our community. Our students hope that you will consider attending one of the many concerts or participating in a food drive. We start with the elementary Michigan vs Ohio State Food Drive that is being held November 13-22. Elementary students are invited to bring non-perishable food items to school, but anyone can drop off items to the elementary office between the hours of 7:30-3:30pm. It is

always fun to see how excited the students get donating food items to boost their team's chances of winning the food drive battle! Then on Friday, December 6 the HS Ensemble/Chorale will be performing for 13 ABC's "Hope for the Holidays" at noon. The elementary Santa's Workshop runs from December 9-13, and we are always looking for parent volunteers to help students shop! On Thursday, December 12 our elementary students will be having the annual Christmas concert. TK-2nd grade performs at 6pm and 3rd-5th grade will begin at 7:15pm. Both concerts are in the MS gymnasium. The HS Ensemble/Chorale will perform Saturday, December 14 at Matthes Tree Farm at Noon. At 1pm on Sunday, December 15, our HS Student Council will be placing wreaths on veteran's head stones for Wreaths Across America at The Toledo Memorial Park. Later that day, our HS Choir & Band will be performing their Winter Concert at 3pm in the MS gymnasium, while the MS Choir & Band will be performing their Winter Concert on Monday (12/19) at 7pm in the MS gymnasium. The HS Ensemble/Chorale will perform at the Toledo Zoo on Wednesday, December 18 at 5pm. Finally, the MS Band/Choir Concert will be held on Thursday, December 19 at 7pm in the MS Gymnasium. All of these events are listed on the district website calendar. Our Music Directors, David Welling and Todd Schreiber, have worked hard to prepare our students for what will be great concerts. We invite our community to attend any of these events as we celebrate our students' talents and the holiday season! 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 Environment**

**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)

Each winner was presented with a \$100 gift card from Leski Wittman Insurance Agency at the monthly board meetings.

One of our Bobcats, senior **Virginia Emerson**, completed her final year riding for the Whiteford Equestrian team. She has ridden for the team all 4 years at Whiteford. As the only rider, with her "teammates", her Arabian horse Cinnabun and Mounted Police horse Ginger, Virginia finished the season in 4th place against 9 other teams that consisted of one or two riders. Virginia competed in multiple disciplines consisting of western, hunt seat, saddle seat, ranch riding, and gymkhana (speed events) showing in the max 15 of 17 classes.

The pictures show some of the different disciplines that require multiple outfits and tack changes for the rider and her horse. This makes for a very long show day, so Virginia, Cinnabun, and Ginger take the rare break at every opportunity.

Thank you, Virginia, for representing Whiteford and we hope you will be just as successful in the next step of your journey while riding on your collegiate equestrian team. Go Bobcat!

**Whiteford Equestrian Team**



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734-856-1443

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

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**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

**Director of Transportation, Buildings & Grounds**  
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

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734-856-2564

**Superintendent / Business Office**  
734-854-6463

From the classroom...

## Middle School / High School



**Spirit Week**

**Go Bobcats!**



From the athletic director...

## Athletics

It truly takes a village! These wonderful volunteers helped to make our fall sport seasons happen; it is remarkable how many individuals it takes to put these events together. This list is only game day operations; it doesn't even include all those parents who opened their homes for team dinners, volunteer coaches who gave hundreds of hours, or those who provide financial support. A special thanks to **Adam Linkey** who has been invaluable with his game day operations expertise. Apologies to anyone who was missed.

### Football Ticket Takers

Andy Schober  
Christy Schober  
Tammy Razor  
Rachel Hill  
Scott and Anna Huard  
Malinda Luzier  
Amanda Diesing  
Tina Prather  
Aimee, Tim, Payton and Teagan Speweik  
Alison Turvey  
Addyson VanHove

### Chain Gang V/JV

Mike Bauman  
Michael Myer  
Matt Virost  
Steve Schumacher  
Ryan Podgorski

### Chain Gang MS

Steve Schumacher  
Brad Smith-Emerson  
Jamie Meinart  
Terry Pant

### Football Announcers

Jim DeSilvis  
Tim Henes  
Jeff Thomas

### Football Clock

Brad Stevens  
Mark Keeling  
Chris Baldwin  
Bailey Baldwin  
Adam Linkey

### Football Gameday

Doug Bulmer  
Shane Hillard  
Ken Groch  
Adam Linkey  
KC Ruddy

### Concessions

Matt VanBrandt  
Kris Hubbard  
Band Boosters  
XC Operations  
Steve and Renee Oberle

### Volleyball Ticket Takers

Gina Spradling  
Rebecca Reuhle  
Jamie Frye  
Dori Seevers  
Joni Kahn  
Victoria Stevens  
Julie Lievens  
Erin Tyrell  
Allison Dietz  
Amy Swy  
Heather Scott  
Beth Russeau  
Jill Hawkins  
Mindy Ovall  
Laura Hill  
Amanda Allen  
Jessica Parsons

### Volleyball Gameday

Adam Linkey  
Brad Stevens

### Congratulations to our student-athletes receiving TCC All-League Honors

#### Football

Offense - **Chase Lee, Gavin Peters, Conner Bott, Brek Ruddy, Trenton Eitnecar**  
Defense - **Shevy Alexander, Logan Riffle, Mason DeBarr, Andy Trejo, Drew Ruddy, Gavin Speweik**  
Honorable Mentions - **Caden Stewart**  
Sportsmanship - **Frankie Palfalvi**

#### Cross Country

1<sup>st</sup> Team - **Alaina McClain**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Team - **Breslin Wing, Briar Wing, Braelynn Chiotti**  
Honorable Mention - **Conner Mills, Cooper Diesing, Rory Vida, Emily Razor**

#### Upcoming Big Games:

Girls JV/V Home Opener 12/2/24 vs Washtenaw Christian @ 5:30PM  
Girls JV/V Home Rivalry Game 2/7/25 vs Summerfield @ 5:30PM

Boys JV/V Home Opener 12/3/24 vs St. Mary Catholic Central @5:30PM  
Boys JV/V Home Mrs. & Mrs. Whiteford/Winterfest Game 1/17/25 vs Sand Creek @5:30PM  
Boys JV/V Home Rivalry Game 1/30/25 vs Summerfield @5:30PM

Home TCC Middle School Boys Tournament 12/5/24 @8:00AM

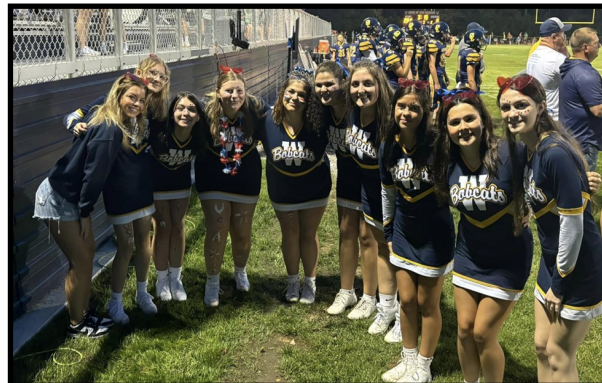
Girls MS Home Opener 1/15/25 vs Summerfield @4:30PM  
TCC Middle School Girls Tournament 3/1/25 at BD, time TBA



QR Code for the Whiteford  
Athletics Calendar of  
Events

# Athletics

The fall seasons brought many team and individual highlights, memories that will last a lifetime. Varsity football logged over 1000 miles in travel and became a playoff qualifier for an incredible 13th straight season. Varsity volleyball won the Adrian Tournament, finished 2nd in league play and Senior **Liv Ruehle** recorded her 1000th dig. Girls' cross country finished 1 pt from winning the league and Senior **Alaina McClain** qualified for the state meet. Boys' cross country brought home a 3rd in the league. Thank you to Varsity cheer for their support at every football game. Great job to all our fall student athletes.



# Homecoming 2024



2023 Homecoming Royalty, Queen **Aubrie Simmons**, with Princess **Millie Ovall** and Prince **Joseph Yockey**



2024 Queen and King **Sophia Williams** and **Connor Bott**



FRESHMAN FLOAT



SOPHOMORE FLOAT



JUNIOR FLOAT



SENIOR FLOAT (WINNER)

# Homecoming 2024



SENIOR QUEEN CANDIDATE  
**LAYLA CONSEAR**



SENIOR QUEEN CANDIDATE  
**MEGAN BUTZ**



SENIOR QUEEN CANDIDATE  
**SOPHIA WILLIAMS**



FRESHMAN CLASS  
REPRESENTATIVE  
**GLORY SPEWEIK**



SOPHOMORE CLASS  
REPRESENTATIVE  
**AVY WOOD**



JUNIOR CLASS  
REPRESENTATIVE  
**KAILEE LAVOY**

*From the booster groups...*

## Music Boosters

Whiteford Music Boosters are currently sponsoring a Citrus Fruit Sale to benefit the music programs and students. You can visit the website [www.floridaindiangroves.com](http://www.floridaindiangroves.com) and check out the amazing fruit offered. If you would like to order some fruit to help our amazing program, please use ID number 803138 and save items in your cart. At the checkout you can choose a student to be credited with the sale and choose "Ship to Organization". Shipping to home address is optional and comes with an extra fee.

Whiteford Music Boosters would like to congratulate the four outstanding Regional C Honors Choir students: **Lana Consear, Leah Wright, Aiden Ghamlouche, and Cooper Diesing.**

The Elementary Christmas program will be held December 12, 2024, with Kindergarten through 2nd grade beginning at 6:00 pm and 3rd through 5th grade beginning at 7:15 pm. The High School program will be held on December 15th at 3:00 pm and the Middle School program will be held on December 19th at 7:00 pm.

Basketball season for High School will be starting soon and Music Boosters will be in need of volunteers to help with concession stands. There will always be a sign-up on Whiteford Music Boosters Facebook page, or you can reach out to Julianne Consear at [scooterann2@gmail.com](mailto:scooterann2@gmail.com).

## Whiteford HS Robotics

# Robotics

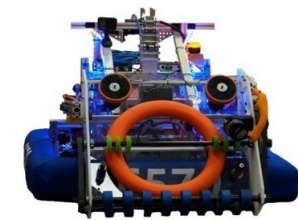
is gearing up to start the new season!

Kick off is in January!

Visit our website or follow us on



for more information!



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## From the booster groups...

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### Whiteford Recreation Club

K-6th Grade Sports (WRC)

Whiteford Recreation volunteers have been working hard this year. Our second year of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade football was a great success with 32 kids and families involved in the program. Thank you coaches Jake Ray, Joe Zilba, Chris Ovall and Jake Baker. You are great leaders for our boys. Flag football also had nearly 80 youth out at our community park twice a week learning how to work as a team thanks to our amazing group of volunteer parents. Great job this season! Don't forget to look for next year's football sign-ups in June.

November means BOYS BASKETBALL! Our six boys' basketball teams are just getting started and the teams are looking great! 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys' teams will begin tournaments at home on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and then travel every weekend until their last tournament at Madison on Dec 21st. Good luck Boys!

GIRLS BASKETBALL and Co-Ed kindergarten clinic will get started when we return from holiday break. We are looking forward to this season. If you're not signed up you can online at our website, but signups are closing soon, don't wait.

In October our team renewed their WRC commitment for one more year. Thanks, team, for all you do.

**President:** Nick Puhl

**Secretary:** Kazia Kramer

**Trustee:** Julianna Consear

**Vice President:** Jake Ray

**Treasurer:** Rachel Jondro

**Trustee:** Heather Berry

Special shout out to Wilkinson Sportswear for always making our kids look great in uniform!

At WRC we are always planning ahead, so don't miss our Spring Sports sign-ups in February.

For all things WRC check out our website at <https://sites.google.com/view/whitefordreassignups/home> or follow us on our Facebook page <https://facebook.com/WhitefordRec>.

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### 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](http://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!

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## From the classroom...

### Middle School / High School

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High School Students in Ms. Childers' art class, Izzy and Grace, came up with the idea of painting on frosted cookies with food coloring as a special Painting Class activity. Students brought in frosting and food coloring and Ms. Childers baked sugar cookies for them. Students were able to decorate 4 cookies however their creative minds desired. Then they could eat them and/or share them with friends.



The Spanish Club had their first meeting on Wednesday, October 30. The Spanish classes are currently studying the Mexican holiday of *el Día de los Muertos*, so the club made sugar skulls to celebrate this holiday. The members also made *Calaveras de bombón y cereal* -marshmallow and cereal skulls to eat. The next meeting will be on December 11 from 3:00-4:00.



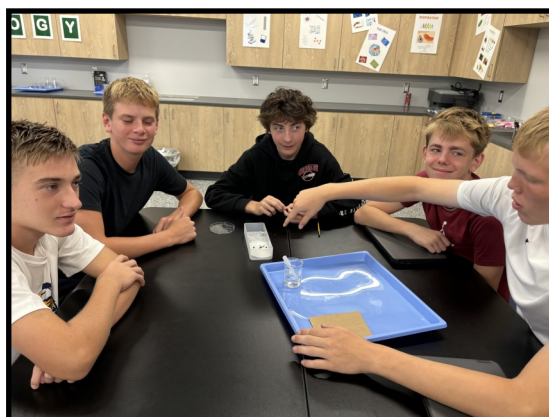
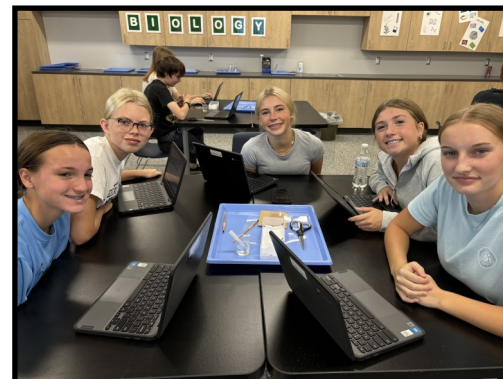
*From the classroom...*

## Middle School / High School

Our middle school **AG Explore Class** students have been working in the barn caring for our chickens. They track the amount of feed consumed, temperature of the pen, weight of chicks, and other observations.



The **9<sup>th</sup> grade science classes** enjoyed some beautiful weather in September searching for specimens for an animal behavior lab. The students are enjoying working in the newly renovated science classroom.



*From the booster groups...*

## Whiteford Parents' Association (WPA) News

Submitted by Ali Houghtaling, WPA President

The WPA has had our first two meetings of the year, and we are excited with the amount of participation and support we have received! It looks like we will have a record-breaking year for our Cookie Dough Fundraiser! Thank you to the students that sold and to the families, and community members that purchased cookies and gifts. Money raised will help keep our events free for students and help us provide funds for requests to support Whiteford.

Dine and Donate Opportunities have been off to a great start. Thank you to Jo-Jo's Original Pizzeria at Mayberry for hosting our October event! Thank you to everyone that participated. It was fun to see so many community members gathered!

### Mark your Calendar for the WPA's Upcoming Events:

- **November 12, Dine and Donate** at Sidelines (8116 Secor Rd. Lambertville, MI) Dine in or Carry Out. Don't forget to mention WPA or share the flyer that will be provided. Look on our Facebook page for additional dates and details. These events will be open to all grade levels and community members and will help raise money for the WPA while supporting local restaurants. A percentage of sales will come back to the WPA with each purchase.
- **November 16**, we will be hosting **Mother/Son Night**. This event will take place in the Middle School gym. Invitations went home in October for our Silly Olympic themed event!
- **December 9-December 13**, WPA is partnering with **Santa's Workshop** to help provide students an opportunity to shop for up to 10 recipients. Donations of gift bags, tissues paper, or more specific items from the Amazon Wishlist would be greatly appreciated! There will be an opportunity to volunteer to help students shop or wrap gifts. This is a great way for Grandparents and community members to be involved and get into the Christmas spirit! Look for a Sign-Up genius online. Please complete the Volunteer Letter and Application available on our District Website.

**WPA Meetings will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM** in the Elementary School cafeteria. Mark your calendars for November 19, January 21, 2025, February 18, March 18, April 15, and May 20. We hope to see you there!

Please **Follow us on Facebook**-simply search for Whiteford Parents' Association! Check there for upcoming events and ways to get involved. Family, Friends, Grandparents, Community Members, we have opportunities throughout the year, and we need you!

From the classroom...

## Elementary

This year, Whiteford Elementary School will focus on a special value each month. September's value was kindness. At the end of each month, one student from each class who is "caught" exemplifying the value of the month in an exceptional way will be recognized with a celebratory breakfast where parents and/or other important family members are invited to join.



On Tuesday, October 8th, and Wednesday, October 9th, our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students had the exciting opportunity to participate in a "Book Tasting" event. The kids were able to explore seven different genres of books in order to foster their love of literacy and introduce them to new book choices!



From the classroom...

## Elementary

October 28, 2024 through October 31, 2024, 5th grade attended Camp Michindoh.



## Happy Halloween

Ms. Kwasniak and Bitsy led the annual elementary Halloween parade.

