

# WHITEFORD AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Office of the Superintendent of Schools



### SUPERINTENDENT FAMILY BULLETIN

April 1, 2024

#### GREETING

Hey, Bobcat Families! April is our Testing Month! I like to compare testing to making a visit to the doctor for a "well-visit" check-up. As children grow, doctors weigh our children and measure their height. The doctors chart their growth and compare it to other children of the same age. They use these charts to understand how children are growing to intervene as soon as possible when needed. We all know how important it is for our children to grow academically. In fact, successful learning at an early age is probably one of the most important factors in a child's development, both inside and outside of school.

In order to ensure a child's continued success in school, our district gives regular screeners to all KG-8 th grade students in the fall, winter, and spring. We also administer state and national assessments to help create a data "narrative or story" as we seek several data points in determining growth and achievement. Just as doctors use children's weight and height as "well checks" to measure healthy growth and development, we use these screeners and assessments as "well checks" to measure growth of academic skills. Our teachers will use the "well checks" to help plan instruction, interventions, and monitor student progress over time. As your children begin taking assessments this month, please encourage them to give their best effort as we use the data "narrative or story" to determine how to best serve our students' well-being! We are better together - We are Whiteford!

My best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott L. Huard".

Scott L. Huard, ED.S.  
Superintendent

#### APRIL 8 EARLY RELEASE

The Great American Eclipse is set to occur on Monday, April 8, 2024. The path is projected to just miss Southeast Michigan. We're in the 95% eclipse zone, so we'll see a near total solar eclipse on April 8, 2024. In Toledo, the partial eclipse will begin at 1:56 p.m. EDT and the total eclipse begins at 3:13 p.m. EDT. The duration will likely be somewhere around 1 minute, and 47 seconds and the partial eclipse will end at 4:26 p.m. We want to get students safely home prior to this event. On April 8, we will have a half-day dismissal with elementary at 10:55am and secondary at 11:05am.

#### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

If you missed Kindergarten Round-Up on March 14, please contact Marcy Anderson at: [anderson@whiteford.k12.mi.us](mailto:anderson@whiteford.k12.mi.us) to register your kindergartener.

#### SUBSTITUTES NEEDED

We are currently in need of substitutes for our Administrative Assistants and Paraprofessionals/Aides positions in both our elementary and middle/high school buildings. If you are looking for a fun way to get involved in our amazing school community, please consider filling in as a substitute in one of our main offices or helping our incredible students and teachers as a classroom paraprofessional/aide. As a substitute, you can pick and choose what days you work. Interested applicants must apply through Applitrack by clicking [HERE](#) or by visiting the school website and clicking on the "Job Postings" button on the homepage. Come join our Bobcat school family!

#### APRIL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The next Board of Education meeting is April 8, 2024. The meeting will begin at 6pm in the board room located in the MS/HS. The Board of Education agenda is posted the Friday preceding a meeting: [BOE Agenda & Minutes](#).

## ANNUAL EDUCATION REPORTS

Both the district and the school Annual Education Reports are available for review. You can access these by visiting our website under Publications and Annual Reports or [here](#). A paper copy is also available in the building or Superintendent offices.

## SCHOOL OF CHOICE WINDOW NOW OPEN

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. The Monroe County Schools of Choice application window will open April 1, 2024 - June 28, 2024. Applications are available on our website [www.whiteford.k12.mi.us](http://www.whiteford.k12.mi.us) located [here](#), or you can access a hardcopy application at the Superintendent's Office. Remember, a student must be released by his/her resident district. Here is the School of Choice Process:

- Student and parent(s) complete the application and file it with the RESIDENT district.
- Application is reviewed to determine if the student meets guidelines to participate in the program.
- Students who do not qualify are notified by the RESIDENT district and the process ends.
- For studentS who do qualify, the RESIDENT district signs the application and forwards it to the CHOICE district.
- The CHOICE district informs applicant whether or not space is available at the district. This communication is copied and sent to the RESIDENT district, so all parties know who has been accepted by the CHOICE district.
- If space is not available, the family is notified, and are placed on a waitlist or the process ends.
- For students accepted by the CHOICE district, parents/guardians MUST formally enroll the student.

## STRATEGIC PLAN PILLARS OF SUCCESS

[Whiteford Strategic Plan 2022-2027](#)

→ **ENGAGED** in purposeful learning.

→ **EMPOWERED** for a meaningful role in our dynamic world.

→ **ENCOURAGED** by our community.

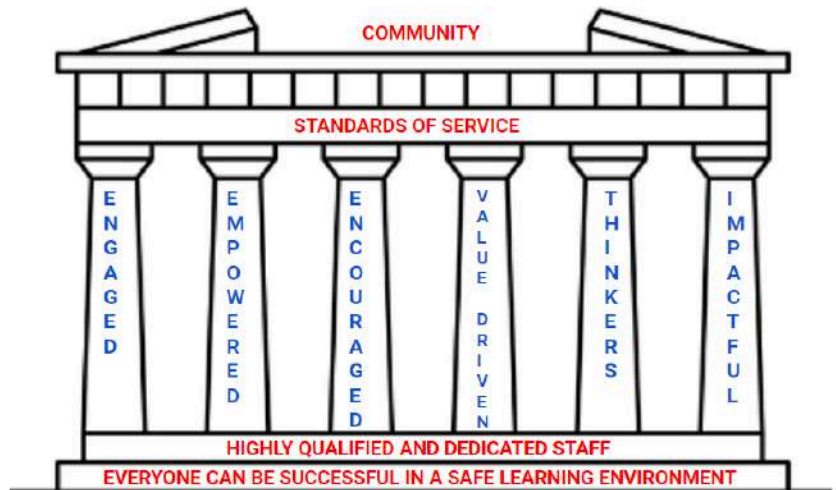
→ **VALUE DRIVEN** leaders.

→ Critical **THINKERS**.

→ **IMPACTFUL** in their community.

→ **STANDARDS OF SERVICE** We will treat all stakeholders (students, staff, parents/guardians, community members) with respect, kindness, and professionalism at all times.

→ **COMMUNITY** promotes, cultivates, and celebrates student and district success.



## BREAKFAST/LUNCH MENUS

<https://whiteford.nutrislice.com/menu>

## SCHOOL CALENDARS

[2023-2024 School Calendar](#)

[2024-2025 School Calendar](#)

## ATHLETICS WEBSITE/CALENDAR

<https://www.whiteford.k12.mi.us/athletics/>

## THIS WEEK

April 1 No School - Easter Break  
April 2 MS Track First Official Practice  
April 2 Whiteford Recreation Meeting 7pm MS/HS Media Center

## UPCOMING

April 8 Early Release Elementary 10:55am; MS/HS 11:05am  
April 8 Board of Education Meeting 6pm MS/HS Board Rm  
April 10 State Testing Day, No School Grades KG-7th and 12th  
April 13 WPA Daddy Daughter Dance 6-8pm Elementary Cafeteria  
April 16 3rd Grade Field Trip: Imagination Station 9:40-2pm  
April 16 WPA Meeting 6pm Elementary Cafeteria  
April 19 FFA Field Trip: Skills Contests MSU 6:15-3pm  
April 20 Junior/Senior Prom 2023 7-11pm  
April 22 American Red Cross Blood Drive 9am Auxiliary Gym  
April 22 8th/10th Grade Field Trip: Zekelman Holocaust Center 8-2:30pm  
April 23 MC Career Expo 9-1pm MC Fair Grounds  
April 25 Track & Field Youth Camp 3-4:30pm  
April 28-May 1 FFA Field Trip: Leadership Camp  
April 30 1st Grade Field Trip: Ritter Astrophysical Research 9:30-1pm  
May 2 5th Grade Field Trip: Toledo Zoo 9:30-2:30pm  
May 2 Track & Field Youth Camp 3-4:30pm  
May 3 FFA Banquet 5pm MS Gym  
May 4-June 2 FFA Greenhouse Open  
May 6 FFA Ag Awareness Day 8-3pm  
May 7 Whiteford Recreation Meeting 7pm MS/HS Media Center  
May 8 MS Field Trip: Mud Hens Game 9-2pm  
May 9 KG Field Trip: Wildwood Preserve Metropark 9-12:30pm  
May 10 2nd Grade Field Trip: Toledo Zoo 9:30-2pm  
May 13 Board of Education Meeting 6pm Board Rm  
May 14 FFA Banquet MS Gym 6pm  
May 14 5th Grade Field Trip: Sauder Village 8:15-2:45pm  
May 15 Athletic Signing Day  
May 17 Elementary Field Day/Carnival Day  
May 19 Senior Sunday 5pm HS Gym  
May 20-24 Senior Exams  
May 21 WPA Meeting 6pm Elementary Cafeteria  
May 22 HS Academic Award Assembly 2-3pm HS Gym  
May 23 Baccalaureate Service 12-2:00pm  
May 24 Seniors Last Day  
May 27 No School - Memorial Day  
May 28 MS Academic Assembly 2-3pm MS Gym  
May 28 MS Spring Concert 7-9:00pm  
May 29 Senior Breakfast 8am MS/ HS Cafeteria  
May 29 Senior Rehearsal 9am  
May 29 Senior Parade 6-7:30pm  
May 29 Senior Sunset 7:30pm HS Gym  
May 30 Commencement Crossroads Community Church 7pm  
May 31 Elementary Field Day/Carnival Day Rain Date  
June 4 Whiteford Recreation Meeting 7pm MS/HS Media Center  
June 5 Early Release Elementary 10:55am; MS/HS 11:05am  
June 6 End of 4th Marking Period  
June 6 Early Release Elementary 10:55am; MS/HS 11:05am  
June 10-June 14 Camp Invention (Incoming KG-6th Grade)