

# WHITEFORD AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Office of the Superintendent of Schools



### SUPERINTENDENT FAMILY BULLETIN

April 7, 2024

#### GREETING

Hey, Bobcat Families! 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. Even though this is a half day, it is important that we have students in attendance. If we do not have 75% of our student body at school on Monday, we can't count it as a day of instruction, and we risk having to make the day up later in June at the end of the school year. If you are making special plans to view the Solar Eclipse, we ask that you please make sure your child is in school, and take advantage of the early release to then travel to your viewing destination. We are better together - We are Whiteford!

My best,

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

Scott L. Huard, ED.S.  
Superintendent

#### FREE WATER SAMPLES - MDHHS

The Monroe County Health Department (MCHD), the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), and Pilot Travel Centers LLC (Pilot) are continuing to respond to the diesel fuel leak at the intersection of US-23/US-223. Through a partnership with the entities listed above, the MCHD is announcing that ALL residents of Whiteford Township who get their water from a private residential well are eligible to have their water sampled free of charge. If you are a Whiteford Township resident with an onsite drinking water supply (well water), you can now call 1-844-934-1315 to schedule an appointment to have your water tested! If you have any questions about water sampling, please call MDHHS at 844-934-1315.

#### FAMILIES AFFECTED BY GAS LEAK

For families unable to use their water due to the Pilot gas leak, Whiteford Schools is offering families the opportunity to use our new high school locker rooms for private showering or other personal hygiene needs. The locker rooms could be accessed in the evening after school and additionally on the weekends. We also have a limited supply of bottled water cases that can be distributed to those families in need. We understand that there are many families within our community that are unable to use their well water until further testing and monitoring can be done. We want to support these families the best way we can, so we encourage those families to reach out to the school for support. Interested families should contact Scott Huard at: [scott.huard@whiteford.k12.mi.us](mailto:scott.huard@whiteford.k12.mi.us) to learn more about locker room usage or obtaining free cases of water.

#### 4TH GRADE FLOWER SALE FUNDRAISER

The fourth grade flower sale fundraiser has begun, and ordering information can be found on our Facebook and the Whiteford webpage. If you are interested in ordering, please do so by Friday, April 19. The pickup day is Thursday, May 9 from 8am to 6pm in the elementary parking lot. The flower sale helps fourth graders offset the cost of fifth-grade camp next fall. The beautiful flowers are sold through Ottawa Lake's Lievens Farms and many look forward to this event every year.

## BUS SERVICE

We are currently short a bus driver, and we have limited substitute drivers that are covering this shortage. We have instituted a rolling cancellation of AM and PM routes to ensure equity with our bus service. We apologize to our families that utilize our bus service daily, and we are actively looking for permanent and substitute bus drivers. If you are interested in learning more about filling either position, please contact Charlie Butz at: [cbutz@whiteford.k12.mi.us](mailto:cbutz@whiteford.k12.mi.us).

## 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](#).

## 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 be 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 is 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](#)

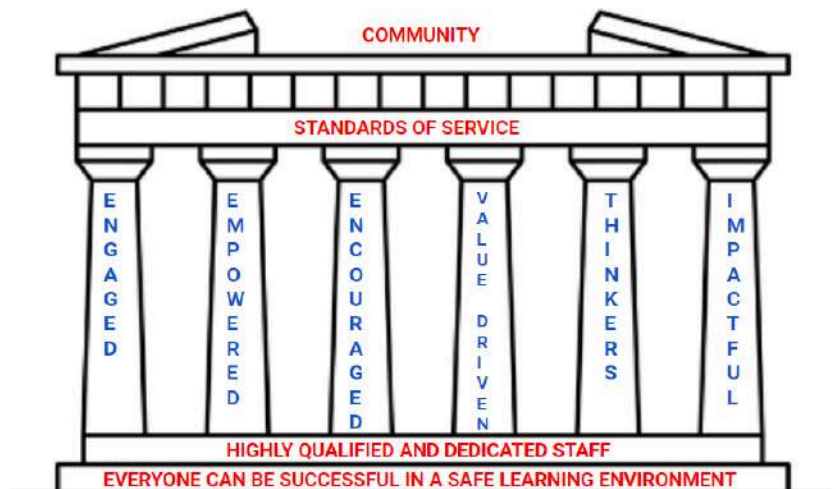
→ **ENGAGED** in purposeful learning.

→ **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 8	Early Release Elementary 10:55am; MS/HS 11:05am
April 8	Board of Education Meeting 6pm MS/HS Board Rm
April 9	WPA Dine & Donate Funagin's 6-8pm
April 10	State Testing Day, No School Grades KG-7th and 12th
April 13	WPA Daddy Daughter Dance 6-8pm Elementary Cafeteria

## **UPCOMING**

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 9-2pm 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 21	4th Grade Field Trip: Ann Arbor Hands on Museum
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	1st Grade Field Trip: Ritter Planetarium
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)