

# Bobcat Tales

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Ottawa Lake, MI 49267



## 2018-2019 SCHOOL HOURS / CALENDAR

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

Dec. 23-  
Jan. 2.....NO SCHOOL  
(Christmas / Winter Break)

Jan. 15-17 .....SEMESTER EXAMS

Jan. 16-17 .....EARLY DISMISSAL

Jan. 20 .....NO SCHOOL  
(Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

JFeb. 25 .....EARLY DISMISSAL

Apr. 3.....EARLY DISMISSAL

Apr. 6-10 .....NO SCHOOL  
(Spring Break)

Apr. 14.....STATE TESTING DAY

May 3 .....EARLY DISMISSAL

May 25 .....NO SCHOOL  
(Memorial Day)

June 3-5 .....SEMESTER EXAMS

June 4-5\* .....EARLY DISMISSAL  
\* 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  
10 AM—11:30 AM

#### Zion Lutheran Church

2nd/4th Tuesday of Month  
9 AM—1 PM

# 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)

December 2019

## WHITEFORD AGRICULTURAL SCHOOLS BOND PROPOSAL

Thank you...   
Whiteford  
Township voters



Thank you for supporting our  
school and students!



*Superintendent  
of Schools*  
**VALERIE ORR**

## Board of Education

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Upcoming  
Board of  
Education Meetings  
6:00 PM

January 13, 2020  
(additional meeting  
dates to be deter-  
mined at this  
meeting)

High School Library

**District  
Mission / Vision**

*Engaged ...  
in our learning  
Encouraged ...  
by our community  
Empowered ...  
for our world*

***We are Whiteford!***

## SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE...

Dear Whiteford Community,

Welcome to our latest edition of the Bobcat Tales. I hope you enjoy reading all about our amazing students and the accomplishments they have made over the last few months. The Bobcat Tales are published every two months and is the district's primary source of communication with the Whiteford community. If you know of someone who is not receiving the Bobcat Tales but should be, please have them contact my office at (734) 856-1443 ext. 106. The tales are mailed to every resident in Whiteford Township as well as our school of choice families who have students currently attending the district.

On November 5<sup>th</sup>, the Whiteford community once again showed their strong commitment to the success of the Whiteford Agricultural School District and our students. We can't thank our voters enough for the recent passage of our school bond mileage. The upgrades that are planned are both exciting and invigorating for our students and staff. When we returned to school on that Wednesday following the election, the students and staff were incredibly excited about the future of the school district and the plans for improvement. We will be keeping the community updated on the progress of bond projects by posting updates on the district web-site and including updates in future editions of the Bobcat Tales. Please look to both of those for information regarding project timelines, etc., but always feel free to call my office directly with questions as well.

Finally, during this holiday season of giving, I am very proud of the many ways our students and staff have engaged in giving back to the community. The outreach has occurred at all three levels; elementary, middle, and high school. Whether it was a food drive, adopting a family for Christmas, or community performance, our Bobcats continue to make us proud. I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the students and staff who are involved in these activities for showing Bobcat Pride and making someone's Christmas a little brighter this year.

Once again, thank you Whiteford for your support this year. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I hope your 2020 is your best year yet! Go Bobcats!

Sincerely,

*Valerie Orr*

Valerie Orr  
Superintendent

## Whiteford FFA News

*Submitted by Emma Spradling & Paige Thomas*

On November 6<sup>th</sup>, Whiteford FFA members competed at the State FFA Broiler Contest at Munsell's Poultry Processing in Fowlerville, Michigan. These students raised their animals from chicks until processing size through mixing their own feed, cleaning pens, and supplying water and various other tasks. This was at a six week project in which each group has the responsibility of 25 chickens and have to select their top 5 in uniformity, size, and meat qualities. Groups also have to complete a 15 page written report that includes graphs, pictures, and data from the project. The following are the Whiteford contest results:



### High School Teams (of 162 total teams)

1. Chicken--6<sup>th</sup> place, Gold award: Braxton Hammons-Kirby, Erica Holup, Nick Mills, Melanie Jakubowski, Logan DeBruyne, Brayden Luse, and Brody English
2. White Chix--22<sup>nd</sup> place, Gold award: Allison Spradling, Emily Raymond, Alaina Andrews, Katie Butz, Jessica Ulery, Alyssa Ulery, McKenzie Ulery, Madelyn Thomas and Ava Siler
3. Scrambled Eggs--34<sup>th</sup> place, Silver award: Ali Bauman, Aly VanBrandt, Miranda Trejo, Hayden Siler, Ava Hillard, Carter Ruehle, and Luke Rasor
4. Big Bird--37<sup>th</sup> place, Silver award: Makaylah Pello, Susie Howell, Brandeon Kreutz, Emma Franklin, Ethan Emch, Logan Brown and Dylan Koepfler
5. Ninja Chicks--79<sup>th</sup> place: Mason Fielding, Kennedy McCollum, Hailey Riffle, Shan Suchora, Braedon Mills, Ethan Jaqua, Max McLaughlin, and Isabella Reed
6. Thou Boyz--89<sup>th</sup> place: Nick Poland, Owen Knaggs, Aidan Cousino, Eli Dyer, Shea Ruddy, Jake Giesige, Parker Tarnowski, Charlie Zdybek and Tyler Greer

### Middle School Teams (of 15 teams)

1. KFC--1<sup>st</sup> place, STATE WINNER: Reagan Wing, Abigail Johnson, Ryn Ruddy, Aubrie Simmons, Joshua Hill, Jayden Crook, Andrew Pello, Austin Welker, Cooper Bieber, Sofie Minkowski, and Austin Lichner
  2. Hay Hay--4<sup>th</sup> place, Gold Award: Christy Park, Rylie DeSilvis, Liam Waterford, Van Broshious, Noah Stevens, Gaspere Pirrone, Brandon Rozek, Austin Thornton, Frank Emmenecker, Jacob Iott, Kenzie Gray, and Kolby Masserant
- In the picture below, Alaina Andrews, Madelyn Thomas and Allison Spradling are listening to the judge and what he has to say about their projects and how to improve.

In other FFA news, high school seniors Mallory Simmons and Lainey Hillard competed at the regional Farm Bureau Discussion Meet at Milan High School on November 13<sup>th</sup>. They prepared themselves to discuss their opinions of modern issues in agriculture and came up with solutions to those problems. Mallory placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the event and was an alternate to compete at the state annual contest in Grand Rapids.



**Congratulations to all FFA members for their hard work and dedication to their contest and our program.**



## Homecoming 2019 Update



On Friday, October 4th, Mallory Simmons was crowned 2019 Homecoming Queen. She is the daughter of Jeremy and Anita Simmons. After graduation, Mallory plans to attend a Christian University and double major in kinesiology and business administration.

On Saturday, October 5th, J. Braedon Mills was crowned the 2019 Homecoming King. Braedon is the son of Scott and Corey Mills. After graduation, Braedon plans to begin his college career at Monroe Community College. He will then continue his college studies at Eastern Michigan University with a double major in Cyber Security and Ethical Hacking.

## Whiteford Parents' Association (WPA) News

Submitted by Jaclyn Warren

The holiday season is in full swing and the WPA has been **busy**!

The WPA hosted its annual craft and vendor show on November 2<sup>nd</sup>; thank you to all the crafters and vendors who participated, and all the shoppers who came out to support them!

Otis Spunkmeyer cookies were delivered mid-November, just in time for Thanksgiving desserts. We want to thank everyone who helped make the sale a success by ordering, and especially thank all the volunteers who helped sort, pass out and load cookies on delivery day.

Our final holiday event every year is Santa's workshop, and this one was bittersweet: the person who has overseen it for the last several years is stepping down and we were unable to find a volunteer to take it over, so it is with sadness that we announce that Santa's workshop has closed its doors for the final time. We want to give a special thank you to all the volunteers who helped make it memorable for the kids, this year and in years past.

The first meeting of the new year will be January 21<sup>st</sup> in the elementary cafeteria. Planning will begin for the many events the WPA sponsors the second half of each school year: the daddy/daughter dance, mother/son night, elementary talent show, and spring carnival will all be coming up in the next few months. We would love to have new faces come to share their ideas for these events.

Parents and grandparents are welcome at all meetings, and as volunteers for events. We can't do it without you! If you would like to help but can't make the meetings, feel free to email us at [whiteford.parents@gmail.com](mailto:whiteford.parents@gmail.com). Many of our volunteer opportunities take place outside of normal school/work hours, so there are plenty of ways for you to be involved. Plan to come to the meetings but just can't remember? Email us with your phone number and you can get an email and/or text reminder prior to the meeting. You can also follow us on Facebook-just

## WINTER SPORTS

Submitted by Mr. Jason Mensing, Director of Student Advancement/Athletic Director

Winter sports are here and we are excited about the Basketball and Cheer season. Our Boys Middle School Basketball and Cheer season is completed prior to Christmas break. It is our goal that our boys will be able to participate in 15 games this winter; with 28 boys participating this year it is obvious that basketball remains a very popular sport here at Whiteford. Our JV and Varsity Boys and Girls teams have begun practices both opening their seasons hosting rival Blissfield in early December.

Coach Nick Abalos returns for his second season as our boys coach this year building on a strong foundational season last year. Coach Manley returns for his 5<sup>th</sup> season as the head coach of our girls varsity basketball team. He has over 20 years of experience coaching and we are grateful for his wisdom and leadership that he brings our coaching staff. As our young teams grow and mature throughout this season, we anticipate energetic and fun teams to support. We encourage you to come help fill the gym and cheer on both our boys and girls teams. Additionally, we plan to host our winter homecoming on February 14<sup>th</sup> in which we will be hosting a Girls/Boys Varsity double header to highlight both of our teams.



## Bleed Blue!!!

## PREPARING FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

Submitted by Mr. Jason Mensing, Director of Student Advancement/Athletic Director

As we prepare for the winter months, our office is busy getting ready for the 2020-2021 School year. As soon as the second semester begins we start our scheduling process for our 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grade students. This commences with a class meeting to give an overview of all options and pathways for future years. The students take this information and mark their requested courses which is then sent home for parental signature. We then sit down and meet with each student and enter their requests into our computer system. This allows us to build a schedule that will minimize course conflicts for students and maximize the potential of students receiving the courses they requested.

Prior to our individual meetings, 10<sup>th</sup> grade students who have interest in Career and Technical Education at Bedford schools have the opportunity to go visit their programs and see if these were opportunities that they want to take advantage of. As many of you know there are numerous opportunities for students to earn college credit, take courses that involve hands on applications, and take virtual courses to expose themselves to content they would not be able to otherwise. These individual meetings are one of the highlights of my job as I get to sit and discuss student's goals with them as we try to build a pathway that will expose them to different areas of interest so they can help identify their long term ambitions.

Ultimately, if you have questions with our scheduling process or the unique offerings at Whiteford, please give me a call at 734-856-1443, ext. 103 so that I can secure every student a schedule that will best prepare them for their post-secondary plans.



# Family Literacy Events at Whiteford Elementary



On two separate evenings this fall, Whiteford Elementary School hosted Family Literacy Nights for all students and families that were able to attend! Each of these events included a read aloud story, including an informational book titled "Her Right Foot" by Dave Eggers, and a math related story called "Zero the Hero" by Joan Holub. These books provided a central theme for each night; The Statue of Liberty, and Super Heroes re-

spectively. Mrs. Shelly DeVantier, Reading Specialist, shared each story to a packed elementary cafeteria, and then everyone in attendance broke out into four stations.

These groups included; a writing station where all of the kids wrote postcards that related to The Statue of Liberty idea and number words and story problems to support the math story,



a STEM station where Lady Liberty was constructed from everyday materials, as well as 3D puzzles of the statue. The students also constructed Hoop Gliders to determine which design would fly the farthest like Zero the Hero from the story. There was a math station that included a life size poster of a 25 foot right sandal of the statue as well as the entire height marked off outside. An art station provided materials for decorating the main character Zero, along with a 100s chart for the kids to take home as well. Lastly, there was a science station that invited the students the clean copper pennies with different solutions as they learned about oxidation and patina weathering; just like the Statue of Liberty!

Each night ended with a new take home book; the initial story was about the Statue of Liberty and the second picture book called, "A Place for Zero". These books were generously donated by the Whiteford Parent's Association, the Bedford Lion's Club, and the Whiteford Elementary Literacy Committee provided for each child. The kids also received a hotdog, chips, and a drink on the first night, and breakfast for dinner at the second event. Participants could also check out the Monroe County Book Mobile that made an appearance during both events.

The next Family Literacy Night is scheduled for Wednesday, February 16 from 5:00–6:30pm with a focus on STEM! All students and their families are invited to attend for another evening of family fun!



# WHITEFORD RECREATION CLUB NEWS

Submitted by Mr. Ryan Dubendorfer, Vice President

The Whiteford Recreation Club Board of Trustees recently re-elected officers through September 2020. Nick Puhl - president, Ryan Dubendorfer - vice president, Amy Masters - treasurer, Jake Ray - trustee and Anna Brown - trustee. Two vacancies have yet to be filled: secretary and trustee. Please contact Nick Puhl (nickp3441@bex.net) or Ryan Dubendorfer (ryanduby@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining and helping organize sports for our children. We only ask for an hour of your time each month!

The WRC Board of Trustees meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the high school library. We welcome and encourage your input. Continue to watch for updates in the Weekly News Blast. Basketball registration forms for kindergarten clinic and 1st and 2nd graders will be sent home in December. We will wrap up the 2019 basketball season for our 3rd—6th grade boys just before Christmas. Practices for 3rd-6th grade girls will begin after Christmas break. Any cancellations due to weather will be announced by coaches and also on our facebook page. Follow <https://www.facebook.com/WhitefordRec> for updates.

## ELEMENTARY HONOR ROLL (1ST QUARTER)

### 5th Grade—All A's

Alcock, Brayden  
Bauman, Austin  
Billau, Austin  
Call, Cooper  
Lestock, Kate  
Luse, Kayla  
Masters, Marissa  
McCormack, Mason  
Messerschmidt, Kloe  
Ruddy, Brek  
Schober, Cade  
Schroyer, Audrey  
Stevens, Anna  
Stevens, Ava  
Valasek, Jamie  
Wood, Avy

### 5th Grade—A/B List

Bieber, Gus  
Brace, Isabella  
Brandon, Phoebe  
Buechele-Sloan, Philip  
Burton, Bradyn  
DeBarr, Sierra  
DuRocher, Delaney  
Eitniet, Tre  
Guilliam, Isabelle  
Hinojosa, Alexia  
Hoag, Riley  
Hughes, Anthony  
Joerin, Theo  
Johns, Sage  
Kahn, Sophia  
Light, Noelle

McCullough,, Jason  
Montrose, Conner  
Prange, Amber  
Ray, Cooper  
Saylor III, Jess  
Schumacher, Hailey  
Smith, Ava  
Stewart, Caden  
Thomas, Ryan  
Tyrrell, Brookelynn  
Valasek-Wienclaw, Alisyn  
Wahl, Layne  
Williams, Leah  
Wright, Leah

### 4th Grade—All A's

Butz, Ava  
Cole, Kiera  
Cousino, Jackson  
Griffith, Allison  
Hamid, Sadia  
Ingram, Rilee  
Jurgenson, Harlow  
Krieger, Jacob  
Luzier, Mason  
Masters, Brody  
Miller, Mason  
Morgan, Lillie  
Olrich, Jade  
Podgorski, Brady  
Rodriguez, Brooklyn  
Schoen, Eva  
Speweik, Glory  
Suchora, Eva  
Vida, Molly

Vida, Rory  
White, Brielle

### 4th Grade—A/B List

Anthony, Tori  
Babcock, Jameson  
Ballert, Logan  
Benoit, Quinn  
Couture, Lillian  
Diesing, Maddox  
Donbrosky, Duncan  
Ellis, Camden  
Hall, Juliana  
Keller, Lane  
Marsh, Ian  
McCoy, Shaelin  
Meinert, Gavin  
Mercurio, Levi  
Olson, Alivea  
Perry, Jeter  
Shingleton, Kallie  
Thompson, George





MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL (1ST QUARTER)

12th Grade—All A's

Andrews, Luke  
Bieber, Kaylee  
Dauterman, Sophia  
DiTerlizzi, Natalia  
DuVall, Elizabeth  
Gapp, Paul Daniel  
Gozdowski, Jessica  
Howell, Susan  
Lenhart, Adam  
Morse, Chase  
Murray, Kennedy

12th Grade—A/B List

Buck, Emily  
Hagan, Joshua  
Haubrich, Kyle  
Hillard, Lainey  
Hizer, Hayden  
Kolmar, Trenton  
Mercurio, Jessica  
Simmons, Mallory  
Teszna, Brodi  
Wilson, Jordan  
Wilson, Megan  
Wing, Clayton  
Yount, Taylor

11th Grade—All A's

Borowicz, Kyleigh  
Donnelly, Leah  
Gapp, Isaac  
Lee, Madison  
Oberle, Sarah  
Olrich, Emma  
Schober, Alison  
Smith, Jaden  
Spradling, Emma  
Sybert, Mackenzie  
Thomas, Paige  
Walton, Caleb  
Williams, Payton

11th Grade—A/B List

Brown, Jordan  
Dixon, Andrew  
Durden, Trent  
Dyer, Evan  
Lee, Macie  
Olrich, Morgan  
Overmann, Alena  
Pello, Angelina  
Rodgers, Christian

Sonnenberg, Josie  
Tores, Harmony  
Urrutia, Josah  
VanHove, Emma  
Wynn, Austin

10th Grade—All A's

Andrews, Jack  
Bauman, Zoe  
Creque, Jami  
DeBarr, McKenna  
Giesige, Cole  
Hillard, Levi  
Holup, Stephen  
Kohler, Mackinzie  
Kolmar, Kyra  
Miller, Sidney  
Murray, Timothy  
Oberle, Ryan  
Ruddy, Ty  
VanBrandt, Adrianna  
Webb, Hannah  
Willis, Caleb  
Wright, Emily

10th Grade—A/B List

Bauman, Noah  
Fielding, Mason  
Hizer, Owen  
Holliger, Rachel  
Howell, Molly  
Joerin, Isaiah  
Keller, Berlynn  
Oberle, Nicholas  
Parker, Cole  
Rose-McBea, Jada  
Ruehle, Cooper  
Simmons, Ellie  
Turvey, Keira  
Wing, Rylyn  
Yavorsky, Makaila

9th Grade—All A's

Andrews, Alaina  
Bauman, Ali  
Blanchard, Morgan  
Butz, Katie  
DeBruyne, Lexi  
Donnelly, Addison  
Dyer, Eli  
French, Thomas  
Giesige, Jake  
Hillard, Ava  
Holup, Erica

LaVoy, Kaitlyn  
Luse, Brayden  
McCollum, Kennedy  
Mensing, Case  
Norman, Halle  
Rasor, Luke  
Ruddy, Shea  
Russell, Kennedy  
Spradling, Allison  
Thomas, Madelyn  
Ulery, Alyssa  
Ulery, Jessica  
Ulery, Mackenzie  
VanBrandt, Alyssa

9th Grade—A/B List

Acton, Alexander  
Anderson, Dylan  
Cousino, Aidan  
DeBruyne, Logan  
Diesing, Jaedon  
Ellis, Alena  
Ghamlouche, Bellamy  
Gorney, Braden  
Greer, Tyler  
Guilliam, Emily  
Knaggs, Owen  
Kolmar, Cameron  
Raymond, Emily  
Siler, Ava  
Speweik, Quinn  
Szymanski, Kaylee  
Turvey, Sarah  
Waterford, Michael

8th Grade—All A's

Alexander, Shaylin  
Bahls, Carleton  
DeSilvis, Rylie  
Gorney, Ava  
Griffith, Keira  
Hill, Joshua  
Minkowski, Sofie  
Podgorski, Maysen  
Ruddy, Ryn  
Schober, Anna  
Simmons, Aubrie  
Tammerine, Lexie  
Thomas, Margo  
Vida, Luke  
Webb, Jillian  
Wing, Reagan

8th Grade—A/B List

Aguado, Miasofia  
Bennett, Julianna

Brace, Victoria  
Briem, Savannah  
Conard, Karlei  
Gapp, Anna  
Gray, Kenzie  
Ioff, Jackson  
Ioff, Jacob  
Joerin, Lincoln  
Johnson, Abigail  
Kahn, Zachary  
Lay, Joslyn  
Olrich, Trent  
Park, Christy  
Parker, Evan  
Perry, Samantha  
Schaefer, Jacqueline  
Sheldon, Kaydence  
Stevens, Noah  
Szymanski, Joseph  
Turvey, Emily  
VanBrandt, Mason  
Wells, Alleck  
Wernet, Emma  
Wotring, Anna

7th Grade—All A's

Call, Dawson  
Joerin, Rylan  
Luse, Haley  
Masters, Brendon  
McClain, Alaina  
Rasor, Emily

7th Grade—A/B List

Billau, Lily  
Consear, Layla  
Cousino, Avery  
Crots, Marin  
Delmotte, Logan  
Ghamlouche, Aiden  
Hill, Emily  
Linkey, Adam  
Lehsten, Isabell  
Lorenzen, Mariah  
Mills, Brooklyn  
Olrich, Jack  
Puehle, Olivia  
Saylor, Jenna  
Swan, Clara

6th Grade—All A's

Alexander, Shevy  
Andrews, Nate  
Bahls, Mallory  
Bauman, Nina

Billau, Koralynn  
Brown, Nolan  
Burke, Grace  
Chung, Iza  
Consear, Lana  
Cousino, Addeson  
Diesing, Cooper  
Dyer Brandt  
French, Samuel  
Griffith, Cole  
Hamid, Sarah  
Hillard, Brody  
Jablonski, Joseph  
LaVoy, Kailee  
Montrose, Blake  
Pawson, Allison  
Ross, Grace  
Ruddy, Drew  
Schalmo, Garrett  
Schroyer, Caden  
Scott, Jake  
Shingleton, Rory  
Spradling, Bailey  
Thomas, Keegan  
VanHove, Addyson  
Welker, Tyler  
Wing, Briar

6th Grade—A/B List

Collins, James  
DeBarr, Mason  
Douse, Emma  
DuBois, Lucas  
Emch, Zayne  
McCormack, Lincoln  
McCullough, Everett  
McCune, Morgan  
Norman, Brock  
Smith-Emerson, Samantha  
Speweik, Gabriel  
Vore, Troy  
Walker, Nolan  
Wells, Ayden  
Wotring, Shelby

Creating “Pumpkin” Reports!

Submitted by Ms. Amie Hanselman, Fourth Grade Teacher

When I started in Whiteford 3 years ago, I was excited to join a small town community like the one I had graduated from. What I was expecting from this incredible community was nothing compared to what I experienced! After reaching out to Jake Gust about potentially having some pumpkins donated or bought, Jake and Gust Brothers Farm donated over 50 pumpkins for EVERY 4th grader to decorate and take part in our book project activity!

This year in October, instead of completing a “regular” book report, students participated in doing a book project. After reading a book of their choosing, they answered questions about the book, like what point of view it was written in, what were the characters like, and more! Then, students came back to school and got to decorate pumpkins to look like a character from their book, using paint, pipe cleaners, glitter, and more!

Thanks to Gust Brothers Farm, every 4th grader was able to decorate a pumpkin in class! Over 54 pumpkins were donated graciously. Never did I expect such generosity, yet it was gifted from this tight knit community that I’m lucky enough to be a part of. Students were able to take their pumpkins home right in time for Halloween to be displayed proudly! Our 4th grade bobcats owe a HUGE thank you to Jake Gust and Gust Brothers for providing us with an awesome reading and creating experience!





## LEGO ROBOTICS IN THE CLASSROOM

*Submitted by Mrs. Lindsey Kunkel, STEM Teacher*

For the last couple of months, the Whiteford Stem Program and the Sylvania Stem Center were able to partner together to bring to the students Lego robotics and simple machines. It has been a blast working with them! The Sylvania Stem Center has educated the students as well as myself as a teacher!

During our STEM special time, the elementary grades have been designing, building, and programming Legos. The Kindergarten and First Grade classes have created simple machines out of Legos. We have talked about pulleys, levers, gears, and wheels and axels. The students worked in groups to build each simple machine and test how they work. By the end of our lessons, the students were able to explain and demonstrate how they all functioned! The final challenge was to create a race car that combined all the simple machines into one contraption! They were able to race their cars down different ramp heights and estimate how far their cars would go in inches.

The Second and Third Grade classes used the WeDo Lego Kits and Amazon Tablets to create motorized windmills and cars. During their lessons, the students learned how to code their robots to perform different tasks such as move, pause, change direction, change speed, create sound, create loops and much more! They also used a tilt sensor, and an ultra-sonic sensor to measure distances with their robots. The final challenge for them was to create a car that could use an ultra-sonic sensor to avoid collision, but also be the fastest race car in the room!

The Fourth and Fifth Grade classes used the EV3 Lego Kits and laptops to create motorized robots. During their time in stem, they learned how to program their motors to move their robot forward, backward, sideways, right and left at all different angles and speeds. They also were able to build attachments for their robots such as a color sensor, ultra-sonic sensor, and a claw to grab other objects. They used these sensors to program their robots to do challenges on mats for points. The final challenge involved the students programming their robots to stop on certain colored lines, pick up tower Legos with their claws, and return to the base without hitting anything else.

All in all, the students and I had a blast learning the basics in robotics! It is amazing what the students can create when given the resources and chances to do so! I am so impressed with our Whiteford kids and with Sylvania Stem Center for helping us create something so incredible! Thank you to everyone who was involved for making this Stem unit amazing!

If your child has an increased interest in robotics, Sylvania Stem offers after school programs, events, summer camps, and much more on their website at

[www.sylvaniastem.org](http://www.sylvaniastem.org). Their address is 3315 Centennial Road Suite H, Sylvania, Ohio  
If you ever want to check their center out!



## WHITEFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS COMPETE IN THE 2019 MONROE COUNTY QUIZ BOWL

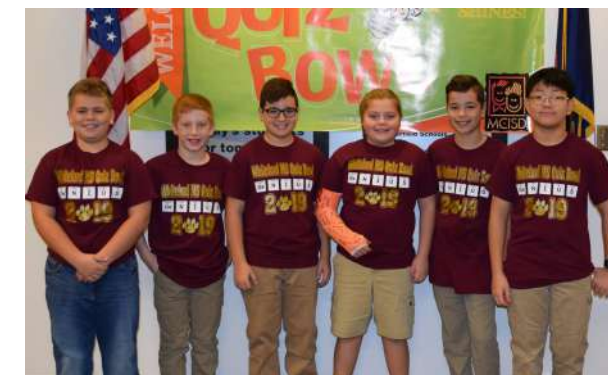
*Submitted by Mrs. Cari Mitchey, Instructional Coach*

Do you know how long it took people to travel the Oregon Trail? Or, who wrote the classic story "Rikki Tikki Tavi"? These are the types of questions the Bobcat Quiz Teams, grades 5th-8th, were challenged with during a week of grade level competitions. All of our teams proudly represented our school and community with intelligence, pride, and sportsmanship. The following students represented their grades at the competition and we are so proud of them for the hard work and time they put in to making it another successful year of Quiz Bowl!

Congratulations to the following students for representing Whiteford at the 2019 Monroe County Quiz Bowl! Thank you to our coaches—Mrs. Hoag, Mrs. Mitchey, Mrs. Antal, and Mrs. Adams—for your time in preparing our teams. **We appreciate you!**



**5th Grade Team:** (back row) Brek Ruddy, Ava Stevens, Kate Lestock, Leah Wright  
(front row) Cooper Call, Austin Bauman  
Coached by Leah Hoag



**6th Grade Team:** Jake Scott, Drew Ruddy, Brandt Dyer, Mallory Bahls, Cooper Diesing, Iza Chung  
Coached by Cari Mitchey



**7th Grade Team:** Brendon Master, Adam Linkey, Haley Luse, Lilly Billau, Dawson Call, Alaina McClain  
Coached by Anna Antal



**8th Grade Team:** Anson Bahls, Lincoln Joerin, Ryin Ruddy, Luke Vida, Kenzie Gray, Keegan Masters  
Coached by Monica Adams

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