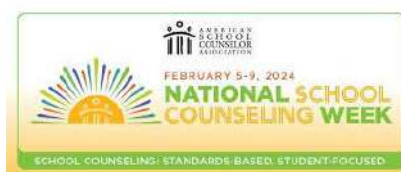


WHITEFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

February 2, 2024

Hello, Bobcats!

Happy Groundhog Day! According to expert groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil, who didn't see his shadow this morning, SPRING will be coming early! We got through our first full week of school in a very long time...finally! After all the warm, snuggly days at home, it is extremely challenging to begin following a schedule again and to get back into the swing of things (for both staff and students, alike)! A big thank you to our wonderful staff and our incredible students for hanging in there and making it through the week with flying colors! Have a safe and fun weekend!!



NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK

Next week is School Counseling Week! Please join us in celebrating Ms. Ehman, Whiteford's AMAZING Elementary School Counselor, by participating in a super fun Spirit Week! Please check out the flier below to find out what your student(s) should wear each day of the week!

KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

Mark your calendars! Registration Day for Whiteford's incoming kindergarten class for the 2024-2025 school year is March 14th, 2024, from 1pm–7pm in the elementary building. Please secure your time by signing up through the "SignUp Genius" link: [Kindergarten Registration](#). This link can also be accessed through our website: www.whiteford.k12.mi.us by clicking on the Registration button on the home page.

Michigan State Law requires that children entering kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school year must be 5 years of age on or before September 1 of the upcoming school year – September 1, 2024. The older and more mature your child is when he or she enters school, the greater the chances for academic, social, and emotional success.



For your child to enter kindergarten in the fall, the following items **must** be completed at registration time, and can be accessed online here:

- 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)
 - Driver's License with correct Whiteford School District address
 - Paperwork from home purchase or rental agreement/lease

- A current utility bill, (Gas, electric or landline phone bill --- a cell phone bill will not be accepted)
- Bus Transportation Form (If Applicable)

NOTE: A new kindergarten entry requirement takes effect for the 2024-2025 school year where all children will be required to have a dental assessment **PRIOR** to starting kindergarten.

REPORT CARDS

Report cards were sent home with students this week. If you did not receive your child's report card, please contact your child's teacher for another copy. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's academic, social, emotional or physical progress, please contact your child's teacher. We take great pride in ensuring all of our students are able to reach their highest potential.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

With the start of the 2nd semester, we have the opportunity for parents/guardians to meet for Parent-Teacher Conferences on Tuesday, February 20 from 12-3pm. Please look for information from your child's classroom teacher in the coming weeks about scheduling or receiving an invitation to meet. We believe parent and community support are valuable in promoting and achieving student success.

CLOTHING LOST & FOUND

Our clothing lost and found is growing. **Please be sure to write your child's name on a tag in these items,** so we can make sure that those clothing items can be returned to their rightful owner. Every year the lost and found pile grows out of control, and we donate items at the mid-way point and at the end of the school year to a local charity. We would much rather return these items to your children as we understand that purchasing clothing for your children is not cheap. Please mark those items!

RECESS

It is important for students to go outside for recess. Fresh air and an opportunity for exercise and unstructured play compliment our curriculum and daily activities. Students need to dress appropriately for the weather conditions. Students will go outside for recess if the temperature is 15 degrees Fahrenheit or above. According to the wind chill table, there is little danger of exposed flesh freezing at 15 degrees Fahrenheit unless the wind velocity is greater than 20 MPH. The wind chill factor will be taken into consideration. If the wind chill index is below 0 degrees Fahrenheit, students will stay inside. Thank you for partnering with us to make sure your children have the best educational experience possible!

5TH GRADE MINI-SOCIETY

Our 5th graders have been working incredibly hard on their economics unit the last two months. Each student has opened a storefront and created various "goods" to sell. They will sell these goods to our students in grades KG-4th grades at our Mini Society Market Days on February 21st and February 27th. The exchange rate is \$1 U.S. dollar = \$10 mini society dollars. Please send money in a plastic baggie labeled with your child's name and teacher. Please do not send in more than \$10.

5TH GRADE SPELLING BEE

Our 5th graders will be competing in the annual Spelling Bee on Tuesday, February 20 at 8:15am in the Elementary Cafeteria. The competition will narrow the field down to the top 2 spellers to move on to the Monroe County Spelling Bee. Parents and Guardians are welcome to attend.

5TH GRADE DARE GRADUATION

We would like to extend an invitation to our parents and guardians to attend the 5th grade DARE Graduation on March 8th at 9am in the Elementary Cafeteria. We hope you will join us to celebrate the student's hard work and commitment to the DARE Program as we resist drugs and violence.



UPCOMING DATES

February 5-9	National School Counseling Week (See Flier Below for Details)
February 13	WPA Dine & Donate Fundraiser - Forest View
February 14	Happy Valentine's Day / Spring Count Day
February 16	No School - Professional Development
February 19	No School - Presidents' Day
February 20-23	Elementary Student Council Fundraiser "Teacher Takedown"
February 20	5th Grade Spelling Bee 8:15am Elementary Cafeteria
February 20	Half day - Dismiss at 10:55am
February 20	Parent-Teacher Conferences 12:00-3:00pm
February 20	WPA Meeting 6:00pm Elementary Cafeteria
February 21	5th Grade Mini Society
February 23	Spring Pictures
February 27	5th Grade Mini Society
March 1	WPA Read-a-Thon Begins
March 5	Whiteford Recreation Club Meeting 7:00pm MS/HS Media Center
March 8	5th Grade Dare Graduation 9:00am Elementary Cafeteria
March 14	Kindergarten Round-Up 1:00-7:00pm
March 14-15	Field Trip Croswell
March 19	WPA meeting 6:00pm
March 22	End of Third Quarter
March 22	Half Day - Dismiss at 10:55am
March 25-29	No School - Spring Break
April 1	No School - Easter Break

My best,

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

Scott L. Huard, Superintendent (Covering Elementary during Ms. Anderson's Medical Leave)



SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK



JOIN US IN CELEBRATING MS. EHMAN THROUGH A FUN SPIRIT WEEK!

**FEB
05**

**Our school counselor works so hard she
deserves a vacation**



Wear a shirt from your favorite vacation destination.
Hawaiian leis will be provided for the day.

**FEB
06**

Ms. Ehman makes our day brighter

Wear a bright or neon shirt. Glow bracelets will be
provided for the day.

**FEB
07**



Hats off to Ms. Ehman

Wear a hat to school

**FEB
08**

We love our school counselor

Wear something red or with hearts



**FEB
09**

Ms. Ehman helps us feel comfortable

Wear comfortable pajamas or sweat pants



WPA MOVIE NIGHT HIGHLIGHTS!!!



A HUGE thank you to all who organized and/or came out to lend a helping hand! What a big undertaking! And thank you to all who came to enjoy the movie and other festivities! A wonderful time was had by all as you can see from the pics below!



DINE & DONATE

MENTION THIS FLYER
Hosted by the Whiteford Bobcats and
Forestview Lanes in support of the WPA



TUESDAY , FEBRUARY 13

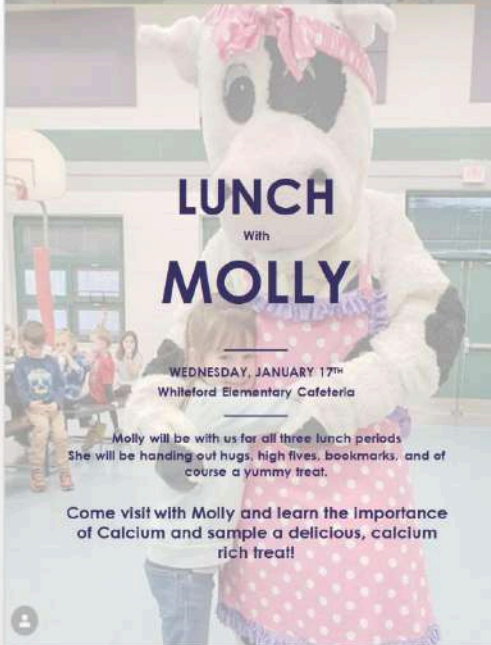
Donating 10% of all food sales all day, and bowling after 9pm
to support the Whiteford Parents' Association and their
mission to support Whiteford Agricultural Schools, staff, and
students.




**2345 DEAN ROAD
TEMPERANCE, MI
48182
734-847-4915**

Unable to attend? Provide a monetary
donation dedicated to the **Whiteford
Parents' Association** to continue to
support services provided, such as: Back to
school picnic, field trip transportation fees,
planners, carnival, scholarships,
playground equipment, staff appreciation,
student success, and beyond. It is parents
and community that make this happen.

NEW 'LUNCH WITH MOLLY' DATE COMING UP THIS MONTH:



LUNCH

With

MOLLY

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17TH
Whiteford Elementary Cafeteria

Molly will be with us for all three lunch periods.
She will be handing out hugs, high fives, bookmarks, and of
course a yummy treat.

Come visit with Molly and learn the importance
of Calcium and sample a delicious, calcium
rich treat!!