

March 11, 2010

Dear Parents,



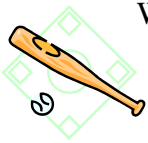
This is my favorite time of the year. Not only is spring approaching, but also **MARCH IS READING MONTH!** We began the last Friday of February with a kick-off assembly in the cafeteria. This year our theme is from the Renaissance era -- “Ages and Pages” and as you may have noticed, we have transformed our school to that special place in time.

Congratulations to everyone who met their weekly goals last week, especially Alexandra Nagley, Ryan Oberle, Marissa Gonzalez, Nick Freeman, Mallory Simmons, Logan Wittman, Nick Donnelly, Ruben Gonzalez, Eli Shelton, Nathan Walker, Sharon Kroma, Danee Thomas. Each of these students won the drawing from their class. Keep reading and remember to turn in those tear-off sheets on Fridays for the drawing!

We have a lot of fun activities planned for this month...this week is “Guest Reader Week”. Anyone (mom/dad, grandma/grandpa, aunts/uncles, community members, etc.) interested in being a guest reader in your child’s classroom please contact your child’s teacher to do so. Thanks for your involvement – it’s what makes this month so special.

Educationally yours,
Kim Wegener
Elementary Principal

WRC NEWS



Baseball and softball registration and fees were due **YESTERDAY, March 8th**! Forms were sent home a few weeks ago. Extras are available in the elementary office.



AFTERPROM NEEDS HELPERS!

For those of you who do not know, Afterprom is fun, safe and free alternative for our prom goers to attend “after” prom. We take great pride in the reputation and anticipation that this event has garnered. However, in able to continue this event, we are in need of lots of helping hands to make this year’s after prom experience possible for our high school kids. If you are willing to help the weekend of **Friday, April 23rd**, we need you! Please attend our meeting **TOMORROW, March 9th**, at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Teacher’s Lounge. If you are unable to attend the meeting, but are still able to help, please contact Chery Niederkohr @ 734.888.1459 or email at kidsare1st@yahoo.com.

SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING



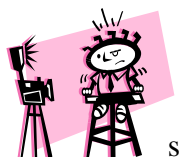
On **Wednesday, March 10th**, at 7:00 p.m. in the middle school gymnasium the Whiteford Schools Board of Education and Administration will be holding a community forum on school finances. This forum will allow community members to get a history on school financing, what school districts in Michigan are facing and what the future holds. It is important for community members to understand the huge financial issues that our school district is facing and why. Please plan on attending.



SPRING SOCCER SIGNUPS

Blissfield Rec Club is now accepting registrations for their spring soccer season, which runs from April 17th – May 29th, for a total of 7 games. Games will be played at Blissfield Middle School on Saturdays between 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Registration fee is \$45 and the deadline is Wednesday, March 10th. Absolutely NO late registrants will be accepted. The link for a registration form is www.blissfieldmichigan.gov/images/stories/spring2010soccer_reg.pdf.

SPRING PICTURES



Yes, spring really is on the way! Lifetouch School Portraits will be here Friday, March 12th, to take spring pictures. Selection forms will be coming home soon and are due back on or before the day of pictures. All students will be photographed unless you specifically notify us otherwise. There is no payment required up front and there is no obligation to buy these portraits once you receive them. Simply return unwanted pictures back to school.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Don't forget to set your clocks forward this Sunday, March 14th, at 2:00 a.m. Keep in mind that it's always a good idea to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors during the time change as well.

TALENT SHOW



The much-anticipated talent show guidelines and permission slips were sent home a few weeks ago and extras are available in the elementary office. If your child is interested in participating, please be sure to completely fill out the permission slip and return **NO LATER THAN Monday, March 15th**. Songs (if being sung or used as accompaniment for an act) will be chosen on first-come basis, so as not to have any duplicates. Due to the timing of this event and all the preparation that is required we will not be able to accept any late registrants. If you have any questions, please contact Connie Szymanski @ 734.854.6792 or Denise Scott @ 734.856.3040.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Don't forget to wear your green on Wednesday, March 17th, in observance of St. Patrick's Day! On behalf of the faculty and staff here at Whiteford, we wish all of you Irishmen and women and children a very happy St. Patrick's Day.



MEETING REMINDER

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 17th, in the elementary library. Hope to see you there – we have lots of exciting upcoming events to talk discuss.



BANKING DAY

Monroe Bank & Trust will be here on Wednesday, March 17th. If your child is part of this banking program, please be sure to have them bring in their bankcard and money.



WAY TO GO BOBCATS!

Thank you to all of our shining star students who participated in this year's Math-A-Thon benefiting St. Jude's Children Research Hospital. Our school raised a whopping \$3,800 for the children of St. Jude's – AWESOME!



MOVIE MADNESS

Elementary Student Council will be having an after school special on Thursday, March 18th, in the elementary cafeteria. For a \$5 donation, your child will be able to stay after school, enjoy the movie *The Princess and the Frog* (rated G) with a slice of pizza and a beverage. All proceeds will go towards bringing Imagination Station to Whiteford in April. Permission slips for the movie went home Monday. If interested, please sign and return with money to school ASAP. Thanks for your support.

LAST CALL FOR YEARBOOK ORDERS!



Yearbook orders can still be submitted up to, but NO later than Friday, March 19th. Please remember that checks should be made out to "Whiteford Schools" and must include your phone number.



SPRING FUNDRAISER WINNERS

WPA thanks the generosity and support of everyone who participated in this year's spring fundraiser! Congratulations to Mrs. Groch's 1st grade class for being the top sellers – they won the milk & cookies party.



SCIENCE FAIR HONORS

Congratulations to all of this year's science fair participants! Top honors from our elementary school went to: Emma Johnson (1st Place), Jessica Link (2nd Place), Logan Bailey (3rd place), Isaac Gap (Honorable Mention), Emily Scott (Judge's Favorite), Jamie Artress, Luke Masserant, Alison Schober, Pamela Ouelette (Unique Investigation). Way to go scientists!



OATMEAL CANISTERS

Yes, oatmeal canisters. If you have any empty, cylindrical, cardboard oatmeal canisters, PLEASE send them into school to be recycled. The 2nd grade Brownie troops are in need of them for an upcoming project. Thanks so much!



Please take a moment to review the school policy with regard to picking up and dropping off your child from school in our Student Handbook. We are finding the number of violators of this policy increasing and, therefore, **putting our students in danger**. Please use extreme caution in the parking lot. It is vitally important that you NOT park or stop your vehicle over yellow crosswalk area AND STOP BEFORE YOU CROSS IT, LOOKING BOTH WAYS. Please use the designated parking areas. Additionally, do NOT park or move your car in the bus lanes. Thank you for your adherence to these very important rules.

SPRING FLOWER SALE



Back by popular demand, our 4th grade students are currently selling flats, baskets and planters of beautiful annual plants to help defray the cost of going to camp next year. To order flowers, please contact any 4th grader or pick up a form from the elementary office, carefully fill out your order and return to school with payment to Whiteford Schools by Monday, April 12th. If you know a specific 4th grader that you would like to support, please indicate the students name on the order form so that they can get the credit. Please note that all orders must be picked up at the Whiteford School bus garage on Friday, May 7th, between 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. – just in time for Mother’s Day. Thank you for your support.

*****We are in need of a few new lead people to take over this very important fundraiser. If you think you might be interested, please contact Jennifer Toda at 734.888.1439 or cell 567.868.5301 for all the details*****



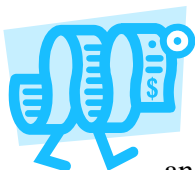
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Imagination Station will soon be coming to Whiteford on Friday, April 30th, and we need volunteers to help operate stations and guide the children through this wonderful, hands-on day of science fun. If you are able to help, please contact Mrs. Sandy Langenderfer at 734.856.1443, ext. 301 or email at langende@whiteford.k12.mi.us for all the details. It’s volunteers that make these special events possible.



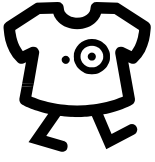
LOOKING FOR A “FEW GOOD ~~MEN~~ PEOPLE”

Do you like to shop? Are you a bargain hunter? Do you love Christmas? Well then WPA needs you! WPA is currently looking for interested persons to join our Santa’s Workshop Committee. We realize that Christmas is over, but this committee works year round searching and buying up bargains for our students to purchase for family members each year at the workshop. If you think this is the job for you, please contact Kari Szymanski at 734.854.2949 or email at Kari1168@AOL.com.



FOODTOWN RECEIPTS

Keep those receipts coming! Only a few months left for FoodTown Receipts this school year. Please note that collecting Campbell’s labels, BoxTops for Education and Tyson Frozen Food labels is continuous and ongoing year round.



LOST & FOUND

Yup, it's still back there...the Lost & Found table that is. **PLEASE** take a look at our collection to see if your child's valuables are there. It is amazing how many **winter coats, boots** and **lunch boxes**, among other things are on this table. Please note that any remaining unclaimed articles will be donated at the end of the year.



NO PETS ALLOWED!

This notice serves to remind all students, parents, faculty, staff and community members that Whiteford Schools does NOT permit pets of any kind on its grounds. There are very few exceptions to this rule and that being "show and tell" which requires special permission from your student's teacher. This policy is in effect before, during and after school hours and includes all district buildings and school grounds. So, please, leave your pets at home when dropping off and picking up your kids or attending sporting events.