

# Whiteford Elementary

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### Bucket Fillers

#### HAVE YOU FILLED A BUCKET?

This year Whiteford will continue the program for positive behavior based on the book by Carol McCloud called Have You Filled a Bucket Today? This book speaks about how we each have our own bucket (feelings) that people either fill or dip. Nice comments are filling our buckets; mean comments are dipping into our buckets. Each teacher is doing classroom activities to work on filling every one's bucket. The entire school is working towards getting "The Golden Bucket Award". When the class is given a "compliment" on their behavior they may earn a golden letter. These letters are posted outside their classroom. When the class spells the word COMPLIMENT they receive The Golden Bucket which sits outside their door. Examples are: being quiet, lining up quietly, walking in the halls quietly and working as a team to promote a positive atmosphere at Whiteford. Ask your students what they are doing to make Whiteford a "Bucket Filling School".

To find out more information you may visit their website at:

[www.bucketfillers101.com](http://www.bucketfillers101.com)

#### Parents...

#### Have you heard about the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Guarantee?

Third grade is one of the important milestones in a child's education. Students who are not reading at grade level by the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade soon struggle with handling the increased difficulty across various subjects. This is the basis for Ohio's Senate Bill 316 that includes a "Third Grade Guarantee" By definition, students entering 3<sup>rd</sup> grade in 2016-2017 school year will have to score at/above a level determined by the State in order to advance to the 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

The Sylvania School District is preparing to meet the needs and guidelines of this guarantee and ensure that our students will be successful readers. Reading fluency and comprehension skills are being integrated in all subjects and reinforced in everything we do on a daily basis throughout the school day.

The District is also completing reading diagnostic testing this fall to help identify struggling readers earlier. Once diagnostic testing in grades K, 1, 2, and 3 is completed by September 30, specific and individual reading plans will be designed for students who are determined to not be "on-track" with their reading. Additional reading instruction will take place within the school day by both the classroom teacher and our reading specialist teachers.

More information about the Third Grade Guarantee is available on the Ohio Department of Education Website <http://www.ode.state.oh.us>. The site also includes resources and additional guidance on Senate Bill 316.

## PRIDE Breakfast at Whiteford

We plan on having PRIDE Breakfasts again each month here at Whiteford. Students earn individual PRIDE tickets throughout the day for going above and beyond. Each month tickets are randomly chosen and those students attend a PRIDE breakfast (fruit & muffins) with Mrs. Ray and Mr. Tyburski in the library at 8:30 after they check in with their teacher. Watch those Eagles soar!!

## Important News from the Office

**Early Dismissals:** The end of the day is a busy time at the school. If at all possible, please do not pick-up your children from school early unless you arranged this at the beginning of the day. Picking up your child unannounced causes a disruption for our teachers and students. A student who must be dismissed before the end of the day is required to have a written request from the parent or guardian. We will have your student in the office where you will need to sign them out.

**Absences:** If your student was absent or tardy, please send a note signed by the parent or guardian confirming the absence. If you visit the doctor or dentist, a slip confirming the appointment from the doctor is required in order to code the absence "medical". This is possible ONLY if you visit the doctor. It is not necessary to have a note from the doctor for every illness or absence.

**Hallway Safety:** Arrival and dismissal are our busiest times here at school. Our teachers need to focus 100% of their attention on their students during this time. If you wish to speak with the classroom teacher or have a message, please leave a note with Mrs. Zmuda or Mrs. Zaciewski in the main office. Do not visit the classrooms during this time unless it's been pre-arranged. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

**Lunch Time Visits:** Parents are more than welcome to have lunch with their student during their scheduled lunch time. Please stop in the office and sign in to receive an Id badge. As to not disrupt teaching and learning please go straight to the cafeteria and wait for your student, also please give hugs and high fives in the cafeteria at the conclusion of lunches so that teachers can walk students back to class without disruption.

## School Pictures

Picture RETAKES will be Thursday, September 29. If you missed Whiteford Welcome Day this summer, or if you weren't happy with the pictures you ordered, you may have your student retake their pictures. Please send your students prepared and smiling to school that day! We'll use these photos for the yearbook so we'll want all students photographed, whether you order a package or not.

**Save the Date!!**  
**The Book Fair is coming...**  
**October 20-28**

## September Events

- 9/5 No School, Labor Day Holiday
- 9/6 PTO Mtg in Library 9:00am
- 9/16 Muffins for Moms 7:45am–8:15am
- 9/22 Two hour late start, school begins at 10:30am
- 9/29 Picture Retakes

Sign up for Mr. Tyburski's  
 Whiteford Elementary  
 messages:

To receive messages, text:

@Whiteford

To the number:

330-267-2977