

Learning Moves Forward During School Closure



By Ed Canning, Superintendent

This certainly has been a unique time to be a student, parent, or school employee due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

As unprecedented as these times are, White Cloud Public Schools is committed to providing educational materials to our students, to checking on the well-being of our students and families, and to supporting our community as we navigate through this period.

On Monday, April 20, we and the other public schools in Newaygo County “distance learning” programs for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year.

While this has been very challenging for all of us, we are eager to follow through on this process, as odd or imperfect as it may seem.

What to Expect

Students are receiving two instructional packets in a 3- to 4-week period:

- April 20 – First Instructional Packet Distribution
- May 8 – First Packet Collection and Second Distribution
- June 4 – Second Instructional Packet Collection

The packets have been made available in two ways, via school bus and by pick-up at school.

Buses will deliver and collect the packets at all regular route stops, on Friday, May 8, and on Thursday, June 4, beginning at 1 p.m.

Pick-up times on the scheduled dates are for families with students who live in town, or for any family who chooses to stop by the school: K-5: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., elementary cafeteria; 6-12: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., junior high gym lobby.

If you are unable to pick-up or be available at your regular bus stop, WCPS staff will attempt to contact you to set up a delivery, either directly or by mail.

What’s in the Packets?

Each instructional packet will have a cover page with contact information for teachers, their office hours for availability each day, informational handout on supports and services in Newaygo County, instructions, and learning targets.

Students are encouraged to work on specific classes for two to three hours per day, which should include some sustained reading time. Create a schedule and stick to it.

Communication

All teachers have set office hours of availability each day. Parents and students can reach them via email or by phone.

Students and parents, as you work through the learning packets, please reach out to your teachers for support. They are here for you, and can provide feedback on your progress towards your learning targets.

Teachers will be contacting you weekly, either by phone or email, to check on your progress towards completion of your packets and to talk about how you are doing.

Teachers also may establish or provide enrichment activities through virtual classrooms or enrichment learning sites. Please use these opportunities if you can.

Completion of the Instructional Packet Materials

When the second instructional packet is delivered, completed instructional packets will be collected. While no letter grade will be assigned to the completed instructional packets, it is important that you take the time to complete them, to ask questions, and to turn them.

If you can email the completed instructional packets directly to your teacher, please do so.

Second Semester CC or CN

It has been decided that, as a county, all grade levels that typically assign a letter grade will receive CC (Covid Credit) or CN (Covid no-credit) on transcripts for the second semester, with the acknowledgement of the COVID-19 school closure.

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White Cloud Public Schools Newsletter

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The Board of Education meets the third Monday of each month in the HS Collaboration Room 306. Meetings are open to the public, and begin at 7:30 pm.

Community education offers continuous enrollment in high school completion and GED preparation. Day and evening classes are available. Childcare is available. For more details call 652-4000.



WANTED: Substitute Bus Drivers

White Cloud Public Schools are currently seeking individuals interested in becoming substitute bus drivers. Commercial driver's license, DOT physical, and Bus Driver Continuing Education are required. If you do not already hold all of these credentials, training will be provided.

If you are interested in applying for this important safety-cautious position, please pick up an application at the administrative office or send a letter of interest to:

Lisa Mathews, Transportation Supervisor
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Closure, cont.

Students (primarily HS and JH) who were failing a course or courses as of March 13, 2020, will receive additional work materials from their teacher(s) to give them the opportunity to receive credit.

Graduation and the Class of 2020

We are looking at proposed dates in July for a graduation ceremony for the Class of 2020, pending the status of the COVID-19 pandemic. More information will be available in the coming weeks.

Self-Wellness

During your weekly contacts with staff, please let us know if we can support you or provide information for available resources in other ways.

Lunch Delivery and Pick-Up

We will continue the bagged lunch delivery to our students through the remainder of the school year. ■

"Please understand that, while we all are living in a situation that is unique to all of us, we will continue to learn together as a school, as a family, and as a community. Continue to be smart, and stay safe."

—Ed Canning, Superintendent

Readers Wear Hats



Wear a Hat with Writing and *Read with a Friend Day* were two reading activities that took place during **March is Reading Month** at White Cloud Elementary.

Area Churches Have the Giving Spirit

Elementary school staff and students would like to thank a couple of area churches for their giving spirit during the holiday season.

Thanks!



The **Seventh Day Baptist Church** granted each teacher three wishes of supplies needed for the classroom.

The **St. Joseph Catholic Church** donated many pairs of snow pants for students in need.

All of these items from both churches were such a blessing to staff and students, and are greatly appreciated from the bottom of their hearts! ■



| 4th Grade Honor Roll | |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| Term 1 | Term 2 |
| ANNABELLE BIRD | |
| RILEY BORGMAN | RILEY BORGMAN |
| ADDYSON COOK | ADDYSON COOK |
| COURTNEY COON | COURTNEY COON |
| KALEB DOOD | |
| | BETTY GERHARDT |
| GRAHAM, ALIVIA | GRAHAM, ALIVIA |
| HALTOM, CALEB | |
| HITTS, CARSON | HITTS, CARSON |
| HOLBROOK, BROOKLYN | HOLBROOK, BROOKLYN |
| IRWIN, KRISTY | IRWIN, KRISTY |
| KAISER, MADALYN | |
| KEMPHER, KORBEN | KEMPHER, KORBEN |
| KNIGHT, CAXTON | KNIGHT, CAXTON |
| | LEE, LENORE |
| LOVELESS, BRIAN | LOVELESS, BRIAN |
| MAIKE, KEIRA | MAIKE, KEIRA *** |
| MCHANEY, KATE *** | MCHANEY, KATE |
| | MCNABNEY, TRENTEN |
| MENCH, WYATT | MENCH, WYATT |
| | MILLER, JEMMA |
| MILLER, RILEE | |
| | PEETS, MADISON |
| REISINGER, RYLEE | REISINGER, RYLEE |
| STORMS, KAMREN | |
| VENDITTI, LORETTA | VENDITTI, LORETTA |
| WASHBURN, BELLA | WASHBURN, BELLA |

*** DENOTES ALL A'S

| 5th Grade Honor Roll | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Term 1 | Term 2 |
| BALKE, ARSYN | BALKE, ARSYN |
| BASILIERE, LAYLA | |
| BRISBIN, DAXTON | |
| CHILES, JACOB *** | CHILES, JACOB |
| CUNNINGHAM, DONOVAN *** | CUNNINGHAM, DONOVAN |
| DIXON, CARRISSA | |
| EDWARDS, LANDON *** | EDWARDS, LANDON *** |
| FEHRLIN, BENJAMIN | FEHRLIN, BENJAMIN |
| JOHNSON, KAYMARIE *** | JOHNSON, KAYMARIE |
| JONES, DAVID | JONES, DAVID |
| KAILING, KACIE | KAILING, KACIE |
| KLINGBEIL, DESIRAE | KLINGBEIL, DESIRAE |
| LEYS, CALEB | |
| MAGNAN, CLIFFORD *** | MAGNAN, CLIFFORD*** |
| MAYLE, DAMIAN *** | MAYLE, DAMIAN *** |
| | MCKINNON, SHELBY |
| MICKLATCHER, SHANE | |
| MORGAN, KYLEIGH | MORGAN, KYLEIGH |
| NICKOLOFF, TEHYAH | NICKOLOFF, TEHYAH |
| PEETS, JORDYNN | |
| RAGON, CAMERON | |
| RAUSCH, ZACHARY | RAUSCH, ZACHARY *** |
| ROBINSON, JAYLA | |
| SCHULTZ, ADRIANNE | |
| SUMERIX, DAMON | SUMERIX, DAMON |
| TANCOCK, TAVEN | |
| TANCOCK, TRYSTEN | |
| THORNE, KATELYNN | THORNE, KATELYNN |
| WADE, RHOEN *** | WADE, RHOEN *** |
| WILSON, MIKEL *** | WILSON, MIKEL *** |
| ZIMMER, KYLIE *** | ZIMMER, KYLIE |

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Fourth Graders Head to College

Ferris State University welcomed 79 fourth graders from White Cloud to their campus in January.

The visit, which took months of planning, was planned by Melinda Shepard and her family.

It wasn't easy to find six brave adults at FSU who wanted to work with fourth graders, but that goal was eventually managed.

Some FSU students, former White Cloud graduates, volunteered to help guide our students to various campus sites. Thank you to Jennifer Shepard, James Shepard, Sage Hingston, Jamia Johnson, and Brittney Ringler for their efforts.

Students spent the day in small groups, rotating through six different areas on campus.

Mari Kermit-Canfield gave students a tour of the library. In the greenhouse, Andrea Lodholtz showed students various plants and talked about their unique adaptations.

Jennifer Johnson gave a hands-on activity to students in the geology lab, showing how rivers change their course over time. Brent Williams was the tour guide in the welding, and students learned how to bend a metal bar.

At the Card Wildlife Center, students at the fifth area learned about animals from around the world and their special adaptations for survival.

Finally, at the Rock Café, Beth Pacholka gave what most students would probably say was their favorite tour of the day.

It's not every day that young students are seen walking around a college campus. White Cloud fourth graders likely will talk about this experience for many years to come. ■



FERRIS STATE
UNIVERSITY



Elementary Sends Two Spellers to Regional Bee

White Cloud Elementary had two spellers participate in the 2020 Regional Spelling Bee.

Congratulations to our district spellers **Rhoen Wade** and **Kristy Irwin**.



The Newaygo County Regional Educational Service Agency (NC RESA) hosted the bee in February.

Eighteen district-level winners and runners-up from grades 3 through 8 competed. ■

Elementary Awards

| PRINCIPAL'S AWARD (TROPHY ONLY) 2 NOMINEES PER TEACHER | | | | | |
|--|------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Kindergarten | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th |
| DANIELLE ROGERS (P) | KILEY MAIKE (CH) | JAYLYNN BLEILER (P) | ADDISON BOOMGAARD (G) | DOM HORTON (F) | DONOVAN CUNNINGHAM (F) |
| XANDER DIAZ (P) | JARED STOCKWELL (CH) | CALEB VINING (P) | ROWAN BURGESS (G) | MADALYN KAISER (F) | CLIFFORD MAGNAN (F) |
| GABRIEL WITHAM (K) | JACE DEBOISE (D) | JOCELYN REASON (M) | WILLIAM MICKLATCHER (P) | KEIRA MAIKE (M) | DAMIAN MAYLE (M) |
| KANDICE THORNE (K) | PHOENIX COX (D) | KAYLEE PLOTTS (M) | EMILY BYLE (P) | BRIAN LOVELESS (M) | DESTRAE KLINGBEIL (M) |
| GWEN FAULKNER (S) | ROAN COLLINS (CR) | SOPHIE BIRD (W) | ILIANY BONILLA (I) | RILEY BORGMAN (B) | JACOB CHILES (F) |
| ISAAC TRICE (S) | MACKINZIE NELSON (CR) | TREVER JENNINGS (W) | REMI COLLINS (I) | ANNABELLE BIRD (B) | KYLIE ZIMMER (F) |
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| TRUSTWORTHY (MEDAL ONLY) 1 NOMINEE PER TEACHER | | | | | |
| Kindergarten | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th |
| ANESSA WYELS (P) | CONNOR GRANSOW (CH) | THIAS TASKER (P) | FARRAH FELICIANO (G) | MADISON PEETS (F) | DONOVAN CUNNINGHAM (F) |
| ELLY FOWLER (K) | SKYLAR GRAVES (D) | LAURYN FAULKNER (M) | AYLA FAULKNER (P) | KEIRA MAIKE (M) | DAVID JONES (M) |
| RIVER BURGESS (S) | KONNOR MAYLE (CR) | ZACHARY DURLING (W) | JACOB STOCKWELL (I) | KADEN ZATALOKIN (B) | TEHYAH NICKOLOFF (CR) |
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| CARING (MEDAL ONLY) 1 NOMINEE PER TEACHER | | | | | |
| Kindergarten | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th |
| KARTER NEAR (P) | HUNTER JENNINGS (CH) | QUINCY FLENTALL (P) | LEAH VINING (G) | AURORA HUTSON-RIEDINGER (F) | KATELYNN THORN (F) |
| JAKOB MONTOYA (K) | GRACIE TOMPKINS (D) | NAOMEE FAULKNER (M) | EVELYN GOEBEN (P) | KATE MCHANNEY (M) | STEVEN ZOOK (M) |
| ETHAN PEABODY (S) | KYLIE BROWN (CR) | LILTANA JONES (W) | CHUCKY GORDON (I) | MASON TOMPKINS (B) | CAMERON RAGON (F) |
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| RESPONSIBILITY (MEDAL ONLY) 1 NOMINEE PER TEACHER | | | | | |
| Kindergarten | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th |
| NICOLETTE MCTAGGERT (P) | MICHAEL WIBLE (CH) | TREBLE PETERSEN (P) | NOVALEE TORRES (G) | JACKY RUBIO (F) | MIKEL WILSON (F) |
| EMMA PATTERSON (K) | ARMANDO MEDINA (D) | LAURYN FAULKNER (M) | VAYDA TOMPKINS (P) | BRIAN LOVELESS (M) | KASEY NEAR (M) |
| JASE BOOMGAARD (S) | JACOB COON (CR) | AIDEN ZOOK (W) | EMELEIGH ARNOLD (I) | ADDYSON COOK (B) | LONDON EDWARDS (F) |
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| CITIZENSHIP (MEDAL ONLY) 1 NOMINEE PER TEACHER | | | | | |
| Kindergarten | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th |
| LJ TOWNES (P) | ADREANN GUIKEMA (CH) | AMELIA ROSKAMP (P) | BRYNLEE PLOUFF (G) | JORDYN DIXON (F) | SCOTT FESSENDEN (F) |
| ABEL ENSING (K) | MICHAEL FOSTER (D) | NAOMEE FAULKNER (M) | JOSHUA FEHRLIN (P) | CARSON HITTS (M) | ZACHARY RAUSCH (M) |
| JASSLYN LEE (S) | RAYVEN GOBEN (CR) | BRYCE DURGA (W) | PAYTEN WOLTERS (I) | CALEB RIPLEY (B) | KYLEIGH MORGAN (F) |
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| RESPECT (MEDAL ONLY) 1 NOMINEE PER TEACHER | | | | | |
| Kindergarten | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th |
| ANGELINA COLLARD (P) | XZAVIOR WYELS (CH) | CARTER CANAVAN (P) | VIVIEN SCARBROUGH (G) | GAVIN HANER (F) | ARSYN BALKE (F) |
| AUTUMN PENLAND (K) | REIGTH TASKER (D) | MICHAEL JOHNSON (M) | DEAGAN DIRHEIMER (P) | KRISTY IRWIN (M) | KACIE KAILING (M) |
| ALYSSA VISSER (S) | SAVANNAH GIFFORD (CR) | KAMUI WADE (W) | ELIJAH CHILES (I) | BRADY STRAIT (B) | EDGAR RODRIGUEZ (F) |
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| FAIR (MEDAL ONLY) 1 NOMINEE PER TEACHER | | | | | |
| Kindergarten | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th |
| EMERSEN ROBINSON (P) | CHASE WOLTERS (CH) | MACIE DYKSTRA (P) | MADISON LIDKE (G) | KALEB DOOD (F) | GAVIN COOKSEY (F) |
| AVERY KIRKWOOD (K) | ELI GARDNER (D) | KOLE ZATALOKIN (M) | CODIE NELSON (P) | CREE PORTER (M) | KAYMARIE JOHNSON (M) |
| GRACELYN WILKINSON (S) | MATTHEW PHIPPS (CR) | JAMES LYNN (W) | MILEY THOMPSON (I) | MIKAYLA GOEBEL (B) | JOZIAH SMITH (F) |
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| MOST IMPROVED - (MEDAL ONLY) 2 NOMINEES PER TEACHER | | | | | |
| Kindergarten | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th |
| BRYNN FISHER (P) | CARTER MARSHALL (CH) | KENDALL LAMAY (P) | ZANDREA ZEESTRATEN (G) | TRINITY KING (F) | SHANE MICKLATCHER (F) |
| JAX O' BESTER (P) | BRADEN MORGAN (CH) | TREVOR HON (P) | BENTLYE HOLMES (G) | JACELYN COX (F) | JORDAN PRICE (F) |
| GABRIEL WOLEVER (K) | JACOB SCONVERS (D) | KAY MC CORMICK (M) | ELLE VINING (P) | TRENTEN MCNABNEY (M) | KENNETH THOMAS (M) |
| JAYDEN PLOTTS (K) | RILEY HALL (D) | DOMINIC REYNOLDS (W) | ARIANNA BOCHARSKI (P) | EASTON PERRIN (M) | CALEB LEYS (M) |
| ADDILYNN MORSAW (S) | BREIGHLYNN HOLMES (CR) | LEIGHANN HOWE (W) | IAN GOEBEL (I) | MADDISON THOMAS (B) | DESTINY WIREMAN (F) |
| ZOPHIA ZEESTRATEN (S) | TAYLOR PLOTTS (CR) | | ANTHONY GROVER (I) | OWYN GROENDYKE (B) | ZACKARY LEGUIRE (F) |
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| KATIE HAWTHORN EDUCATIONAL AWARD (TROPHY ONLY) 1 NOMINEE PER TEACHER | | | | | |
| Kindergarten | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th |
| KEENAN GRANT (P) | KIERA STRAIGHT (CH) | JANIA RITTENGER (P) | ICARUS SCHMIDT (G) | RYLEE REISINGER (F) | ARSYN BALKE (F) |
| KAMRYELLE HOLBROOK (K) | TILLY FLENTALL (D) | KAYLEE PLOTTS (M) | EMILY BYLE (P) | ALTVIA GRAHAM (M) | KAYLEE NICHOLS (M) |
| TAYTUM RICKERT (S) | GREGORY PETERSEN (CR) | QUIN ROSE (W) | ARAMIS ALLEMAN (I) | STEPHINE BRADLEY (B) | CARRISSA DIXON (F) |
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| ANDREW ALLEN FRIENDSHIP AWARD (TROPHY ONLY) 1 NOMINEE PER TEACHER | | | | | |
| Kindergarten | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th |
| SEAN HALL (P) | RYLEIGH VANDEPOL (CH) | MARISSA ACOSTA (P) | CARTER RIZZO (G) | JOHN SMITH (F) | CLIFFORD MAGNAN (F) |
| JACARI RICHARDSON (K) | DESTINY GREENE (D) | JOCELYN REASON (M) | MADISON FOWLER (P) | JASPER FLENTALL (M) | JAXON RUETHER (M) |
| KADE BURGESS (S) | AVA VINCENT (CR) | JOHNATHON COOPER (W) | NATALIE NICHOLS (I) | NATALIE COMPEAU (B) | TRYSTEN TANCOCK (F) |
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| SPELLING BEE - PARTICIPANTS (HONORABLE MENTION) | | | | | |
| JOHN SMITH | NATALIE COMPEAU | RILEY LYON | DAVID JONES | RHOEN WADE | KATELYNN THORNE |
| BLAKE COMPEAU | RILEY BORGMAN | KATE MCHANNEY | LAYLA BASILIERE | JORDYNN PEETS | KRISTY IRWIN |
| JEMMA MILLER | KEIRA MAIKE | DAMON SUMERIX | ZACHARY RAUSCH | TEHYAH NICKOLOFF | AIDEN JONES |

Sherry Claflin Receives National Excellence Award

Sherry Claflin, an eighth-grade earth science teacher at White Cloud Junior High, has been named the 2020 recipient of the Edward C. Roy Jr. Award for Excellence in K-8 Earth Science Teaching.

"All of us who know Sherry know how much she has earned this honor," said White Cloud schools Supt. Ed Canning.

"We are very proud of her and her accomplishments, and I know our students are really happy for her, too," he said.

In her 26 years as an educator, Claflin has received many recognitions, including the Michigan Earth Science Association's Outstanding Earth Science Teacher Award and the National Association of Geoscience Teachers' Outstanding Earth Science Teacher Award for Central Michigan.

In addition to teaching earth science at White Cloud, Claflin has served as an editor and contributing writer for Michigan Earth Scientist, an adjunct geology instructor at Muskegon Community College, a teacher at Annis Water Resources Institute, and an education and outreach consultant for the Newaygo Conservation District's Stephen F. Wessling Observatory and Kropscott Farm Environmental Center.

Claflin earned her bachelor's degrees in earth and space science education and journalism from Central Michigan University.

With her guidance, Claflin's White Cloud students recently won the Lexus Eco Air and Climate Challenge.

"Ms. Claflin is an inspiring Earth science educator," said Sharon Tahirkheli, Interim Executive Director of the American Geosciences Institute.

"A lifelong learner who leads both her students and her colleagues by example, she champions inquiry-based earth science education in her school and throughout her community."

Given annually, AGI's Edward C. Roy Jr. Award recognizes one classroom teacher from kindergarten to eighth grade for leadership and innovation in earth science education. The award is named in honor of Dr. Edward C. Roy Jr., who was a strong and dedicated supporter of earth science education. ■



Junior High Honor Roll

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6TH GRADE

ADRIAN T. BASILIERE
HOPE P. BELL
PAYTEN E. BIRD
BLAKE R. BORGMAN
GABRIELLA E. DAKIN
BROOKLYNN N. DAVIS
MOLLY M. FRANCIS
MASON G. GOEBEL
ANDALEENE R. GORDON
OWEN M. HARGREAVES
RILIE M. HEETHER
*REECE J. HEWITT
TYLER G. HIGGINS
LINDSEY S. HODGES
SYLIS L. HOULE
TRINITY J. IRWIN
*CHARLOTTE R. KARNES
ANGELINA S. LEYS
BIANCA M. MCCORMICK
*DOMINIC J. MCDONALD
*ABBIE M. MCGUIGAN
ALEXIS V. MEDINA

GABRIEL M. MOREAU
MELODY M. RODRIGUEZ
VINCENT B. SAVILLE
CORLEY A. SCOTT
HAZELL E. SLOCUM
MOLLEE M. TANNER
AMIYA A. THOMPSON
KALEB A. THORN
CAEDANCE R. TRAYNOR
AUBREY I. VINING
JAMES J. VISSER
ZANDER R. WIGNER
ANIYHA M. WILLIAMS

7TH GRADE

KEIRA L. BAKER
AVERY M. BOWMAN
KALEB J. CANNING
*COLESON R. CRUZAN
HANNAH J. CRUZAN
AALIYAH A. EATON
*BROOKLYN K. FOONDLE
TAYLOR J. HANEY

*EMILY L. HEDLUND
DAVID W. HIGGS
TRENTON J. HITT
WYATT E. KARNES
EMILY R. LEGUIRE
HOPE C. PARSHALL
JAYLA R. PERRIN
CHEYENNE M. REBERG
JAYDEN R. ROBINSON
SYDNEY J. SAULIS
TRACE M. SCARLAVAI
GABRIELLE T. SCHULTZ
CHARLEIGH L. SCOTT
LILLIAN J. SLOCUM
MIYAH L. WOLTERS
*JACOB R. ZIMMER

8TH GRADE

JORJA P. BAKER
*RYLEIGH J. BALKE
*MASON S. CRUZAN
ALEYIAH D. DESNOYERS

*ANDREA J. FELDPAUSCH
*CARSON J. FOONDLE
ANTHONY J. GOEBEL
BRYCE W. HALTOM
RAILYN L. HOLLIDAY
GRACY L. HOLMES
SAMANTHA J. KUKAL
ZANE A. KUKAL
LANDYN T. MCGOWEN
ANNA G. MOHR
ALEXIS M. NICHOLS
*BRANDON T. RINESS
*BROOKE M. RINGLER
ALEXANDRIA M. RODRIGUEZ
JAYDEN M. ROWLAND
*JAYSON R. RUETHER
LLOYD E. SEBRIGHT-JOHNSON
JENNA N. SHEPPARD
ASHLEY R. TYLER
LOGAN B. WASHBURN
*JARED T. WATSON
TAYSHAWN A. WILLIAMS

Quiz Bowl Team Qualifies to 2020 Nationals for Third Time in Same Year

White Cloud's dedicated and talented quiz bowl squad qualified to the 2020 NAQT National Championship for the 3rd time this school year following competition in December at the Berrien Springs Invitational.

On two occasions last fall, White Cloud qualified to the Small-School Nationals at the Jan Rademacher Memorial Invitational, hosted by the Indians, and on WCMU's Quiz Central TV program in Mt. Pleasant.

This is the 23rd season that a White Cloud quartet has qualified to the nationals.

The Indians have had 12 top nine finishes in the United States since 2004 in the small-school division, which consists of Class B, C, and D public schools combined.

Junior co-captains Parker Karnes and Janessa Shepard, sophomore Anthony Solis-Victoria, and senior Brendan Lodden performed laudably at the Berrien Springs Invitational, garnering one school trophy and four individual medals.

Class C White Cloud placed third overall in the tournament and was the top team from Michigan.

In November, White Cloud also competed valiantly against squads from Ohio and Kentucky at the Tippecanoe Academic Challenge in Tipp City, Ohio. White Cloud won its bracket at the tournament.

The highlight of that tournament for White Cloud occurred when the Indians defeated the "varsity B" team representing the defending 2019 Class A national champions from Beaver Creek (Ohio) by the score of 260-220 in the afternoon playoffs.



The only Class C squad to finish higher than White Cloud at Tippecanoe was Fisher Catholic from Lancaster, Ohio.

The Indians also took part in the Holland Invitational in November, earning second in its tier.

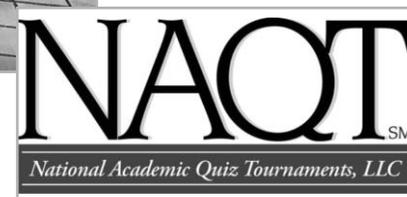
All 12 varsity teams at Holland qualified to last year's state meet.

On the junior varsity level at Holland, White Cloud's fledgling players also experienced major success. Through nine games, freshmen Gaby Reeve, Austin Hancock, Zane Keith, and Malachi Graves averaged 76.1, 71.1, 63.3, and 32.7 points per game, respectively. Wyatt Karnes averaged 18.9 points per contest, and was followed by Jenny Buttlerman, Heather Grveles, Breana Lodden, and Bethany Lodden. Others playing well were Charlotte Karnes and Alyssa Michaelis.

Coaches Tony McHattie, Stephen Smith, and Cordell Talbott wish to thank financial supporters Rosie Alger and family, Chuck and Annette Christenson, Orrie and Pat Ebenstein, Bill Mills, and Shepard and Shepard Accounting for making it possible for White Cloud to compete at these venues. Additional gratitude is extended to Stephanie Karnes, Chad Fetterley, and Tod Reeve. ■



Quiz bowl Coach Stephen Smith, left, Anthony Solis Victoria, Coach Cordell Talbott, Parker Karnes, Coach Tony McHattie, Janessa Shepard, and Brendan Lodden.



Greece, Italy Tour Moved to 2021

Four White Cloud students and three chaperones planning to travel to Europe this summer will have to wait one more year for their experiential learning.

White Cloud High School teacher Mrs. Barb Peacock, the tour program leader, said the trip has been postponed to "ensure the safety of all of our students and chaperones" during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The group will now plan to travel next June.

EF Educational Tours is hosting the tour. The company was founded in 1965 and is an accredited institution, offering global education programs that blend classroom, digital, and experiential learning for students. ■

Voice of Reason Marks 18 Years in White Cloud

Voice of Reason of White Cloud High School celebrated their 18th year of hosting the Jimmy's Kids Holiday Fun Day at the White Cloud Elementary School in December.

Kindergartners and first graders were part of the holiday spirit as they sang, danced and visited with Santa. ■



High school students participating with Voice of Reason this year were, in front, Jace Silverthorn, Carsyn Scarlavai, Olivia Bowman, Alexis Strait, Kiara Edwards, Taylor Bode, and adviser Janet Tuman. In the second row are Aleeya Grifford, Angelique Bell, Kyleah Baker, Krystianna Faltinowski, Elizabeth Compeau, Santa, Jacob Foster, Jemi Perrin, Emily Feldpausch, Rylee Hewitt, Ceara Bode, and Lillie Keith. In back are Valerie Saville, Courtney LaClair, Kobe Canning, Zane Keith, Layna Yeiter, Jordan Richmond, Cassie Watson, Naomi Thompson, and Alex Clark.



Winter Athletes Earn Conference Honors



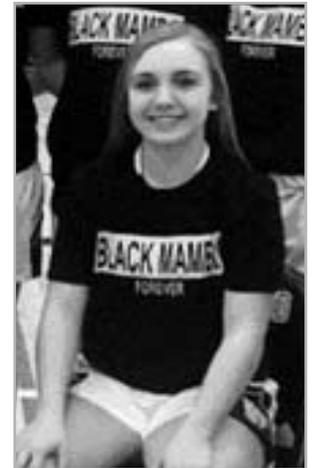
Sam Venema



Jacob Foster



Olivia Bowman



Alexis Strait

Four White Cloud basketball players have earned CSAA conference honors. And four members of the quiz bowl team also were recognized by conference coaches.

In girls basketball, Alexis Strait was named to the all-conference team, and Olivia Bowman earned honorable mention.

For the boys, Sam Venema earned all-conference honors and Jacob Foster was honorable mention.

White Cloud had four quiz bowl members named to the league's first team: Parker Karnes, Janessa Shepard, Anthony Solis-Victoria, and Brendan Lodden.

White Cloud has now had 50 quiz bowl players selected to the CSAA All-Conference squad since joining the CSAA.

Congratulations to all of our White Cloud student athletes! ■

High School Honor Roll

Semester 1

9TH GRADE

*ALEX R. CRUZAN
GREGORY EDMAISTON II
KIARA D. EDWARDS
WILLIAM E. FEHRLIN III
DOMINIC E. FRISBIE
*MALACHI A. GRAVES
AUSTIN C. HANCOCK
KAYLIE M. HILTS
*LILLIAN J. HOLMES
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TRISTON W. LATHROP
HUNTER B. LEGUIRE
REBECCA L. MCGARVEY
TRISTAN A. MCHANEY
VINCENT A. OCKERT
AMIYA K. PENNINGTON
*GABRIELA C. REEVE
GRACE A. RICHARDS
*CHRISTIAN J. RINGLER
MASON L. RUETHER
JACE A. SILVERTHORN
FELICIA L. SUTHERLAND

10TH GRADE

AVERY J. ACOSTA
KYLEAH R. BAKER
*ANGELIQUE R. BELL
JOEL S. BRADLEY
ASHTON J. BYLE
*KOBE N. CANNING
IMANI A. CRENSHAW
*KRYSTIANNA M. FALTINOWSKI
ALEEYA J. GRIFFORD
BRUCE A. GRVELES
*CARLY R. HEDLUND
ROMEO A. JOHNSON
AYDEN D. KAILING
SOPHIE A. KEHR
HENRY J. KOOIKER
RYLIE B. KOOMAN
ETHAN G. KRUL
*COURTNEY S. LA CLAIR
*BREAUNA J. LODDEN
MYAH E. MENCH
*CECELIA E. MILLER-RODRIGUEZ
MASON J. MORRIS
NIKOLAS A. PARKS
JOSEPHSON
*TAYLOR L. PASCH
WESLEY E. PENLAND
SAVANNAH M. SANFORD
*VALERIE N. SAVILLE
*CARSYN M. SCARLAVAI
ANTHONY J. SOLIS-VICTORIA
KENDYLL S. THORN
AYANA M. VOSSKAEMPER
KAYLEE A. WALLS

11TH GRADE

JENNIFER L. BURCH
FRANCESCA P. CRESCENZO
KARA E. DAVIS
ALEX J. ELDER
*KATHRYN E. FIALA
*LYDIA F. GEIGLE
ZACHARY A. GROVE
HEATHER M. GRVELES
RYLEE K. HEWITT
PARKER J. KARNES
ARAEAL A. MAC LEAN
IAN M. PIERCE
ALEXUS L. RICHMOND
JANESSA M. SHEPARD
ALEXIS STRAIT
SELENA M. STUBBLEFIELD
*AMBER N. THOMPSON
HALEY A. THOMPSON
NAOMI L. THOMPSON
SAMUEL J. VENEMA
CASSANDRA L. WATSON
ALEXIS F. WENGER

12TH GRADE

MORGAN E. ALBRIGHT
ABAGAYLE J. ANTON
KAYLA R. BAKER
TYLER R. BLACKALL
*OLIVIA E. BOWMAN
*ALEXANDER H. CLARK
RACHEL L. ELDER
*EMILY A. FELDPAUSCH
THOMAS J. FELDPAUSCH
*JACOB D. FOSTER
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Virtual Program

9TH GRADE

LISSA M. GROVER
LORETTA M. REBERG

10TH GRADE

CHACE D. BINIECKI
KAYLA M. CUBITT
ABIGAIL M. KOCH
SYDNEE N. POVEY
MORTICIO R. WALKER

11TH GRADE

ALYSSA R. BRIDGES
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12TH GRADE

JULIAN E. AGER
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24,000+ Meals and Counting

White Cloud Public Schools continues to provide meals to our students during the COVID-19 pandemic.

We want to shout out a big THANK YOU to our food service and transportation staff for their wonderful strong efforts for our students.

As of May 11, we had delivered more than 24,000 sacks to kids, which contain both breakfast and lunch.

We will continue our food distribution program through the remainder of the school year.

WC PRIDE! ■



Brent Foondle, 6-12 Assistant Principal and Athletic Director, checks the status of the school buses used for delivering meals to students.



The meals staff warriors!

Taxpayers Save Nearly \$1 Million with Bond Refinancing

White Cloud's board of education recently sold more than \$10 million in school building and site bonds and in refunding bonds.

The \$2.4 million in school building and site bonds, called new money bonds, were issued to help pay for building remodeling, installing security equipment, equipment and furnishings, instructional technology, improving parking lots, and the athletic track.

The refunding bonds of \$8.3 million allow the district to refinance existing debt. This move will save the district \$913,000 in interest payments, said Supt. Ed Canning.

White Cloud received an "A" rating from Standard and Poor's bond rating service. The district's good credit quality was based on its strong market value per capita, growing economy, and strong reserves as a result of consistent operating results.

The new money bonds sold at a true interest rate of 1.51%, with a final maturity of 2025. The refunding bonds sold at a true interest rate of 2.64% with a final maturity of 2031. ■

Schools Receive \$500 Award

White Cloud Public Schools received a \$500 award from the Brohman EZ Mart One Stop as their nominee for the Educational Alliance Program sponsored by ExxonMobil.

ExxonMobil has a long history of supporting educational programs like Educational Alliance that focus on improvements in math and science from pre-school to higher education.

The company states that it is fundamentally important to encourage the next generation to pursue studies and careers involved in these fields. ■

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WESCO Supports WC Schools



Supt. Ed Canning accepts a \$400 donation from Wesco in White Cloud. The donation was part of Wesco's ongoing support for the school district.

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