

# WHITE PINE CHARTER SCHOOL April 2021



April Newsletter 2021

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**White Pine Charter School Lottery** -

Tuesday, April 20th

**Regular School Board Meeting** - Tuesday,  
May 4th

**Incoming Kindergarteners Tour Week** -  
Week of May 10th

**Field Day** - May 25th - 27th

## TEACHER HIGHLIGHT: Mrs. Resendiz

This month's teacher highlight is Mrs. Resendiz!! When asked about her teaching partner, Mrs. Fritchen said, "Diana is a go getter! She goes out of her way to help our team! She reached out to the zoo, the publishing company, and the aquarium this school year to make sure that our 3rd graders have an opportunity to write a classroom book, and learn about different animals. She is always sharing ideas with the team and offers a ton of support! She is positive with her students and always makes sure to make learning fun and interactive! She set up our Hot Dog Picnic so that our kiddos would feel valued and appreciated after the 1st round of ISATs. She is always thinking outside of the box and she puts her

## A Note From Mr. Graham:

# Got Dress Code?

White Pine Charter School does. It is more than a tradition, but something we believe enhances the educational experience. As a school of choice, it is an expectation that students and parents understand and follow the dress code guidelines. That being said, we understand that some items are unclear and it is our responsibility to help families with the transition.

The biggest violations we are currently seeing at school is the use of non-dress code hoodies and colored hair. Hoodies are allowed in the school setting if a collared shirt is worn underneath AND it is school purchased (spiritwear) or matches our school top colors (with no designs or logos). When it comes to hair, we allow all natural hair colors. For instance, if a student dyes their hair blonde that is considered a

students first! She always wears a smile!"

We sure do love Mrs. Resendiz and the bubbly attitude she brings to our school!



## PFA UPDATE

Hello!

The PFA is looking for new members! The deadline for those who are interested is April 28th. New PFA members will be announced at the PFA meeting on May 5th. Click the link to see the announcement.

We NEED parents to make White Pine Charter School the best it can be!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HvK51mIWmBM>

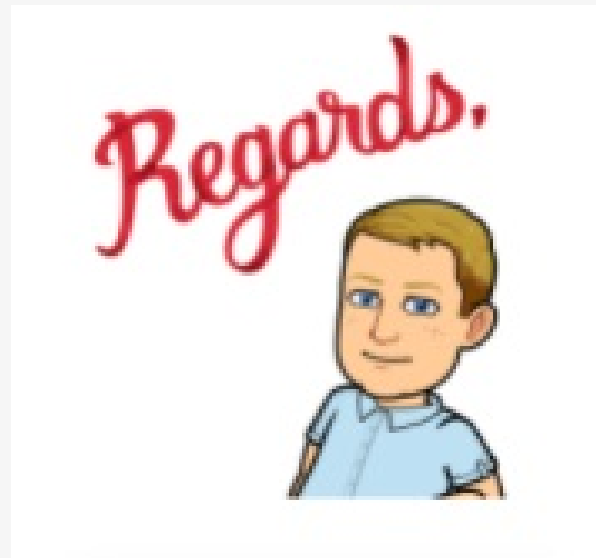
Sincerely,  
Hanna Glodowski  
PFA President

natural color. On the other hand, green does not fit the bill.

We are working to remind our students during announcements and hold them accountable at school. We know it is a work in progress and will make it our goal to communicate regularly with parents as well. Here is a copy of the dress code, straight from our policies.

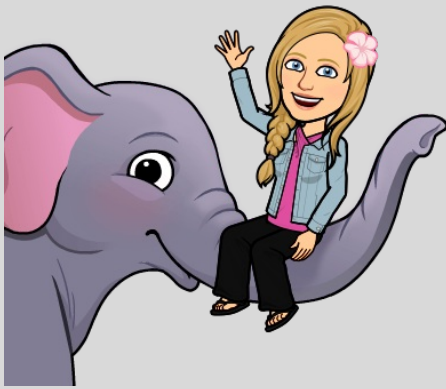
## DRESS CODE POLICY

Have questions? Feel free to email me at [grahamke@wpcscougars.org](mailto:grahamke@wpcscougars.org). Thank you for being part of our White Pine family!



## From Mrs. Peterson: School Counselor

This month we continued with the theme of being a cognitive scientist. Students K-3 learned about big problems, medium problems, and small problems. We used a stoplight as a visual with the small problems being green, where they can solve the problem by themselves and keep going. A medium problem is



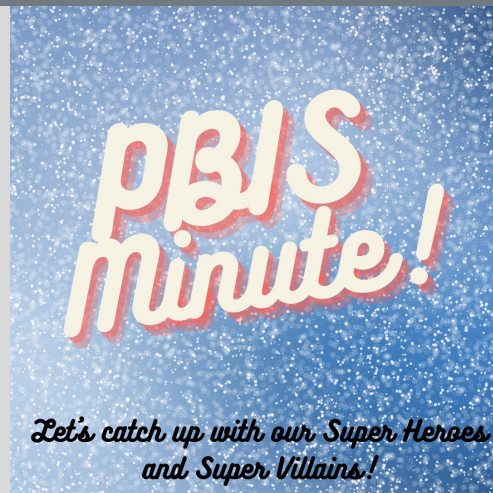
yellow, they might need to slow down to decide what the next steps are or use some coping strategies. A large problem is red, when this happens students should stop and get an adult. They also talked about tools they can use when they experience each of these types of problems. Grades 4-6 practiced mindfulness activities to use when they are starting to feel emotionally escalated. These activities included the lazy 8, colorful dots, the body scan, and grounding.

Students in 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade have been preparing to take the ISAT. As parents and guardians, you can help the students prepare also. Some things that will help are getting a good night's sleep, eating a healthy breakfast, and using the days before and the morning of the test to help build your student's confidence. During the test, many students are able to focus better if they snack while they take the test, sending them healthy snacks can really help them maintain that focus for longer periods of time. At school, we will help your students prepare by helping them be familiar with the testing format, providing motivation to put in their best effort, providing a small snack, in addition to other interventions. We are excited to see how well our students will do!

## PROGRAM UPDATES



A major concern for parents as well as teachers is how to help children who experience difficulty learning in school. Everyone wants to see their child excel, and it can be very frustrating when a child falls behind in learning to read, do math, or achieve in other subjects. It can be scary to hear that your child may have a learning difference that makes school more difficult than it is for some



A New Superhero for White Pine?

Our superheroes at White Pine have been busy! With some recent events that have unfolded with behavior villains like Negative Ninja, Reluctant Rapper, and Dr. Distracted trying to cause chaos at our school, our superheroes have found themselves short-handed. Not to fear, though! It looks like they have found the help

others. There are resources that can help you know what you can do to help your child. One great resource for parents can be found at <https://www.understood.org/>. Here you can find information about learning differences, and how to help children who have challenges to thrive.

they need and have recruited a kind and dynamic member of their team - Significant Singer! Our superheroes are so excited to have help showing students how to follow school expectations, encourage others, and to be their best self! Watch the video link to see how Captain Connected and Positive Princess discovered this new superhero!



## Core Knowledge Corner

We are so excited to present our first Virtual Core Knowledge Night! As you know, Core Knowledge is one of the big things that makes our school different and special. Students are immersed in deep topics starting in Kindergarten. We learn about the world, cultures, history, sciences, and humanities. Each year we have a big bash in the spring to show off what we do. Students are always excited for this night and put in so much effort so showcase how much they have grown through the year.

Last year, we were less than a week away from Core Knowledge Night when the school was shut by the state. The halls were decorated in preparation, students were ready with performances throughout the night. Activities were plan for families to participate in. It was extremely disappointing to miss it. This year we have our Core Knowledge Night in a virtual format.

Core Knowledge Night launched April 19th. Check your emails for the link to join our school community

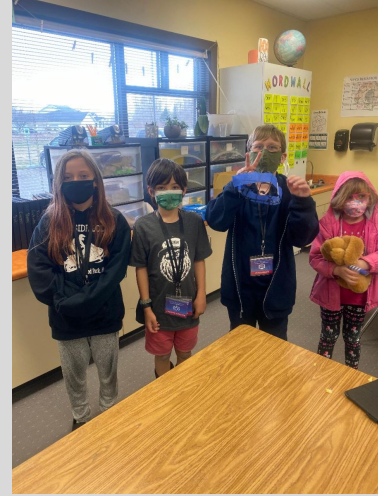
Anna Attebury  
Core Knowledge Coordinator



COUGAR SIGHTINGS!



**Mrs. Fritchen's Class is planting spring flowers!**



**STEM Club meets to work on their INL Earth Day Competition**



**Mrs. Brower's little Nature Explorers!**



**Radial Paper Sculptures in Mrs. Walker's Class.**



**Mrs. C's class is learning about the lifecycle of a butterfly as they watch the caterpillars change.**



**WPCS Art Club submits their work to INL'S Earth Day Contest using recycled materials.**



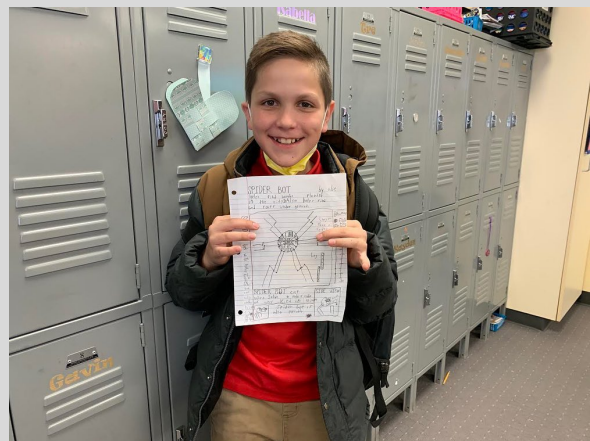
**Second graders came to read to Mrs. Tracy's first grade class.**



**Ms. Trust's class is playing some math games.**



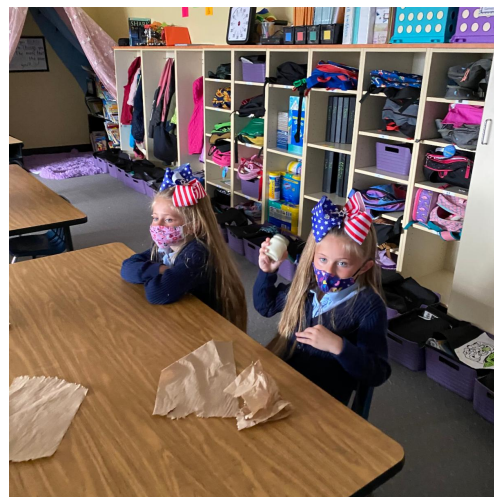
**Ms. Ortega and her 3rd place Cross Country winner, Hadley!**



**A student in Mrs. Torgerson's class shows off his Animal Bot submission.**

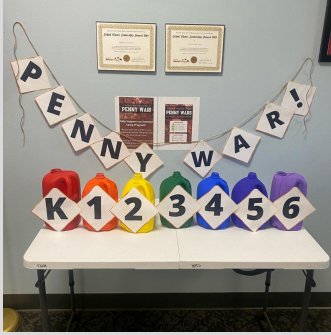


**Ms. Ashley's class celebrates Earth Day.**



**Mrs. Attebury's class makes their own butter!**

**BIG THANKS!**



We'd like to thank you all for your constant support during the school year. We have had many fundraisers and events and White Pine families never cease to show up! These are the types of things that make us a strong community and allow us to provide the best possible experience for our students.  
**THANK YOU!**

## 2021 Read-A-Thon

**MINUTES READ**  
 16,120 MINUTES  
**TOP READER**  
 JORDAN P. 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE

**AMOUNT RAISED**  
**\$ 7471.88**

**TOP READERS**

| K         | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 4 <sup>th</sup> | 5 <sup>th</sup> | 6 <sup>th</sup> |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| John J.   | Maiton L.       | Scott B.        | Sawyer M.       | Eden S.         | Jordan P.       | Oliver H.       |
| Kylie B.  | Alexis P.       | Cory L.         | Everest C.      | Mathaeous B.    | Quinn R.        | Hedley J.       |
| Wesson C. | Cassidy J.      | Ella W.         | Ben B.          | Hazel W.        | Lilie C.        | Chloe R.        |

**TOP DONATORS**

| K            | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 4 <sup>th</sup> | 5 <sup>th</sup> | 6 <sup>th</sup> |
|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Wesson C.    | Cayce F.        | Ella W.         | Kambria L.      | Mathaeous B.    | Taylor H.       | Renata B.       |
| Charlotte L. | Blakely N.      | Nathan H.       | Everest C.      | Preslee C.      | Isabella L.     | Aifa B.         |

