

# WHITE PINE CHARTER SCHOOL January 2021



January Newsletter 2021

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Regular Board Meeting** -  
Tuesday, January 26th (6:30)  
**NED Assembly** - Tuesday,  
February 2nd  
**PFA Meeting** - Wednesday,  
February 3rd (6:30)

## TEACHER HIGHLIGHT: Mrs. Graham

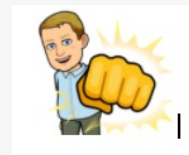
It is with a sad heart that we say goodbye to Mrs. Graham this month. After 14 years of dedicated service to White Pine and it's families, she needed to take a step back. It's hard to imagine the exact amount of hours she has put into our little district. From teaching different grade levels, to coaching, to being a lead teacher of Federal Programs, Mrs. Graham has made an impact on many lives. White Pine will forever be grateful for the amount of heart and soul that she has poured into her work.



## A Note From Mr. Graham:

White Pine Families,

The pandemic has forced us to come up empty when it comes to volunteer hours (in the school setting). The usual twenty hours of volunteer time (per family) is just not possible. We understand your value and it is important to us to offer opportunities when they arise. Many of our awesome employees were stakeholders of the school before joining our team. Here are some needs that we have at the elementary building.



### **Recess Duty**

We are in desperate need of 1-2 more recess duties. The hours are 11-1 Tuesday through Friday with an opportunity to get more hours in on Monday. Is it cold outside? Of course it is, but this position helps to ensure the safety of our students.

### **Literacy Paraprofessional**

We have been utilizing paraprofessionals in grades K-3 to help struggling readers get



## PFA UPDATE

Hello!!

Read-A-Thon is coming up and it is a big fundraiser; one PFA will need help with. PFA needs people to run this fundraiser this year. Having one person run this is possible, but having a few people to share workload is even better!

PFA will have the last Read-A-Thon representative create a breakdown of expectations and information as to how it is run at the next meeting on the 3rd via google meets; [PFA Meeting](#) . It would be great for those that are interested to attend the meeting.

Please email the PFA at [whitepinepfa@gmail.com](mailto:whitepinepfa@gmail.com) if you, or anyone you know are interested. If you cannot attend the meeting PFA will have information for you in an email. Thank you for supporting White Pine and it's organizations!

Sincerely,  
Hanna Glodowski  
PFA President

the interventions they need. We still have an opening in 2nd grade and am seeking someone who has a literacy background and loves kids! This position would be Tuesday through Friday from around 9-2. You would work directly with the second grade team to provide these interventions one on one or in a small group setting. Does it get any more rewarding than that?

### **Kitchen Substitutes**

Our kitchen has been short handed all year and needs 3-4 substitutes on call when help is needed. Lori and her team work so hard and could use some relief. Kitchen duties include prep, serving, dishes, and of course smiling when students walk by!

### **One on One Aide**

There are times when a student qualifies to have a one on one aide to help them work on academic or behavioral goals. We have a current need after losing a valuable employee before Winter Break. The hours for this position are Monday through Friday during the school day. The requirements are having a passion for working with children and the ability to make that special connection (in order to get the most out of them). The teacher still serves as the go to person for directives etc, but the one on one aide helps the student reach their goals.

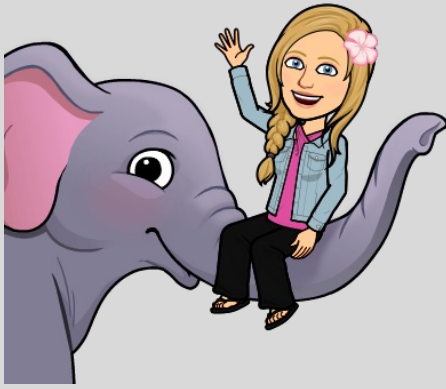
Pay is dependent on the position and past work experience. Are you interested? Of course you are! Follow this link for our application and get it to me ASAP. I can also answer any questions you may have before applying.

### **Classified Application**

Ken Graham  
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White Pine Charter School  
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## From Mrs. Peterson: School Counselor

January marks the beginning of a new year. This month your student has learned about setting SMART goals. A SMART goal is specific, measurable, attainable, relevant, and time-bound. Students have been engaged as they are beginning to set goals that they can accomplish before the end of the school year. In Kindergarten, we have set a class goal to be more kind, and have begun by playing kindness bingo. Grades 1-3



have learned about SMART goals, set a goal, and made a plan to accomplish that goal. While grades 4-6 are working on finding pictures that will represent the SMART goals they have set. Over the next month, these pictures will be compiled to create a vision board for each student. It has been really fun to see students focus on what they would like to accomplish in the next few months. These goals have ranged from becoming a better snowboarder to improving reading comprehension. Ask your student what their SMART goals are!

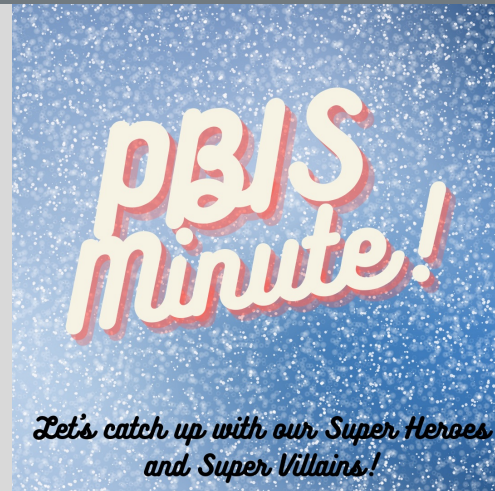
## PROGRAM UPDATES



Last month we talked about our school's Tier 1 curriculum, designed to meet the needs of most students. For students who need a little bit more, we have the RTI process and Tier 2 interventions. RTI stands for "response to intervention."

Interventions can include pre-teaching or re-teaching concepts in small groups or 1:1 settings, lessons that are specifically designed based on results of I-Ready testing, and the remediation materials that are part of CKLA and Bridges Math. These resources help teachers to provide students with "just in time" instruction, helping to fill the gaps from related prior grade level concepts, so that students are able to successfully learn at their current grade level. Digital programs that allow students to work at their independent learning level and pace, such as Lexia, Amplify Reading, Zearn, and Imagine Math, are also sometimes used as interventions. These programs provide teachers with additional data about student achievement and trouble areas, along with lessons to help meet individual student needs.

Interventions can happen all day long, but our school master schedule provides 30 minutes each day specifically for both Reading and Math intervention time. This year, we are very excited



Who is that lurking around White Pine Charter School? It seems that two super villains have shown up to reek havoc on our school by not following our PBIS school expectations . . . These villains seems to be doing everything opposite of what our superheroes stand for – good behavior!

These villains have been identified! The first is known as Reluctant Rapper, who doesn't seem to want to do ANYTHING and has our superhero Willing Woman busy trying to make sure students don't follow in her footsteps. Last week we saw video of the Negative Ninja, who has been trying to spread bad attitudes and negative vibes all around our school. Our superhero, Positive Princess, sure has her hands full trying to do away with the trouble this villain is causing!

The big question is . . . are there more? Also, will students, with the help of the superheroes, be able to do what is right and teach these villains how to follow our school expectations for good behavior?

I am confident they will!

that our school has been able to use Literacy funds to provide teacher aides to K-3 classes, who help teachers to provide targeted services for more students. Students who are working at or above grade level also receive differentiated learning activities during that time slot. About every six weeks, grade level teachers meet with the RTI team to review growth monitoring data and determine whether interventions are working, or whether something else needs to be offered. We work together to try to make the most out of intervention minutes, with the goal of helping each student be successful.



## Core Knowledge Corner

### First Grade Spotlight

First grade is on their way to adventure this month! They started their journey thousands of years ago in the deserts of Mesopotamia and Egypt. Now they will travel to Central and South America to meet new civilizations: Aztec, Inca, and Maya.

First graders are learning about the unmatched agricultural style of chinampas with the Aztec, the amazing astrological abilities of the Maya, and the extreme perseverance of the Inca. Each civilization a unique piece of our history.

Students are excited and showing off their artistic skills in building their own chinampas, weaving baskets, and building sun dials. This is an adventure you don't want to miss.



## JANUARY HAPPENINGS!



### Guest Musician Christian Kunz:

Guest artist, Christian Kunz, came to present instruments including the ukulele, violin, and piano to several classes during their music classes and allowed them to take a look inside the piano!



### G.A.T.E plays Stock Market Game

This month the G.A.T.E. class will start the Stock Market Game and compete with 4th-12th grade students in the state. Let's see how they do! They are learning about stocks, portfolios, market influencers, seasonal shares, etc. The competition

Christian performed various songs on each instrument...including a "Name that Tune" game. Children were able to demonstrate concert etiquette, practice their listening skills, share their knowledge of the instruments, and ask questions. It was fun to dance and move to the music, as well. Thanks Christian for sharing your knowledge and love of music and instruments!

ends in March. There are 10 teams and each one will receive \$100,000 to invest. The NYSE will give real life values and their investment follows the NYSE. Right now they are researching and checking the stocks of many corporations and studying the market to invest. So cool!

## COUGAR SIGHTINGS!



**Ms. Ashley's Kindergarten class practices their letters.**



**Mrs. Resendiz's class had a visit from the animals at the Idaho Falls Aquarium.**



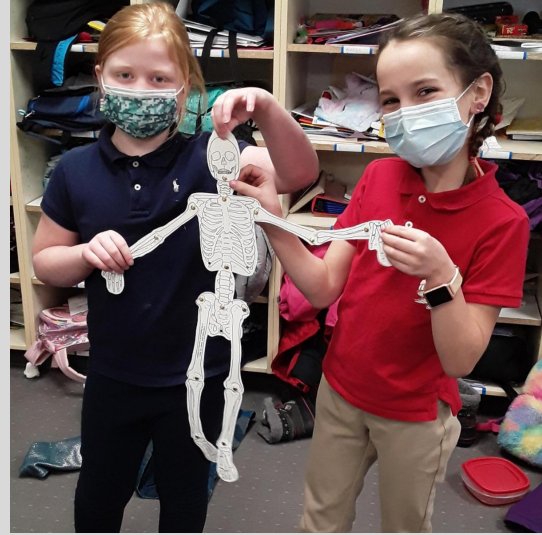
**White Pine students take advantage of the snow!**



**Robotics coaches, Mr. Olsen and Mrs. John, get their team ready for competition!**



Mrs. Brower's Class celebrates National Hat Day!



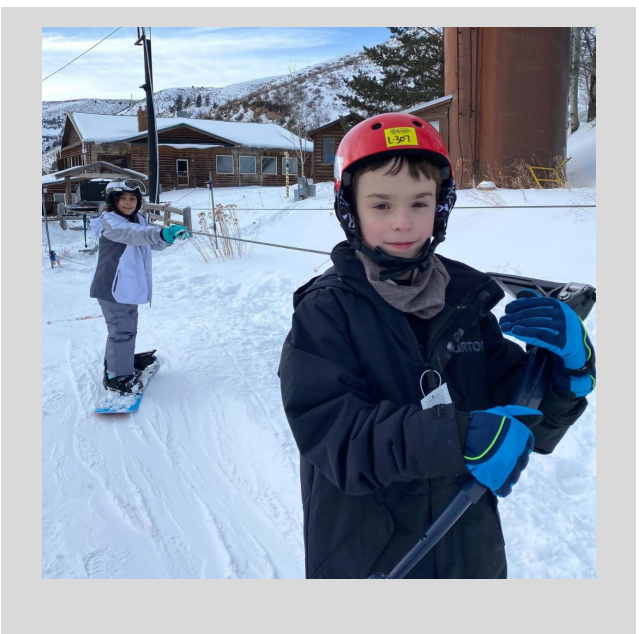
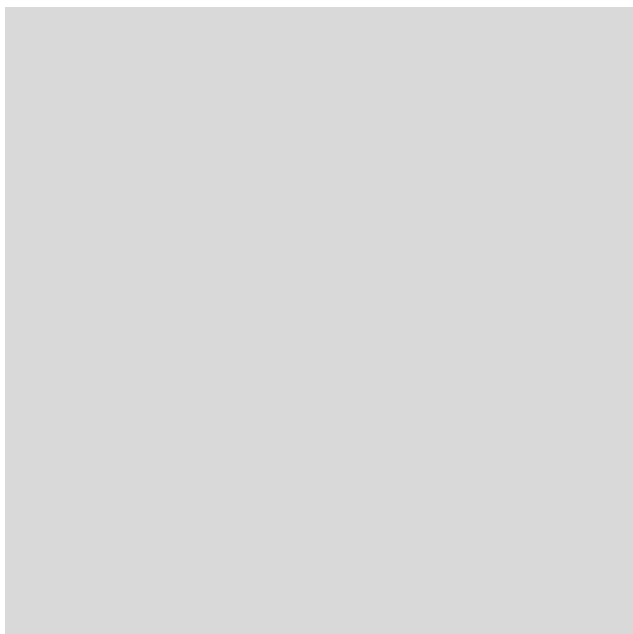
3rd Graders learn about the Human Body.



6th Grade D.A.R.E graduation and essay contest winners!



The competition gets stiff as teachers try to beat the students in a friendly game of Words With Friends!





**Ms. Trust's 1st Graders work on their constellations.**

**White Pine students hit the slopes in Ski Club!**

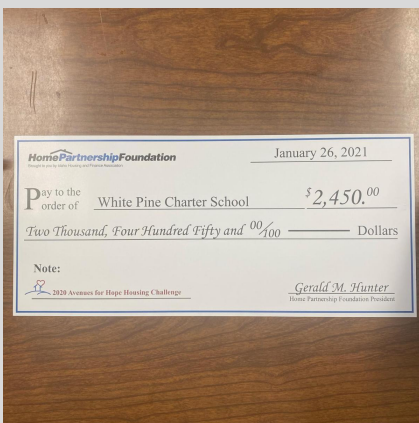


**Art Club gets creative out in the hallways!**



**First graders work together to build their number lines.**

**BIG THANKS!**



**Thank you as always to our AMAZING White Pine Community! Because of your support we were able to help many families!**

