

WHITE PINE CHARTER SCHOOL May 2021



May Newsletter 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

PFA Picnic - Monday, May 24th - 3-7 PM

A-M (Last Name) - 3-5

N-Z (Last Name) - 5-7

May Regular Board Meeting - Tuesday, May 25th - 5 PM

Last Day of School - Friday, May 28th - 11:15 dismissal

PFA UPDATE

Hello parents!

The PFA still needs positions filled for the PFA board for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year. The positions still available are President, Vice President, and Secretary. Please send an email to whitepinepfa@gmail.com if you or anyone you know is interested (must be a parent of a student who attends White Pine). Please volunteer and help make White Pine the best it can be!

[Click HERE for why you should be a part of PFA!](#)

The PFA is having an end of year picnic! So mark your calendars for May 24th! There will be separate times for people to come so as to keep crowd levels down and social

A Note From Mr. Graham:

WPCS Parents,

This is the time during your regularly scheduled programming where we remind you about the importance of limiting “learning loss” over the summer.

We understand students are not in the school setting and many parents are working. We also recognize that the summer is a time for fun, traveling, and giving your brain a break.

The truth is we can work together to limit learning loss, even if we know some is going to occur regardless. It can be as simple as setting aside an hour a day and holding your kiddos accountable.

Many of the programs like Lexia and Imagine Math will be open for business during the summer. This is an amazing start, but the best person to consult is your child’s classroom teacher. They can tell you exactly what you need to prioritize and provide helpful resources and insight.

You may also be telling yourself your child is ahead of the game and they do not need a summer learning routine. The summer slide is true for everyone. No matter where your student is academically they can grow, and they can go backwards. Reading is a non negotiable. There are so many students

distancing. If your oldest student's last name starts with A-M please come between the time of 3-5pm; N-Z please come from 5-7pm. Please come to White Pine and enjoy some outside time! There will be food trucks available for those that want them, otherwise feel free to pack a picnic and bring it! The PFA will send home a flyer and an email with more details. Don't forget sunscreen!! See you at the end of the year!!

that do not like to read and need effort in finding that book that helps them blast off or an adult to take the time on a regular basis to read with them.

The bottom line is we are in this together. Take the time this summer to develop a learning routine and see what it can do. Do you have any questions? Feel free to reach out to me at any time.

Ken Graham
Elementary Principal
White Pine Charter School
grahamke@wpcscougars.org

White Pine Charter Elementary School wants you to...

Join Our PFA!

THE PFA IS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS!

Positions Available:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary

▶▶▶ Please help our school be the best it can be by volunteering to be on the PFA!

We need parents to help make White Pine Charter Elementary school the best it can be!

Please email whitepinepfa@gmail.com if you are interested in helping make the 2021-2022 school year the BEST for our students and staff!



PROGRAM UPDATES

**RTI
minute!**

A word from our Response to Intervention Team

**PBIS
minute!**

Let's catch up with our Super Heroes and Super Villains!

Summer learning loss is the tendency for children to lose some of the skills and knowledge they gained over the school year during the summer months. This “summer slide” has been confirmed by studies from Oxford, Harvard, and other reliable sources. But it doesn’t have to happen! Studies also show that just 2-3 hours per week during the summer spent on learning activities are sufficient to stop the summer slide for most learners! Schedule time each week for learning, and make it fun! Take advantage of summer library programs, and read each day. To keep writing skills sharp, keep an adventure journal or write letters and stories. Play card games that practice math skills. Many online learning accounts that your student used during the school year (such as Lexia, Amplify, Zearn, Imagine Math etc) remain active for students to use during the summer. Take advantage of summer classes, lessons, camps, 4-H, and family activities that promote learning and curiosity. Your student’s teacher will have other ideas to help your specific child. Be sure to watch for more information about terrific summer camp opportunities right here at White Pine!



PBIS at Home This Summer!

The PBIS expectations that we use at school can be used at home this summer too! Students have learned what these expectations are, and they can be adapted to fit the needs for your home. Positive behaviors that we look for are for students to be:

W - Willing

P - Positive

C - Connected

S- Significant

We have these expectations posted in different areas of the school, along with what the expected behavior is for the area. Some examples: Being “WILLING” in the lunchroom is “I clean up after myself” and in carpool it’s “I will come and go with a good attitude.” Being POSITIVE in the bathroom is “I am mindful of others” and on the playground it is “I will use kind words and actions.” Being CONNECTED on the playground is “I will be active and join in” and in the hallway it is “I will keep it quiet and clean.” “Being SIGNIFICANT in the classroom is “I will be focused” and on the playground it is “I will make smart choices.” You can easily adapt these for home. For example, being WILLING could be “I will read 30 minutes(or play outside for an hour) before playing video games” or “I will try at least one bite of everything on my plate.” Instead of the WPCS expectations, maybe try to come up with your own acronym and set up expectations for areas of your home. Work with your child(ren) to come up with these expectations to get better buy-in from them! Using PBIS at home may help make your summer family time great!

Core Knowledge Corner

Core Knowledge Night was a big success. Despite not being about to participate in performances and activities together, many of you spent time as families enjoying the time. If you haven't had a chance to look at our Core Knowledge Night, don't worry, the link is still open.

It's the end of the year, which means it is time to put away our Core Knowledge until fall. Or is it? Did you know that the Core Knowledge Foundation has all of their Core Knowledge resources available online for free. You can go to coreknowledge.org to see what your child will be learning next year or review what they learned this year. It's a great opportunity to start building the foundation for this fall.

Anna Attebury
Core Knowledge Coordinator

COUGAR SIGHTINGS!



Mrs. C's class releasing their butterflies into the wild.



Mrs. Walker's class makes a water filtration system for the ISU Engineering Design EXPO



Fourth grade made some tortillas after learning about Idaho agriculture and wheat industry on the Idaho History Rendezvous.



Taco and movie party!!



Third Grade Solar Oven Picnic!



Mrs. Resendiz's Class making their solar ovens.



Mrs. Fritchen's class's talent show.



Third graders making their scientific method experiments.



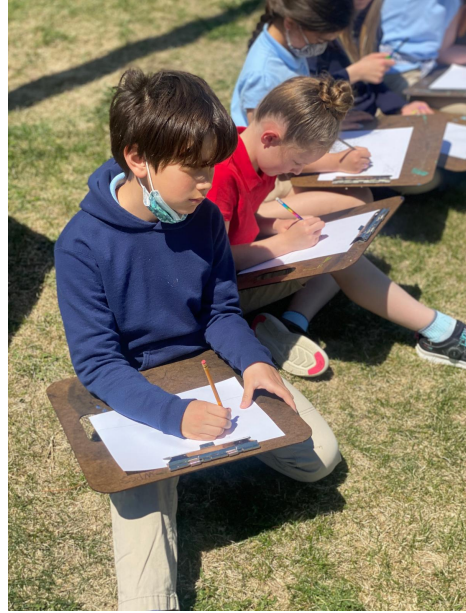
2nd graders up their Spanish projects with Ms. Ortega



Recess with Mr. Olsen!



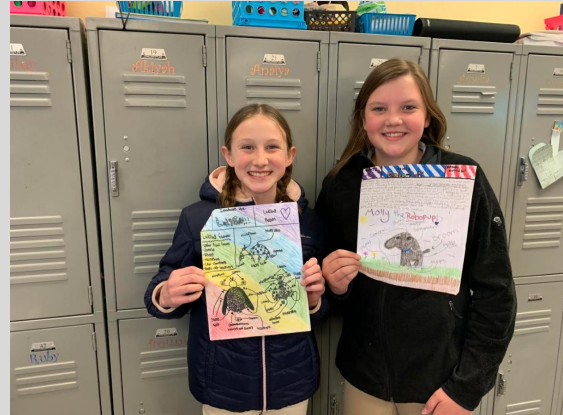
Ms. Trust's class looks for nouns and adjective outside in the sunshine.



5th Graders do some art sketches outside with Ms. Kennedy.



Mrs. Attebury's first graders playing some math games.



Mrs. Torgerson's Animal Bot submission.



BIG THANKS!

We'd like to thank you all for your constant support during the school year. This year has been so different, in many ways, and we are grateful for each of you. We have come through it stronger than ever! These are the types of things that make us a family and allow us to provide the best possible experience for our students.

THANK YOU!

FROM LORI ORME:

I just wanted to say a huge thank you to my staff. You're so amazing and beautiful! You have worked so hard to prepare meals during this COVID-19 Pandemic and all the food safety rules, and trying to keep everything cleaned and sanitized to keep all of you safe. To the students I thank you and give you a big high 5 for following the rules and being respectful of others and respectful of my staff. You took the changes like it was nothing. You are so awesome. Thanks to the teachers for being a big team player and a thank you for all that you do for White Pine Charter school. You are amazing! We will miss you. Have a fun summer!

Be beautiful ! Be you!

Lori Orme

Child Nutrition Department

