

# Welcome Back!!!

Dear White Pine Charter School Parents:

Welcome back to another great and exciting school year! We feel so fortunate to have your children aboard with us for the 2008/2009 academic school year. As in the past, our focus this year will be to ensure each child is challenged at their own level to provide a rewarding educational experience for all students. Please remember that our **Back to School Night** will be on Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00 p.m. This is a great time to come meet your children's teachers and the new school administration team. We hope to see you there!

As we begin a new school year, please remember that parents are a great asset to any school's success. We welcome your involvement as well as your comments and concerns; please feel free to contact us at anytime. I encourage you to participate in our school activities and programs, we are always looking for parent volunteers to help with various areas throughout the school. Currently we are requesting parent volunteers to help in the lunchroom on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays from 11:00-12:30. If you are available to be of assistance, please contact our kitchen supervisor, Danielle Andrews, she may be reached at 709-6446. We are also in search of parents that would like to teach a middle school elective, if you have a special interest or talent that you would like to share with our students, your help during the second and third trimesters would be greatly appreciated. We currently are seeking a parent to teach a health elective to our middle school students Monday thru Friday from 11:15-11:55 for the duration of the first trimester. This is a paid position at \$9.00 per hour for four hours per week; we are hoping to fill this gap as quickly as possible as our electives schedule is already underway. If you are interested and available to help, please contact Kristin Beck, Dean of Students at 522-4432 or via email at [beckkr@whitepinecharterschool.org](mailto:beckkr@whitepinecharterschool.org). Thanks in advance for any help you can offer! ☺

During the month of October we will be adding the new addition of PowerSchool, while this is very exciting for us as a school; it will hinder our ability to post grades before the updates are complete. Please keep in close contact with your children's teachers regarding current class grades until the premiere edition of PowerSchool is installed. As the time nears, we will keep you updated as to its anticipated completion date. Thanks for your patience and understanding in this matter.

We would also like to remind parents of the Carpool and Parking Rules and Procedures we have in place in order to maintain student safety at the school. Please review these rules if you are a carpool driver and reiterate any rules that apply to students to your children.

- ❖ Please refrain from using your cell phone while in the carpool lane, this allows for your undivided attention to be allocated to students.
- ❖ While in the carpool lane, remain in line, vehicles that pull out of the line early to go around other vehicles become a safety concern for students, as the driver's line of vision is blocked by waiting vehicles.
- ❖ Please do not leave your car while in the carpool lane.

- ❖ Students are not to cross the blue line marked on the sidewalk until their car has completely stopped.
- ❖ Students are not to run down the sidewalk during carpool times, there are other students and teachers that occupy this same space, students must walk.
- ❖ Please display your carpool name in large font, this allows us to call students to carpool ahead of time, so that the wait time for students decreases over time.
- ❖ Students are not allowed on school property earlier than 8:10 a.m., there is no supervision before this time. Please be prompt in picking up your children at the end of the day.
- ❖ Until the students can play on the grass, please do not park in the visitor parking area during school hours. The blacktop is part of the student's playground and needs to be a protected area without any moving vehicles. Please see the attached parking and carpool diagram for further explanation.

As we begin a new school year, it is important that the dress code for students is strictly enforced. Parents and students were supplied with a copy of the dress code at registration, if you are in need of an additional copy please stop by the school to pick one up or request that one be sent home with your child. Research has shown that appropriate student attire enhances a positive school climate and learning environment. Compliance with the dress code is ***mandatory***. Please review the dress code with your children, and contact the dean of students with any questions you may have regarding appropriate attire. Students who are found to be out of compliance with the dress code will remain in the office until their parents or guardians arrive at the school with a change of clothing. Through observation of students this week it has been noticed that the following dress code regulations have been neglected.

- ❖ Shirts must be tucked in. During recess, before, and after school this is a nonissue, however when students are inside the building, ***undershirts and the shirts covering them must be tucked in.***
- ❖ Shoes must be enclosed, no flip flops or sandals.
- ❖ Socks or tights must be worn.
- ❖ Extreme accessories (earrings) are not appropriate.
- ❖ Sweaters must be a solid, navy blue, light blue, red, or white (no grey).

We appreciate your continued support in making sure your child's attire is in compliance with our adopted dress code. If you haven't already, please be sure to return your child's Code of Conduct Policy with a parent's signature to their teacher.

Thanks For All You Do!

Kristin Beck

Dean of Students

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