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The White Pine Report



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Parent Cheer Meeting



When: September 4th
Time: 4:00PM
Where: WPCS Cafeteria
Who: 5,6,7 & 8th Grade Families and Students!

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Labor Day - No School

Monday, September 7th

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Book Club Starts

Thursday, September 10th
 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM
 (every Thursday)
 1st through 5th Grades

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Chess Club Starts

Friday, September 11th
 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM
 (every Friday)
 5th through 8th Grades

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Dear Terry,

We want to thank all our families for helping us get off to such a great start! We appreciate your continued support and cooperation in helping us foster a safe, supportive and academically challenging environment. We enjoyed seeing familiar faces and meeting new ones at our Back-to-School night and look forward to seeing and working with you all throughout the year!

Sincerely,

The White Pine Team

Mission Driven Goals

Holding steadfast to a shared vision helps us stay on track. Like Alvin Toffler stated, "You've got to think about big things while you're doing small things, so that all the small things go in the right direction."

Looking at our vision, the school board adopted four major goals for this academic year:

1. Develop and implement outstanding, consistent, timely, & effective communication.
2. Promote a collaborative environment.
3. Focus on High student academic achievement.
4. Increase Global exposure.

As a team and with a commitment to collaboration, our staff discussed each goal in depth and created steps to help us achieve these objectives. Throughout the year, we will continually monitor these goals and our progress.

Meet Another White Pine Team Member!

Katrina Hunt can be seen at our front desk morning and afternoon, greeting parents, answering the telephone, assisting the faculty, helping the children, directing traffic in the halls, and the many myriad things that must be done day by day to keep the front office running smoothly.

Katrina is a Navy Submariner Wife and a mother of six, three of whom attend White Pine Charter School. Previous to living in Idaho Falls, the Hunt family's military orders led them to a variety of exotic and not so exotic locations, including Italy, Western Washington, San Diego, Hawaii, Virginia, and most recently, the tropical Island of Guam.

In her spare time, Katrina enjoys cooking, reading, sewing, and computer games.

News from the Carpool Lane

Thank you for your continued patience and cooperation during carpool. One thing we have noticed though, is that being on a cell phone is distracting and not only slows down the flow of traffic, but can also be a safety concern. Please remind your riders to look for their vehicle after school and try to be at the end of the building and ready to go.



Library Opens!

[Channel 6 Report](#)
[Channel 8 Report](#)

Quote

"Too often we give children answers to remember rather than problems to solve."

(Roger Lewin)



Our librarians have worked hard over the summer to index over 6000 books and are ready to go! Please be on the look-out for their list of policies and procedures which requires a parent / guardian signature. Please contact Gayle Black or Elena Brower if you have any questions. We really appreciate their commitment and efforts in getting our resources entered and ready for check-out!

Our Vision

To create a dynamic and challenging educational institution with high academic standards, providing all students opportunities to develop into motivated learners, analytical thinkers and competent leaders.



To effectively utilize research-based practices and provide a progressive learning environment which maximizes individual student achievement.



To practice a positive and compassionate teaching environment in which educators communicate, share and grow in a professional learning community focusing on unlimited potential for all students and educators.

New @ White Pine

WHITE PINE RADIO

Don't forget to tune into our very own WPCS 88.5 FM. Morning and Afternoon shows are forthcoming, but student produced segments are currently playing. You can also listen to the student morning announcements for the various grades starting @ 8:30 and running to 8:50

EXPLORATORY LAB

White Pine has added 40 desktops and 17" LCD monitors to its new Middle School Exploratory computer lab and to its Math / IDLA lab.



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New PE Teacher & GT Coordinator

White Pine Charter School would like to welcome our new PE teacher, Jason Anderson who is also completing a Special Ed certification and has extensive experience coaching.

We are also excited to announce our new Gifted/Talented coordinator, Mrs. Ann Ward who was the former District Coordinator of the GATE program at 93 and brings years of experience and enthusiasm in helping all students excel. They are both great additions to the White Pine team.

After School Program Update

Throughout the course of the year, more and more programs will be announced along with athletics that are close to being finalized (like boys and girls basketball). Mr. Graham has been diligently fielding the volunteers and, thus far, we have the following programs ready to go:

White Pine Cheer

Led by a highly experience cheer coach, Mindy Smith, White Pine Cheer is offered to 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. A PARENT CHEER MEETING will be held Friday, September 4th @ 4:00PM where all details will be given.

Cheer will start September 14th and will run Mondays (3:15 - 4:15) and Wednesdays (1:00 - 2:15). Fees, rules, and procedures will be discussed at the parent meeting which is open to ALL interested parties.

Ballroom Dancing

Ballroom dancing starts in October for 7th and 8th graders and runs through January and will be held Thursdays 3:30 to 4:30. Arica Sproul will be instructing.

Ballroom dancing will also be offered to 5th and 6th graders February through May.

White Pine Book Club

Children will be involved in a club that extends their love of reading. They will read novels in small groups, have discussions, and share the experience of an adventure with peers.

This book club is for 1st through 5th graders and will be offered on Thursdays, starting September 10th going from 3:15 to 4:15. The book club will be led by Mrs. Hunt and Mrs. Cervantes.

White Pine Chess Club

Students will engage in learning about the game of chess while applying those skills against other students and chess computers.

The chess club is for 5th through 8th graders and will run on Fridays, starting September 11th also from 3:15 to 4:15. Mr. Rob Black will head the White Pine chess club.

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