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The White Pine Report



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October 1st & 2nd - Teacher

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PFA General Meeting

October 8th @ 6:30PM -
Everyone welcome!

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Scholastic Book Fair

October 14th, 15th, & 16th
(during conferences)

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**Student-Led
Conferences**

October 14th, 15th, & 16th

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Half Days & No School

October 14th (half), October
15th (half), & **October 16th -
NO SCHOOL**

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PFA HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

October 30th 6:00PM to 9:00PM
- Our 6th Annual Halloween
Carnival!

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Quote

Learning without thought is
labor lost. ~Confucius

Dear Terry,

Our first full month of school is complete and we are off to a great start! We sincerely appreciate our volunteers at all levels - in the classrooms, serving on the PFA or Education Council, assisting the administration and all the rest. This is what makes our school special and we sincerely appreciate your help!

Our teachers and staff have done an excellent job collaborating and coming together as a team to plan hands-on and meaningful learning experiences for our students. We are excited about the possibilities this year brings and look forward to continual planning and enhancing our curriculum and methodologies. Some of the things that our team of teachers, administrators, and staff have been working on are:

- Professional development in differentiation, classroom management, technology, and more.
- Collaboration on reading, spelling, science, & math curricula.
- School-wide positive recognition program.
- Consistent and wide variety of after school programs.
- High academic focus.
- School spirit, student council, community service, and so much more!!!

We recognize that we have room to grow, but look at that as an exciting and positive opportunity. We welcome your input and support. We have taken Tom Luna's motto to heart of being a *'customer driven education system'* and will be sending out more surveys to capture your feedback in the near future.

Sincerely,

The White Pine Team

PowerSchool

While we have had this tool for a while, we have not consistently implemented Power Schools across all grade levels. We have refined our grade book structure and implemented teacher training to improve the timeliness and quality of the data.

Please begin checking your child's progress on a frequent basis to fully realize the potential of 'real time' reporting and open the channels of home-school communication.

[Power Schools Link](#)

This link can also be found on our website. Contact our Power Schools admin, Katrina Hunt @ 522.4432 if you need a password or have any questions.

Student-Led Conferences

It is almost that time already and wanted to give you a heads-up that notices for student-led conferences should start going home late next week. Information will also be posted on our website regarding the format and time. Here are the dates:

October 14th - half day
October 15th - half day

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.



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October 16th - NO SCHOOL

T.R.A.C.K.S.

If you child insisted that there were cougar tracks on the playground... well, we did hint that T.R.A.C.K.S were coming and had our kick-off assembly last Friday. We want to thank our guests:

- **T** = Deputy Fire Chief, Bill Brotherson
- **R** = Officer Schwartz
- **A** = Jay Hildebrandt, Channel 8 News
- **C** = Ron Folsom, Ammon City Planner
- **K** = Aaron Kunz, Channel 6 & Fox Radio
- **S** = Brad & Tara, Z103 FM (morning show)



T.R.A.C.K.S. is of course an acronym which stands for **trustworthy, respectful, academic achievement, citizenship, kindness, and spirited** and is a school-wide positive behavioral and recognition program. Students are taught about and recognized for those types of behaviors and:

1. Receive a certificate
2. Take that certificate to a monthly recognition assembly (ice cream and special guests)
3. Put that certificate into one of six buckets (for the characteristic they are being recognized for)
4. Certificates are drawn for prizes donated from the community and our PFA each trimester at a school-wide assembly

Our goal is to put the emphasis on good behavior to foster a positive and warm environment... and to cut down on discipline issues.

White Pine PFA Events

Our PFA has some exciting events that will help generate fun and funds for our school. Please check the website often for updates and opportunities to assist their efforts.

- October 8, 2009: 6:30 PM at White Pine Charter School our first PFA General Meeting for the school year!
- October 30, 2009: 6 to 9 pm is our 6th annual Halloween Carnival!

Here are some ongoing fund-raising opportunities:

1. Learning Points - www.LearningPointRewards.com
2. Box Tops - www.btfe.com
3. Campell's Soup Labels - www.lablesforeducation.com

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We at White Pine sincerely thank our PFA for all their dedication and support!!!

After School Program Update

We are excited to add these new programs to our growing list of excellent after school offerings. Please check our website often for a comprehensive list. As always, see Mr. Graham if you want to sign up or have any questions.

Please be mindful of the following guidelines:

1. You must pick up your child promptly after the program
2. Siblings cannot wait (unfortunately, we do not have the resources to monitor them)
3. Students must be self-disciplined and abide by the instructor's rules

White Pine Cheer

CHEER CAMP - October 1st, 9:00AM - 1:00PM

W.P. Ballroom Dancing (Arica Sproul)

WHEN: October 8th (Thursdays) @ 3:30 to 4:30

**must be able to pick up child promptly*

WHERE: White Pine Gym

WHO: Grades 5-8

Each week the students will learn the names of steps, footwork, and proper technique as demonstrated and taught to them by the instructor. The students will start with the same partner every day but rotate throughout the hour class period, giving each student the opportunity to dance with different partners and perhaps make new friends.



White Pine Thespian Society (Mrs. Hansen)

Auditions will be held on Tuesday October 6th for the 7th & 8th grade Winter Production. We will be presenting an evening of One-Acts on Wednesday Dec. 2nd.

For auditions please prepare a monologue, poem or short-story selection that is between 30 sec. to 1 min. in length. I will also be looking for a stagemanager and technical crew. If you are interested in any of those positions please submit a letter of intent to me by the audition date, Oct. 6th.



White Pine Charter School Girls Basketball

Coached by former college basketball player Carina Van Pelt and assisted by Deana Prindle.

WHEN: Starting October 19th (Mondays & Wednesdays)

TIME: 5:00PM-6:00PM **must be able to pick up child promptly*

WHERE: White Pine Gym

WHO: Grades 5-8

White Pine Charter School is proud to present a girls basketball program open to 5th through 8th grade. This year our main focus will be building skills and playing intramurals within our school. If all goes well and we build a strong enough program we would like to start playing other schools next year. Our team will be led by two very qualified instructors that played basketball in high school and college. The first practice will be Monday, October 19th and run through Wednesday, December 9th.



White Pine ROBOTICS Team

WHEN: Starting Oct. 8th (Thursdays) lasting 6 weeks
TIME: 3:20-4:30PM ***must be able to pick up child promptly**
WHERE: Ms. Wood's classroom
WHO: Grades 5th & 6th

White Pine Charter School will be offering a 6 week after school robotics program beginning Thursday, October 8th. Participants must be self motivated and disciplined. Participants will work with Lego kits designed for robotics. The program will be limited to 24 kids on a first come first serve basis. Please have your permission slip back to Ms. Wood before Wednesday, October 7th.

White Pine ECYBERMISSION Team

WHEN: Starting Oct. 5th (Mondays)
TIME: 3:20-4:30PM ***must be able to pick up child promptly**
WHERE: Ms. Wood's classroom
WHO: Grades 6th through 8th

ECYBERMISSION is a computer based competition based on problem solving. Teams will determine a problem in the community and will develop a plan to fix it. There are examples on the other side of this permission slip. We need at least four students to start a team. Get permission slips back to Ms. Wood before Wednesday, September 30th. The first meeting will be Monday, October 5th.

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