

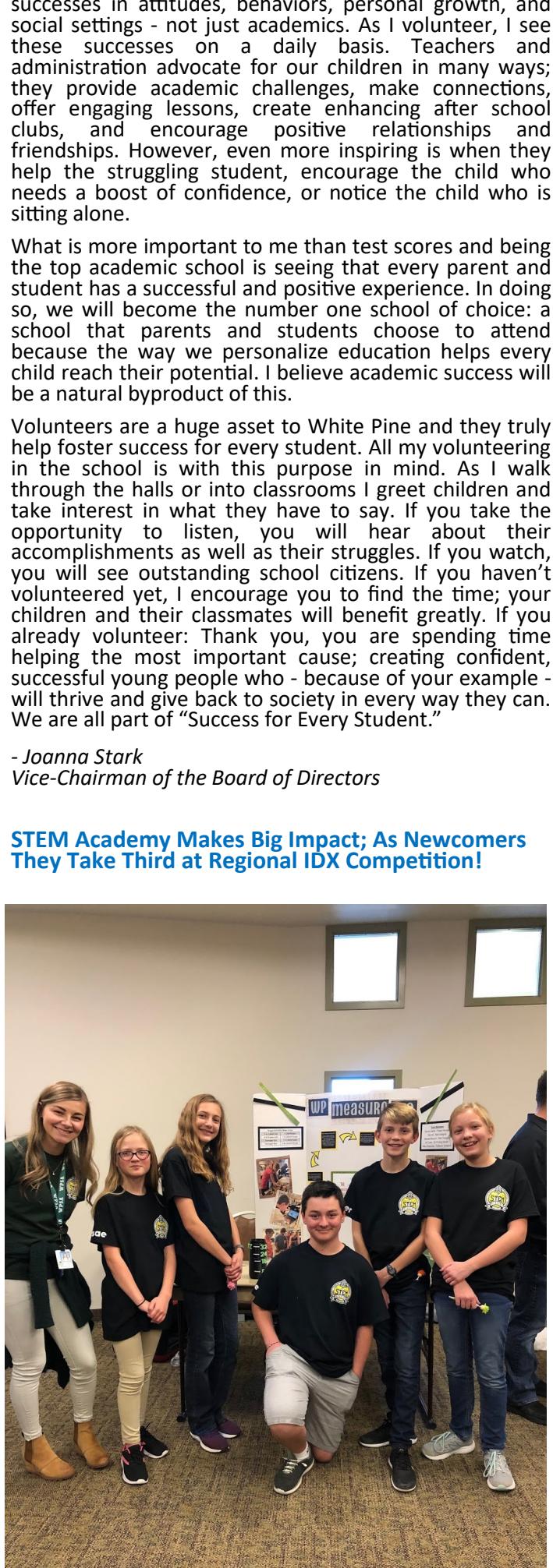
White Pine Charter School Newsletter

White Pine K-6 Charter School and White Pine STEM Academy

Success for Every Student

November 2019

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Upcoming Events

November 19
3rd Grade performance @ Shiloh Inn for Festival of Trees 1 p.m.

November 20
4th Grade Medieval Faire; All are invited! 9-11 a.m.

November 21
Board of Directors Meeting 6:30

November 22-29
No school Thanksgiving Break

December 5
2nd Grade Field Trip @ Adventure Orthodontics Parent chaperones needed!

December 11
PFA Meeting 6:30

December 13
Bake Sale

December 20 - January 3
No school Christmas Break

A Message from our Board of Directors:

What our Motto Means

Over the years, many people have wondered what we mean by our school motto: "Success for Every Student." While each parent, teacher, and administrator will have their own opinion, mine is very simple: we strive to make every child who walks into our classrooms successful in every way we can.

Often times in a school setting, success is assumed to be purely academic, but to me it means so much more. White Pine accepts students of all abilities, and not every student's success can be measured the same way. It is successes in attitudes, behaviors, personal growth, and social settings - not just academics. As I volunteer, I see these successes on a daily basis. Teachers and administration advocate for our children in many ways; they provide academic challenges, make connections, offer engaging lessons, create enhancing after school clubs, and encourage positive relationships and friendships. However, even more inspiring is when they help the struggling student, encourage the child who needs a boost of confidence, or notice the child who is sitting alone.

What is more important to me than test scores and being the top academic school is seeing that every parent and student has a successful and positive experience. In doing so, we will become the number one school of choice: a school that parents and students choose to attend because the way we personalize education helps every child reach their potential. I believe academic success will be a natural byproduct of this.

Volunteers are a huge asset to White Pine and they truly help foster success for every student. All my volunteering in the school is with this purpose in mind. As I walk through the halls or into classrooms I greet children and take interest in what they have to say. If you take the opportunity to listen, you will hear about their accomplishments as well as their struggles. If you watch, you will see outstanding school citizens. If you haven't volunteered yet, I encourage you to find the time; your children and their classmates will benefit greatly. If you already volunteer: Thank you, you are spending time helping the most important cause; creating confident, successful young people who - because of your example - will thrive and give back to society in every way they can. We are all part of "Success for Every Student."

- Joanna Stark
Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors

STEM Academy Makes Big Impact; As Newcomers They Take Third at Regional IDX Competition!



Ms. Whit's FABSLAM class attended the regional IDX competition for the first time on Saturday, November 16th. The competition challenged students to design a 3D-printed device that would be useful to students who were deaf or blind.

The White Pine team submitted a 3D-printed measuring cup designed to help blind students take accurate volume measurements. They won the 3rd place prize of \$250 and, appropriately, a 3D-printed trophy.

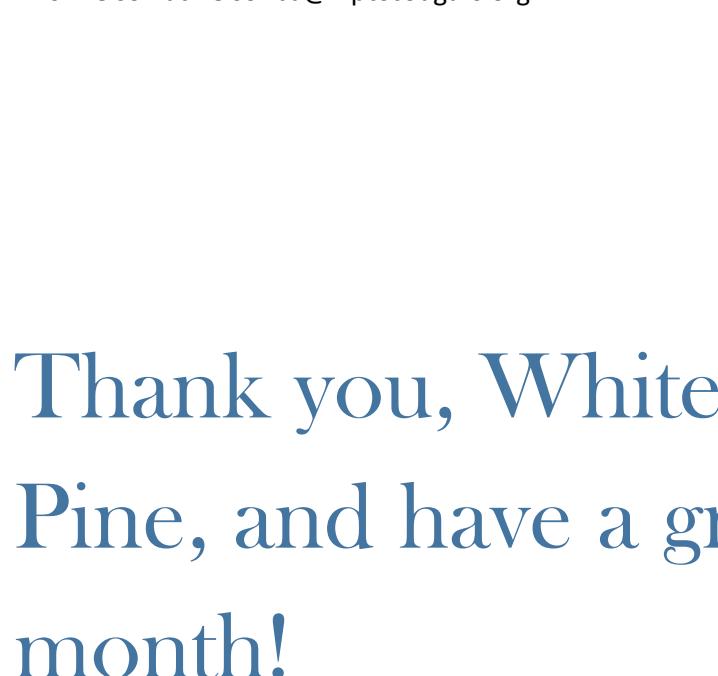
We're very proud of Ms. Whit's classes; in October, their submission won first place in the Ammon Pumpkin Walk, with their theme: *The Nightmare Before Christmas* (see below).

Go, Cougars! Let's keep those wins coming!



Most of us were surprised on Sunday, November 3rd, when the school was closed due to flooding. Many of us stayed inside and wondered what to do. Students presented original speeches focused on the theme of "Thank You, Veterans" and sang a wide array of patriotic songs. Some students did not let the weather stop them from performing. All the students did a great job and were described by one community attendee as "delightful."

Surprise Flooding and our Fantastically Helpful School



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We request that each family with children in our school offers 20 hours of volunteer service each school year. This can be in the classroom, on a field trip, or at a PFA event. Hanna, our PFA president, is diligent in sending out sign-up sheets for events so that you can always be sure you are volunteering where you are most needed.

Thank you for all of your help! We could not do what we do without you! Many of us have been surprised by the amount of help we have received from our community.

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