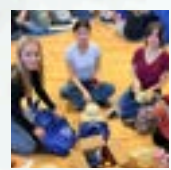




## WHITE HOUSE MIDDLE WAVES GOODBYE TO THE CLASS OF '30



**EXCITEMENT FOR THE UPCOMING YEARS**  
 Christian McCauley- WHITE HOUSE (Big Blue News)

Benjamin Morris stated that he is going to miss White House Middle but he is looking forward to having more freedom in the upcoming years!  
 Many other students are very excited to have more freedom in highschool.

### FAVORITE MEMORIES.

Ava Ellils said that her favorite moment of the year was at one of the pep rally's after the games and Mrs. Stamps said, "I may have cheated."  
 Many of class 2030 expressed that they are going to miss the vending days because it gave them a chance to hang out with there friends and have fun.

### THE FINAL GOODBYE FOR CLASS OF 2030

This year was challenging for most but it did give most a final stretch right before high-school.  
 In the end they have had very fun memories from there last middle football, soccer volleyball even to archery this year has been challenging but it has taught many students how to persevere and grow as people.

### BDP EXPIERIENCE!

Rinnon Ivey stated that she had a lot of fun at the bpd experience And that she looks forward to the CTE classes especially cosmetology and she's not the only one several of the students from the class of 2030 have expressed that they too would like to join the highschool cosmetology course so they are going to have there hands full next year!

**Why don't oysters share their pearls?  
 Because they're shellfish!  
 What does the sea say to the shore? Long time no sea! Have you ever been camping?  
 It's IN-TENTS!**

### ALL OF THE UPCOMING ACTIVITIES FOR HIGHSCHOOL STUDENTS

### CTE PATHWAYS OUR BELOVED CLASS OF 2030 GETS TO PARTICIPATE IN

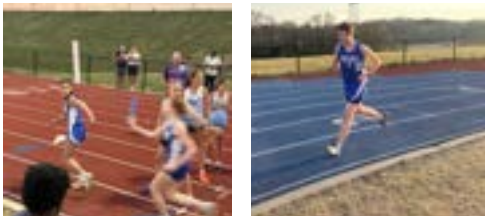
Advanced Manufacturing (STEM/Welding), Agriculture (Veterinary Science/Horticulture), Digital Arts, Coding, Cybersecurity, Teaching, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Marketing, and Maintenance/Light Repair.

# Spring has sprung!

## Track team crushes it at meet against Portland East and Portland West

Averie Ordonez-- WHITE HOUSE (Big Blue News)

Our track team completely showed out, and I think I can speak for everyone when I say how proud I am of all of us. Portland East Middle School hosted White House Middle and Portland West on Thursday, April 9th, and honestly?? We dominated.



The boys came and shined in almost every relay event. They took first in the 4x400 (4:40), the 4x100 (52.47), and the 4x200 (1:48) – which is very impressive, especially since we don't even have a track to practice on. Rene Cano Cruz also ran an amazing 800m and finished first, and Parker Escue dominated in the 1600m, managing to get the first place slot. Brennan Hyman also managed to win first for shotput.

But honestly the girls might have been even more impressive. The girls' 4x400 relay won first in 5:15, and so did the 4x100 AND the 4x200. Maddux Howell had an incredible day, winning the 400m dash, AND the 100m dash. Brooklyn VanHemert took first in the 800m and Ariana Ledford flew through the 200m for first place.

There were also some really exciting field event moments – Analiese Bradley threw the discus 70 feet, and Coraline Caruthers jumped 12'2" for second in long jump.

## HAPPY THOUGHTS!

HAILEY COLLADO

WHITE HOUSE (Big Blue News)-

Ever feel sad and need to be cheered up but have no clue how to do so? Just take a deep breath and think happy thoughts! You could be on a far away island with all of your friends sipping on a lemonade with one of those tiny umbrellas in it with sand and water between your toes. Or you could imagine that you are at a campsite with a hot cocoa and sitting with friends on a chilly night by a campfire wrapped tightly inside of a big fluffy blanket infused with your favorite scent.

If you wanted to be alone you could imagine you are in your living room watching your favorite show with a blanket and favorite snack and/or pet and drink. Another thing you can do away from people is to think of you grabbing your favorite book and sitting on a bean bag with a nice drink with a blanket in a little book nook.



## Summer Dreamcatcher

AUTUMN BRUCE

WHITE HOUSE (Big Blue News)-

ow you ever been bored on some random summer day? Well I got just the thing for you! Here's a summer craft for you to do at home! A suncatcher! Here's how to make it!

- Gather clear plastic lids or sheets and vibrant craft paint.
- Design: Draw shapes on the plastic or paint directly onto it.
- Paint: Allow kids to paint their designs, switching colors as desired.
- Dry: Let the paint fully dry.

Display: Hang the finished artwork in a sunny window. e people in the school staff

## The Great Alaska April Fools Hoax: The Fake Volcano Eruption That Fooled a Town

Cole Morgan

WHITE HOUSE (Big Blue News)-

One of the best April fools jokes happened in Alaska when Oliver "Porky" Bickar faked an eruption on Mount Edgumbe. Bickar pulled it off by collecting 70 tires to light and create a fake eruption. He waited 3 whole years before he pulled it off in 1974.

He used a chartered helicopter to deposit the tyres into the volcano's crater. He then covered them with fuel and lit them, making a giant plume of smoke. The townsfolk nearby started freaking out, thinking it was going to blow. The police and fire service knew what was happening because Bickar already told them, so they were in on it, but he forgot to inform the coast guard.

They flew over, but didn't see lava. Instead they saw the lit tires and spray paint spelling out "April fools!" Bickar will go down in history for as long as April fools is a holiday.

## May the Fourth



LEIA NEWHOUSE

WHITE HOUSE (Big Blue News)-

Since May the 4th is coming up-I'm a big Star Wars fan and my family is too. My dad named me after Princess Leia. I thought that was always cool all my life.George Lucas wrote the original Star Wars in 1977 the name was "a new hope" it was a massive unprecedented hit. It became the highest-grossing film growing over 775 million and six academy awards. Here are some fun facts about Star Wars: Iconic sounds like the TIE fighter roar were made by combining an elephant call with a car on wet pavement, while Darth Vader's breathing was created using a scuba regulator. all

# Summer 2026

## Movie Madness

Elaina Hendricks

WHITE HOUSE (Big Blue News)-



Movies are a great way to spend your summer pastime, but it never feels like there's many ones that hold your interest. To combat the endless boredom spiral of summer, and the movie plots that continuously repeat each other, summer 2026 holds some amazing new movie drops. These movies include Spider-Man: Brand New Day (July 31st), Toy Story 5 (June 19th), the live-action Moana (July 10th), Supergirl: Woman of Tomorrow (June 26th), and Shrek 5 (July 1st).

## Bored? Here's

## What to Do This Summer!

By Ally Thackett

Summer is almost here! And activities are the goal. Some really fun activities are swimming, crafting, biking, participating in a sport, and playing a new board game. The zoo is a great place to get some walking done and look at all the animals! Another cool thing is going on trips, like the Bahamas, Florida, and other cool places. ...cont...

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(Other things as in baking treats, making good food and lots of ice cream on hot summer days. I hope you have a great summer!



## Upcoming Events

### TN Ready testing

21st, 22nd, 23rd, 28th, 29th, 30th

### Field trips

~8th grade choir field trip (April 9th)

~6th grade field trip (May 12th)

~7th grade field trip (May 13)

~8th grade BETA field trip (May 13)

### No school

May 5th

### Vending & Pep Rally

April 17th

### Special Olympics

May 1st

### Beta Breakfast

May 4th

### Sports Physical Day

April 18th @ 10-12

### 6th grade parent night

May 4th

### TAATU for 6th grade

May 6th

### Field day

May 7th

### Future 6th graders visit

May 11th

### honors night

May 11th

## Schools OUT!!

Last Day of School: May 21st

\*in honor of May the Fourth\*

Star Wars Episode I: The Phantom Menace

Genre: Science Fiction, action

by HENSLEY BAKER



The film follows young Obi-Wan Kenobi as a young Padawan apprentice under the tutelage of Qui-Gon Jinn as they are assigned to protect Queen Padmé Amidala of Naboo in her mission to resolve an interplanetary trade dispute. They also confront the mysterious return of the Sith with the Force-sensitive young slave Anakin Skywalker joining their efforts.



## Test Day Success: Smart Strategies to Stay Calm and Do Your Best



Evie Keeler

WHITE HOUSE (Big Blue News)-

- Fuel up with a good breakfast and plenty of sleep to stay sharp.
- Stay calm with deep breaths; this test is just one way to show what you know.
- Read carefully and look at every answer choice before picking one.
- Skip and return to the hardest questions so you don't get stuck.
- Use scratch paper to map out your thoughts and solve math problems.
- Cross out wrong answers first to help you make better educated guesses.
- Focus on yourself and don't worry about how fast others are working.
- Double-check your work if you finish early to catch simple mistakes.



What do you call a witch who lives on the beach?



A sandwich!

Where do sheep go on vacation?

The Baa-hamas!



# Earth Day: Celebrating Our Planet and Protecting Its Future

Sadie Cobb  
WHITE HOUSE (Big Blue News)-  
Earth day was founded by Gaylord Nelson in 1970 in the United States. Earth day is celebrated on April 22nd. The reason for celebrating Earth day is to spread environmental protection, awareness, and action. Earth day is celebrated in over 190 countries, making it one of the largest secular observances in the world! Some cool facts about earth day are 1 it has its own flag. 2 Earth day was sparked by a massive oil spill. Lastly 3 it has its own Anthem.



## A Summer Treat!

Fresh strawberry shortcake  
Ingredients:

- 2 cups slice strawberries
- 2 tbsp sugar
- 1 cup whipped cream
- 4 shortcake biscuits or pound cake slices



Instructions:

Mix strawberries with sugar and let sit 10-15 minutes until juicy. Slice the biscuits or cake in half. Layer strawberries and whipped cream on the bottom half, then add the top. Finish with extra strawberries and whipped cream if desired.

# Book of the Month



by HENSLEY BAKER

**The Naturals**- Jennifer Lynn Barnes

Genre: Mystery, thriller, YA



*Seventeen-year-old Cassie Hobbes has a talent for reading people, able to tell who they are from the smallest details. She's never taken it seriously—until the FBI recruits her for a secret program called the Naturals, where gifted teens help solve cold cases.*

*As Cassie joins a group of teens with unusual abilities, she realizes nothing is as it seems. When a new killer emerges, the team must use their skills to survive a dangerous game of cat and mouse.*

# Moonmarked Part 5

Evie Scheel and Elise Waller  
WHITE HOUSE (Big Blue News)-

I made my way to my dorm, only half aware of where I was going as I thought about what Elliot had told me. The shadow I'd seen in the Great Hall had a name—Alaric Hawthorne, a former student who had disappeared. I stopped at my door, unease settling in. Each time the shadow spoke, it felt like icy daggers pierced me. A worse thought followed: what did he want? Revenge? Unfinished business? Whatever it was, he seemed determined to achieve it. Something had happened here—something that wasn't supposed to.

A loud creak made me flinch. I turned to see a girl with bright red hair. "Are you Aisling?" she asked. I nodded. "I'm Aneko, your roommate."



"Nice to meet you," I said. She smiled nervously and began unpacking. I noticed a fire symbol on her shoulder just as a knock sounded at the door. Aneko shrugged. "Probably for you."

I opened it to an empty hallway. At my feet sat a small box. I picked it up and brought it inside.

"Who was it?" Aneko asked.

"No one—just this." I opened the cool silver box. Inside was a ring etched with a strange black symbol: a circle of stars, the moon, and the sun. When it touched my skin, a chill ran through me—like the shadow.

I stared at it, a memory surfacing. I had seen this symbol before, long ago. There was no doubt now. It was The Oneiric.

# Gardening



Sadie Cobb  
WHITE HOUSE (Big Blue News)-

Plants that are in season  
flowers: tulips, daffodils, dogwood, azaleas, redbuds

vegetables: Lettuce, spinach, radishes, carrots, peas, broccoli, cabbage, and kale.

fruits: strawberries, raspberries, and rhubarb.

Now for some gardening tips one water your plants wisely, two maximize your plants sunlight, finally three prioritize soil health.

# Teacher Spotlight



Ellie Purvis  
WHITE HOUSE (Big Blue News)-

Our teacher spotlight for this issue is Mrs. Stamps. Mrs. Stamps teaches 8<sup>th</sup> grade ELA, and she has taught ELA at White House Middle for 30 years! She has been together with her high school sweetheart for 45 years, Together, Mrs. Stamps and her husband have a daughter who also happens to be a dynamite golfer. In her spare time, Mrs. Stamps loves to spend time with her family, exercise, and watch her favorite television shows.