





Dear 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Families,

April 20th, 2018

**Willow Creek Academy 2017-18 Yearbooks can be ordered online through April 20!**

Our amazing Yearbook Team has been busy creating the biggest and most beautiful Willow Creek Academy Yearbook ever! **For a limited time, families can order Yearbooks on our auction website.** After April 20, families can order Yearbooks by bringing a check or cash to our front office.

To purchase online, please visit:

[https://willowcreekacademy.schoolauction.net/totally80s/catalog?show\\_id=383](https://willowcreekacademy.schoolauction.net/totally80s/catalog?show_id=383)

We encourage you to pre-order for your own child and, if you are able, to consider adding another Yearbook to your pre-order for a student with a financial hardship. Yearbooks will be distributed on Monday, June 3 for autographing and sharing during the last week of school.

Thank you for supporting this important project!

**Also, Miss Melissa is looking for donations of toys, games, and books to add to our prize box. Our students are earning so much “money”, so we are looking for more things for them to spend it on!**

**“One person’s trash is another person’s treasure”. Please do NOT spend money, only donations of previously owned items from family and friends.**

**SNACKS:**

**Please remember to send a healthy snack with your child every day. If you have a water bottle at home that you can send to school, we like to have them on hand for everyday use and field trips.**

**What are we learning?**

**2<sup>nd</sup> grade’s theme is SYSTEMS. We continue our focus on Earth Systems! We are studying landforms (volcanoes, canyons, mountain, hills, rivers and more), maps and geography. (Social Studies Standard: Students demonstrate map skills by describing the absolute and relative locations of people, places, and environments.)**

**Speaking of systems: Both Ms. Browning and Ms. Jackson use a money system in their classes. Students receive money (fake money that is) for staying on task, doing the right things, completing work and class jobs, and much more. Money can be spent to buy privileges and prizes such as Lunch with a Friend, hot chocolate, popsicle, class party, comfy pass and much more!**

**This system helps us to teach a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade standard Time and Money. Students learn the value of coins and counting money helps to practice math facts, and addition and subtraction.**

**Responsive Classroom:**

- Morning Meeting and Closing Circles
- **Important social skills and reminders for your 2<sup>nd</sup> grader:**
- **1. Be kind, use kind words with other students or members of your family.**
- **2. If you see someone who looks unhappy, do something to help them feel better**
- **3. Tell a caring adult if you need help – if someone is not using kind words with you or if you seen someone else being treated unkind.**

**Writing Workshop:**

Personal Narratives

Non-Fiction Animal Reports

**Math:**

How Many Tens? How Many Hundreds?

Measuring

**Reading Workshop:**

Book Clubs -

**Science:**

Earth Systems – Layers of the Earth, Volcanoes, Rocks and Minerals, Weather and Storms  
Ecosystems – what does a plant need to grow, photosynthesis

**Social Studies and History:**

Maps and landforms, and investigating the past.

**Upcoming Confirmed Field Trips and Special Events are:**

- Date in April TBD - Walking Field Trip to the Bay Model and Post Office!
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- Ms. Browning's class field trip RESCHEDULED to Wildcare on Friday May 25<sup>th</sup> 9:30-11:30am. Drivers needed please!
- The Spring concerts and dress rehearsals have been scheduled:
  - K-2 Concert: Friday, May 4 1:00-2:00
  - 3-5 Concert: Friday, May 18 1:30-3:00
  - 6-8 Concert: Friday, June 1 2:00-3:00
- Back to School Night Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup> 6:00pm

*Please remember to support the SMART Fund through which the Willow Creek Foundation provides funding for Classroom Support, Music, Art, Reading and Languages, and Technology to the Willow Creek Academy. You may make donations online on the Fundraising tab of the WCA website or by cash and check at the front office. All donations 100% tax deductible and will be put to use in the classrooms.*

*For 5-8th grade classes: "Did you know that WCF is now funding the Outward Bound program? If you are able to, please increase your donation to SMART by \$350 per child you have in these grades.*

Thank you for being such wonderful and supportive parents!  
Ms. Browning, Ms. Jackson and Ms. Melissa