



5th Grade Updates

Friday, February 14th, 2020

Exciting Events	Willow Creek Community
<p>February 17-21: Mid Winter Break</p> <p><u>Some things to look forward to:</u></p> <p>March 12: Life Science Parent Info Night, 5:00-6:00pm.</p> <p>March 17: 5:30 - 6:30 Parent Orientation night for OUTDOOR SCHOOL.</p> <p>March 20 & 23: No school-Conferences</p> <p>March 27-28: In-Classroom Overnight! (Mark your calendars!)</p> <p>March 28: Gala!</p> <p>March 30- April 3: Life Science Unit</p> <p>April 6-10: Spring Break</p> <p>May 19-22: Outdoor School (Mark your calendars!!)</p>	<p>5th grade did an amazing job at the Bayside MLK Black History Month celebration on Wednesday night.</p> <p>5th Grade will be presenting at morning assemblies during February. The value of the month is INCLUSION, when we return from mid winter break, we will continue doing assemblies through the end of the month.</p> <p><u>In-classroom Overnight, 3/27:</u> As a way to prepare students and families for being apart for our 4-day Outdoor School, we spend the night at school. We will be playing games outside, having a bonfire on campus, and sleeping in the classrooms! We need chaperones to spend the night, at least 2 male for the boys room and 2 female for the girls room. Please let your classroom parent know whether you can be there!</p> <p>Exploring New Horizons: MARK YOUR CALENDARS! We are going to Outdoor School from May 19-22 Parent drivers are integral to keeping costs down (saving our school over \$5,000!) Please consider driving students down or picking up. Thank you!!</p> <p>If possible, parents, consider donating recess snacks! We have a few students who aren't coming with snacks, yet are hungry at recess. They are sprouting like weeds, these 5th graders!</p>

Curriculum Corner

Math:

This week we continued our work with DECIMALS, including those which are preceded by a whole number (68.125). We focused on PLACE VALUE after the decimal point, learning about tenths, hundredths and thousandths. We began adding and subtracting decimals, and played a few games using hundred and thousand grids to help visualize the properties of decimals.

Applied practice: You can look up weather. Ask "What was the total rainfall last week?" or track your favorite teams wins and losses record.

Science

Students created solutions for the fictitious Beachtown, in case of a hurricane and translated it to preparing for Sea Level Rise. Students played Levee engineers, Seawall Engineers, and structural engineers to survey the most at risk areas, create solutions, all within a budget! This exercise will help prepare students to ideate solutions for our community's sea level rise issue.

ELA/SS/Writing

This week, as part of our study of American History work, we focused on Black History month. We wrote about famous African Americans beyond MLK, and started to consider the rich culture and history of Africans in America.

Reading

In connection to our informational writing, we are reading and working on skills related to non-fiction texts. We are using [ReadWorks](#), an on-line program, to help support students reading of non-fiction. They can log in through their Google Classroom accounts. Or,

Schmidt Classcode: **RBA3ZP**

St. Denny Classcode: **YCSVZW**

References

[Homework Calendar Link](#)

Math:

Website: www.pearsonrealize.com

Username: (firstinitial)(lastname)wca **Example:** jschmidtwca

Password: Wca31 _ _ _ (followed by their student number) **Ex:** Wca31000

Website: [Dreambox](https://play.dreambox.com/login/z7a8/willowca) <https://play.dreambox.com/login/z7a8/willowca>

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Password: 77476 (for iPad)

[Multiplication Blaster Game](#)

[Multiplication Games](#)

Science:

Website: [Mystery Science](#) Watery Planet! (We are only using parts of this Mystery Science Unit in class)

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5th Grade Specials:

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	8:35-9:00 Library (every other week)	10:20-11:10 Music (Schmidt) Art (St. Denny)	10:20-11:00 P.E.
2:20-3:00	1:10-2:00		

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