



5th Grade Updates

March 1, 2019

Exciting Events	Willow Creek Community
<p><u>Some things to look forward to:</u></p> <p>March 12: MMWD fieldtrip (buses, no drivers needed)</p> <p>March 13-20: MAP testing</p> <p>March 19: Life Science Info Night at 6:00pm</p> <p>March 22 & 25: No school-Conferences</p> <p>March 26: Outdoor School Info Night at 6:00pm</p> <p>March 29-30: In-Classroom Overnight! (Mark your calendars!)</p> <p>March 30: Willow Creek Gala</p> <p>April 1-5: Life Science Unit</p> <p>May 21-25 Outdoor School (Mark your calendars!)</p>	<p>St. Denny Class: There is still no volunteer to head the art auction item! It could only be a day of your time. Please step up and reach out to me and Patricia. Thank you!</p> <p>In-classroom Overnight: 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: Our 4-day Outdoor School (near Pescadero, CA) is coming to share all the information you need to know, and answer all the questions you have. This is the only info meeting so it is very important! Please plan on attending 3/26 at 6:00pm. Parent drivers are integral to keeping costs down (saving our school over \$5,000!) Please consider driving students down or picking up. We will have sign ups at the meeting.</p> <p>Please complete the annual Parent Survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WCA201819</p>

Curriculum Corner

Math:

We finished unit 6 focusing on place value of digits beyond the decimal. NEW UNIT: We have started a new unit on multiplying and dividing fractions and decimals. We started with fraction and whole number multiplication. Here is the Pearson [Family Letter](#).

Science

To help prepare our students for 2 teachers in middle school, students are now switching 5th grade teachers for science (M & Th afternoons). We began a new Astronomy, where students will be looking at the patterns in the sky, the relationship between the Earth, sun and moon.

Reading

READ, READ, READ! In preparation of the reading load in middle school, 5th graders set a new goal of reading 1 book at their level per week! We are dedicating 15-20 minutes daily in class time and beefing up reading homework to at least 30 minutes to help reach this goal.

Students continue to read historical fiction during the early colonial period: Indian Captive (true story), Chains, Arrow Over the Door, The Witch of Blackbird Pond, The Sign of the Beaver, Blood on the River, and The Color of Fire.

ELA/Social Studies - Unit 3: The Road to Revolution

Students have analyzed the declaration of independence and learned about the “founding fathers”, taught each other about major battles of the Revolutionary War, and considered several different groups perspectives of the war: wealthy, educated whites; freed slaves, women; enslaved people; native americans; and poor whites. We are continuing our read aloud called, My Brother Sam is Dead, by John Lincoln Collier, about a young boy whose Father is a Loyalist, and whose brother is a Patriot. This book illustrates the many different sides there were in Revolutionary days.

References

Math:

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Science:

Website: [Mystery Science](https://www.mysteryscience.com) Our current unit is Spaceship Earth!

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5th Grade Specials:

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