







5th Grade Updates

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Exciting Events	Willow Creek Community
<p>September 22: Fall Welcome!</p> <p> 6:00 Offering Tacos from Chef Carlos' truck</p> <p> 7:15 Showing the movie, "Coco"</p> <p> Bring blankets and chairs and stay for the film.</p> <p> Last chance to purchase books at the Book Fair</p> <p>October 4: Picture Day!! Students need to be dressed in their uniform.</p> <p>October 9: MVFF: The Big Bad Fox and Other Tales</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Students will take a bus to the Smith Rafael Film Center.-We come back at 12:30 for lunch picnic outside.-We can have up to 5 chaperones.-Volunteers can make popcorn bags for all students. Please coordinate with your room parent to help:	<p>Don't forget to donate to the Willow Creek Foundation's SMART campaign! The SMART campaign raises money annually to bridge the funding gap. This is where we get our classroom budgets for classroom/student supplies, field trips, etc. Donations also support the Art Teacher, Music Teacher, the Librarian and many other important programs that directly benefit our kids.</p> <p>You can donate on-line at www.WillowCreekAcademy.org/donate or by cash/check in the main office. Every single donation is appreciated. So, please consider giving an amount appropriate to your family. D.O.G. (Day Of Giving) calls are scheduled!.</p> <p>Thank you so much for your support!</p> <p>PARENT COUNCIL: Check at the front office for dates of meetings . The meetings are a great time to meet community, and learn about education.</p>

Curriculum Corner
<p><u>Math</u></p> <p>Students have completed their first unit reviewing multiplication 3-digit by 2-digit, division 3 or 4-digit by 2-digit divisor, and order of operations. They took their first unit test on Friday! Next week we will start our new unit on volume of irregular rectangles.</p> <p><u>Science</u></p> <p>This week, we explored more about how the pennies changed from dull to shiny. They took those same pennies, placed a few in a bag with the salt and vinegar</p>



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solution, and this time added a steel paper clip. We watched as the steel paper clip became copper plated, proving the theory that there are particles of copper, too small to be seen, dissolved in the solution.

Writing

Students were spending energy on narrowing down the focus of their narratives. First, we “Picked a Seed” idea from the story ideas they have written in the last two weeks. They identified in their stories “The Big Thing That Happened”, and, using a story arc, detailed what led up to the BGH and then the events that followed. They are increasing the volume of their writing every day.

ELA/Social Studies

We started our social studies unit this week! We looked at the possible migration patterns that the first people of North America took, and discussed different factors that affect where people choose to settle. We will be diving into the Pre-Columbian era and native peoples across North America.

References

[Homework Calendar Link](#)

Website: **Math:** www.pearsonrealize.com

Login: Willow Creek email address --

For most students that is firstinitiallastname@stu.willowcreekacademy.org

Example: jdoe@stu.willowcreekacademy.org

Password: fifth12345

Website: **Dreambox**

Login: <https://play.dreambox.com/login/z7a8/willowca>

Username: (firstinitial)(lastname) **Example:** jschmidt

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

New Website: **[Mystery Science](#)** is helping us through our first unit, Chemistry. Check it out!

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5th Grade Specials:

Tuesday: 2:20-3:00 P.E.

Wednesday: 1:10-2:00 Music (St. Denny), Art (Schmidt)

Thursday: 10:20-11:10 Music (Schmidt), Art (St. Denny)

Friday : 10:20-11:00 P.E.