



## 5th Grade Updates

September 28, 2018

Exciting Events	Willow Creek Community
<p><b>October 4: Picture Day!!</b> Students need to be dressed in their uniform.</p> <p><b>October 9:</b> MVFF: <i>The Big Bad Fox and Other Tales</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Students will take a bus to the Smith Rafael Film Center.</li><li>-We come back at 12:30 for lunch picnic outside.</li><li>-Volunteers can make popcorn bags for all students. Please coordinate with your room parent to help!</li></ul>	<p><b>Don't forget to donate to the Willow Creek Foundation's SMART campaign!</b> 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 <a href="http://www.WillowCreekAcademy.org/donate">www.WillowCreekAcademy.org/donate</a> 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><b>PARENT COUNCIL:</b> 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

#### Math

We started our second unit, it's on volume! This week students focused on deriving the formula for a rectangular prism  $v = l \times w \times h$ . Next week they will be applying this to irregular rectangles to section the shape, and all of the volumes to make the combined volume.

We are putting back in a request to practice multiplication facts:

[https://www.mathplayground.com/multiplication\\_blocks.html](https://www.mathplayground.com/multiplication_blocks.html)

#### Science

We explored properties of acids and mixed vinegar with other substances (bases) to make chemical reactions. Students tracked which combinations reacted and what evidence there was of a chemical reaction, producing a gas, color change,

#### Writing

In writing this week, we finished up a bend (our word for 'unit' in writing). This means that we took a *seed idea* and developed it into a story. Students are focusing on *volume, elaboration, structure and craft* in their stories. Next week we will start whole new bend! This bend is two weeks long. In two weeks time students are going to repeat the story writing process which in the first bend took four

weeks. We are focusing on process, not product. A finished work may have post-its and revisions all over it, but it will be a better (if not prettier) piece of writing.

### **ELA/Social Studies**

We studied how geography impacts history because it affects where people decide to settle and how their lives are built around adapting to their environment. Students will continue to study North America's varied geography and compare and contrast the economies of the different regions.

### **Library**

This week we went to library for the first time. Students are allowed to take out two books. IF YOU STILL HAVE BOOKS from last year, return them so your students can take out new books! Thanks from Ms Bowman.

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## References

[Homework Calendar Link](#)

### **Math:**

Website: [www.pearsonrealize.com](http://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:**

Tues: P.E. 2:20-3:00	Weds: 1:10-2:00 Music (St. Denny), Art (Schmidt )	Thurs: 10:20-11:10 Music (Schmidt), Art (St. Denny)	Friday : P.E. 10:20-11:00
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