

Sixth Grade

Important Dates

September 20-22: Book Fair in the Library

September 22: Fall Welcome

Willow Creek Community

Our Middle School team has implemented 2 new policies this school year. The first is our new cell phone policy. Students are expected to turn their cell phone in to their first period teacher at the beginning of the day and students can pick them up at the end of the day. If you need to reach your student during the day, you are welcome to call the main office and we will get the message to them. Students seen using their phone during the day will have their phone confiscated and will either need to pick it up at the end of the day, or a parent/guardian will need to come to pick it up.

The second new policy is regarding uniforms. This year students who are out of uniform will be given a loaner uniform, which is to be returned the next day. 6th graders do not change for PE.

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Curriculum Corner

Humanities

Hello Families!

We are blending ELA and social studies in our humanities block. Students are reading the novel Boy of the Painted Cave and keeping notes on their reading. They are focused on two main questions: What is going on, and what type of person is the main character?

Students are learning how social scientists interpret the past. These social scientists include archeologists, historians and geographers. Ask your student what each of these social scientists study. We have discussed that while history does not change, our understanding of it continues to evolve with discovery and interpretation.

The first big test in social studies is scheduled for Monday. We are preparing for it in class. I have reminded students to use recess for bathroom breaks and to come to class ready to learn.

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Math/Science

Happy Friday Everyone!

This week we have been looking at numbers, patterns, factors, and products. We have been doing “prime factorization” which looks very similar to the factor trees that we all learned in school. Ask your student to show you how to factor out to a prime number with a number like 64, 100, or even 1,000! Our first math test will be next week!

In science, we’ve been working on our body system projects, and will start working on the posters next week.

Parents can help their student with their math homework! If you’re looking for a great resource that can help you remember or learn how your student is learning math in 6-8th grade, you can purchase the CPM Parent’s guide. Here is a link to purchase online.
https://shop.cpm.org/pc_product_detail.asp?key=7250B9BDF04241618A6DC14BF7DDAOC1

Best,
Ms. Lindsey

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Homework

Each student now has a homework binder with a folder for containing their weekly assignments and notices to parents. This folder also contains a monthly log for completed homework. This system will help students keep track of assignments and they will get credit for completing them every day. They will earn 5 extra credit points for getting a parent or guardian signature every month.

Technology

Willow Creek Academy has adopted new technology policies regarding use of school computers/electronics and personal cell phones.

Technology contracts are being sent home for student and parent/guardian signatures. Please read the contract, which covers responsible, respectful, and safe use of school technology. Review the contract with your student, sign and return it. Students will not be issued any school technological devices until the signed contract is returned. Students will be issued one specific chromebook and that is the only one they will use.

Students who bring cellphones to school will turn them in first thing in the morning. They will be kept secure until dismissal. There will be no need for phones in any classes. If a student fails to turn in a phone, the teacher will keep it until the end of day on the first occurrence. If there are subsequent occurrences, the phone will be given to Ms. Duran and will only be returned directly to the student's parent or guardian.

Thank you for your support as we institute these new policies.

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Pictures from ELA/Social Studies	Pictures from Math and Science

How to log in to CPM

- 1: Go to ebooks.cpm.org
- 2: click "sign in with google" using the red button.
- 3: Click "use another account"
- 4: Sign in with your students wca email address for example A Student would be astudent@stu.willowcreekacademy.org
- 5: Your students password will start with Wca and end with their lunch number. Your students should know this.
- 6: Click the course: Course connections 1
- 7: Scroll through the day's lesson to the bottom of the page where it says "Review and Preview" Your student can pick any 2 of the problems to do for the night. Each problem is generally made up of parts, your students need to do ALL parts of each problem they choose.

