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Important Dates

September 12: 6A Outward Bound Teamwork Trip*

September 13: 6B Outward Bound Teamwork Trip*

September 22, Fall Welcome

Willow Creek Community

Woohoo!

Thank you to all families who showed up at Back to School Night. For those of you who were unable to attend, please read through the Friday post for a few details.

***WE NEED FIELD TRIP DRIVERS FOR NEXT WEEK, PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU'RE ABLE TO DRIVE SOME STUDENTS TO AND FROM THE MARIN HEADLANDS IN THE MORNING AND AFTERNOON.

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Curriculum Corner

Humanities

Hello Families!

We are spending some extra time on geography including map and globe reading. When we study ancient history we will always begin with the geography where the civilizations was located. Resources or the lack thereof determined the success or failure of these communities, city-states, and empires. Ask your student how to spell geography.

Students had ELA homework related to our social studies content. This is designed to help them develop the close reading skills necessary for growing into scholars. They had quizzes on the reading and in some cases were disappointed with the score. Rest assured that these assessments are really for them to learn how to look for detail, read closely, and answer the specific question being asked. They are a tool for self-reflection and growth.

Ms. Rizzo

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Math/Science

Welcome back!

This week we started our curriculum! We started by looking at patterns in visual guides, and creating expressions (or number sentences without equal signs) to explain how the pattern grows. We also have started to look at data sets, and what data can tell us, and how we can represent certain types of data. Students have started working on homework, which will happen M-Th.

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

In science this week, we've continued our scientific method bean lab experiment, as well as started to broach the idea of the human body as a system.

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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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.

