

# Sixth Grade

## Important Dates

3/26 Field trip to Rafael Theater

4/5 Camping Trip Information Meeting

4/9-4/13 NO SCHOOL: Spring Break

4/18-4/20 Outward Bound Trip to Angel Island

## Willow Creek Community

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Totally 80's  
Saturday, March 24th

1:00-3:00

Ice Cream Social at Rocky Graham Park

5:00-10:00

Fundraiser Party at IDESST Hall

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## Successful Support

### Field Trip to Rafael Theater

Drivers pick up students at WCA on **Monday, March 26 at 11:00** am to go to the Rafael Theater in San Rafael to see *The Corridor*, a documentary about a high school in the San Francisco County Jail.

Return trip at approximately 2:00 pm. Drivers are encouraged to join us for the movie.

### Camping Trip Information Night

Please join us on **Thursday, April 5 at 6pm** in room 28 for an informational meeting about our 3 day 2 night camping trip on Angel Island. This is the opportunity to ask any questions and get any information you need to prepare your child for this amazing adventure.

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## Curriculum Corner

### Humanities

Hello Families!

We are delving into the origins of Hinduism and Buddhism. These world religions both started in ancient India and have spread throughout the world.

Students are examining characters in Rikki-Tikki-Tavi by Rudyard Kipling in ELA. They are looking for the answer to the question: What does this character really want? They use textual evidence to support their answer.

Once we get a week or two of warm dry weather we will complete the mummification and burial of our pharaohs.

<http://www.youthpostercontest.org/index.html>

Ms. Rizzo

### Math/Science

Hi Families!

This week we've talked about rates like money over a period of time, distance over time, and had the students graph it. When driving in the car you can bring up rates like what speed you're going, and ask them how many miles they could go in 8 hours. Or talk about miles per gallon- and have them calculate it with you in the car.

In science we've talked about sea level rise, and inspirational women in science. Here's a bunch of women that we are inspired by!



Best,

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Ms. Lindsey

Here's a brief introduction to Dr. Kittelstrom and what we will be presenting at next Friday's event.

"Civil Rights Film and Lecture Series: The History of Women's Rights in America

On March 31st, the WCA middle school will host guest speaker Dr. Amy Kittelstrom, Associate Professor of History at Sonoma State University. Dr. Kittelstrom is a historian of modern thought and culture who specializes in nineteenth-century American thinkers and their contexts. She is particularly interested in the intellectual connections between individuals and cultures of the past; how their ideas on religion and democracy informed one another; how Americans engaged with books and thinkers from India, Great Britain, and the Romantic movement; and how it affected the lives of marginalized and underprivileged classes of people in America. While on a year long fellowship at Princeton, she recently wrote and published her book, *The Religion of Democracy: Seven Liberals and the American Moral Tradition*. This book explores how religion and democracy have historically worked together as universal ideals in American culture—and as guides to moral action and to the social practice of treating one another as equals who deserve to be free.

Before the presentation, 8th grade girls will have a chance to meet with Dr. Kittelstrom to talk about ways they can empower themselves in academics as they move forward into high school and college."