

Sixth Grade

Important Dates

4/5 Camping Trip Information Meeting

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

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

5/1-5/31: CAASPP TESTING

5/31: Open House

Willow Creek Community

Thank you to all families we
saw at the 80's Fundraiser!

Thank you to all our field trip
drivers!

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Successful Support

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.

Lockdown Drill

Next week on Thursday April 5, we will be having a lockdown drill. We as sixth grade will practice the lockdown drill once before the actual drill, and have a discussion as to why we utilize this. At WCA, we practice lockdown drills, earthquake drills, as well as fire drills in order to prepare us, should a dangerous situation arise. This helps us as a whole class and school practice how to act in an emergency. Feel free to reach out to us should you have any questions about what the lockdown drill entails.

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Curriculum Corner

Humanities

Hello Families!

Students completed their studies of Hinduism and Buddhism on Friday and came together to teach each other about these world religions which both originated in ancient India.

Students will be working on literary essays next week and completing their study of ancient India.

Our mummies are currently resting in cat litter to absorb the final body fluids. The warm dry weather, while not quite Egyptian, is helping

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

Ms. Rizzo

Math/Science

Hi Families!

This week we've almost wrapped up chapter 7, dealing with expressions and the distributive property. Feel free to work with your students on parenthetical distribution. $5(2x+3)$ is equivalent to $10x+15$.

In science we've started discussions around ecosystems, energy transference in a food chain, as well as food webs in our climate. In addition to this, we discussed the carbon cycle!

Next week we will start Chapter 8, and continue to talk about ecosystems, keystone species, and food webs.

Best,

Ms. Lindsey

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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 publish 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."