



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
September 1, 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, September 4
Labor Day, No School

Thursday, September 7
Back to School Night
6:00-7:00

Thursday, September 14
Parent Council in Library
Topic: Assessment at WCA
6:30

Thursday, September 21
Willow Creek Board Meeting in
Library
6:30

Friday, September 22
Book Fair Begins

Book Fair Hours:
Thursday: 6:30-8:00 pm
Friday: 8:30 am to 4:00 pm
Saturday: 5:30-7:30 pm

Saturday, September 23
Fall Welcome Event
6:00 Taco Dinner
7:20 Outdoor Movie

October 5
Picture Day

October 5
Conscious Kitchen Family
Dinner
6:00-8:00

Friday, October 13
Conference Day, No School

Monday, October 16
Staff Day, No School

Friday, November 10
Veteran's Day, No School

November 20-24
Thanksgiving Break, No School

A Message from Ms. Seekins

Dear Willow Creek families,

Thank you for a wonderful first full week of school!

I want to take a moment to invite everyone to check out our Morning Assemblies, held in the MPR daily at 8:15. We always share announcements, a Kindness Counts story, and a reflection on our life skill of the month. We often get treated to readings and poems, musical performances, and—my personal favorites—hip hop dance and karaoke, courtesy of our talented students.

The big goals of Assembly are to celebrate our community, to get focused and ready for our day, and to affirm our commitment to the life skills that support our learning. Best of all, Assembly is directed by our kids!

All are welcome to attend Morning Assembly. I hope to see you there!

Best,

Tara

Life Skill for the Month of September: Cooperation

Cooperation means working together for a common goal.
We identify strengths in ourselves and in others.
We know when to step up and when to step back.
We celebrate our successes and learn from our mistakes.

Attendance Report

You can request an Independent Study for your child for any planned absence of 3 or more days. This is a great way to help your student keep up with class work and to help our school recuperate funds lost due to absences. Please visit Ms. Aleshia in the front office to complete an Independent Study form at least 7 days before the absence is scheduled to begin.

News and Reminders

Student safety is our first priority. Please help us keep our students safe by parking only in our parking lots (not in the Kindergarten or MPR turn around areas). Our school safety patrol will be up and running after Labor Day.

Back to School Night is scheduled for Thursday, September 7 at 6:00 p.m. Classroom presentations are geared to adults, and childcare will be provided in the MPR. ***You are welcome to bring your child with you to the classroom, but please do not allow children to play on campus unsupervised during Back to School Night.***

Willow Creek Academy

No School September 4th!



Please join us for Back to School Night!

Thursday, September 7th

K-5 Presentations:

6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in Classrooms

Special Presentations for Middle School:

8th Grade Algebra presentation:

5:30 in the library

6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Outward Bound presentation:

6:00 in the library

6th Grade teacher presentations:

6:30 in Rooms 20 and 21

7th and 8th teacher presentations:

6:30 in the library

Please join us to learn more about your children's teachers, grade-level expectations, homework, field trips, and more!

This event is geared toward educating adult family members with information about the new school year—it's different from Open House in May, when the students take the stage to show their great work.

If children come to Back to School Night, please be sure they participate in child care activities in the MPR or to sit with their families in the classrooms. Thank you for helping to keep our students safe!

Free Reduced Lunch Applications



Deadline for lunch applications is October 7th.

- ⇒ Applications are currently being processed and a letter will be mailed home indicating your student's status.

We appreciate your patience with this process.

- ⇒ Please Note: Families only need one application *per* household. If you already submitted an application, you do not need to submit another.
- ⇒ Please do not make any deposits into your student's account until you have received your letter in the mail. Your student(s) can still have meals even with a negative balance.
- ⇒ If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Erin Baker, Data Assistant at ebaker@willowcreekacademy.org

Thank you!

Dear Families – Greetings from the Willow Creek Academy Library!

- Students have started class visits to the library. They come to the library for many reasons - to practice reading, pick out special books, enjoy read-alouds, and to learn in the library setting. They are also starting to borrow books. Younger students keep books in their classrooms, while older classes borrow books to read at home. They keep books until their next visit and then return them.
- For students bringing books home, it is a good idea to set up a routine for library books. You may wish to keep the books in a special place and slip them into the backpack the night before. Sometimes, we send home overdue notices for books that have not been returned. The library does not charge overdue fines, but families are responsible for paying for or replacing lost books.
- I am looking forward to reading and learning with your children. The library is open Wednesday and Thursday during school hours. Questions about library? Interested in getting involved? Email for more information.
Jennifer Bowman (jbowman@willowcreekacademy.org)



WILLOW CREEK ACADEMY

AFTER SCHOOL EXPLORERS

415-577-4888

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Assistant Director

Katie Monsma

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Cost

Half day (until 4:30 pm): \$165

Full day (until 6:00 pm): \$250

Drop in: \$25

Free/reduced fees available

Locations

K/1: Portable 3

2/3: Portable 4

4/5: Portable A

6-8: Sausalito Rec. Center

Program includes

-Snack from Conscious Kitchen

-Group Games

-Reading time/homework

-Free play

-Enrichment activities



After School Explorers

415-577-4888

Director: Paige Rosenthal

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Assistant Director: Katie Monsma

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Program Includes

Homework Time Group Games
Enrichment Electivity
Free Play Snack

Locations

K/1: Portable 3

2/3: Portable 4 or ½ yard at beginning of day

4/5: Portable A or basketball court at beginning of day

6-8: Sausalito Rec

End of Day Pickup: Portables 3 and 4

THE WILLOW CREEK ACADEMY BOOK FAIR



3 DAYS ON CAMPUS:

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST IS AUTHOR NIGHT!

Mark your calendar now—don't miss this special evening with *New York Times* best-selling author, Gennifer Choldenko. Event begins at 6:30 pm. (See the next page for additional details.)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND

Book sales from 8:30 am–4:00 pm. Grades 3-8 may bring money to purchase books during the school day. The fair will be open from 3:00-4:00 for younger students to make purchases with parents.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD

Book sales from 5:30–7:30 pm at our Fall Welcome event. Come early to browse and buy books before the movie starts!

Our book fair is a partnership with Book Passage. We have books for all ages—yes, adults, too! Book fair events take place in the Willow Creek Library.

Did you know there's a new Book Passage in Sausalito? We receive 15% of purchases made at Book Passage stores during the week of September 21st-28th if you mention Willow Creek Academy when you (or friends, neighbors, grandparents!) make purchases.

Do you want to volunteer? Please email Bethanie Murguia, bethanie@aquapup.com

MEET GENNIFER CHOLDENKO AT OUR **AUTHOR NIGHT**

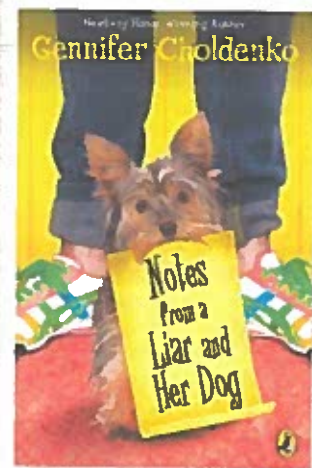
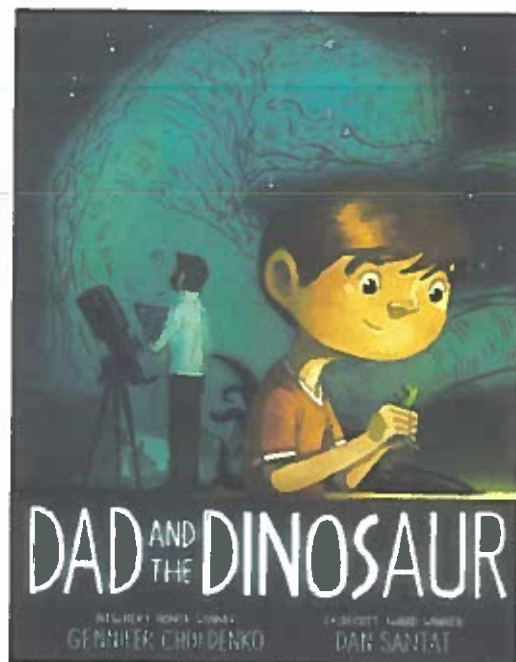
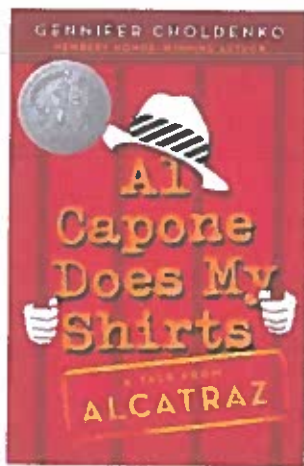


THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST

6:30-8:00 PM

PRESENTATION WILL BEGIN
PROMPTLY AT 6:45 PM IN
THE WILLOW CREEK LIBRARY

Gennifer Choldenko will be presenting *Dad and the Dinosaur* on author night. Gennifer is the *New York Times* bestselling and Newbery Honor Award-winning author of more than a dozen children's books, including *Notes from a Liar and Her Dog*, *No Passengers Beyond this Point*, *Al Capone Does My Shirts*, *Al Capone Shines My Shoes*, and *Al Capone Does My Homework*. She lives in the San Francisco Bay Area with her family.





Free Used Kid's Books for Marin's Childcare Community!

Teacher-palooza

- Where:** MCFL Technical Services, Marin Commons, near 101 and Lucas Valley Rd.
1600 Los Gamos Dr., Lobby B, San Rafael CA 94903
- When:** **Thursday, September 7th, 3 pm – 5 pm**
Friday, September 8th, 3 pm – 5 pm
Saturday, September 9th, 9 am -5 pm
- Who:** Join Marin County Free Library for a used kid's book giveaway: **FREE for Preschools, Daycares, Teachers, School Librarians, School Staff, Homeschool families and anyone who works with children in Marin!**
- What:** **Used Books:** lots to choose from, staged on tables and carts! Preschool board books and picture books, K-12 non-fiction, easy reader fiction, children's chapter books, teen books; arts and crafts books, cookbooks.
- Directions:** Take 101 to the Lucas Valley exit, go west on Lucas Valley, take first left on Los Gamos Dr. Follow signs to Marin County Sheriff's Office; Teacher-palooza on the freeway side of the building, enter through Lobby B, halfway between the Sheriff's entry and the loading dock—make an immediate left into our foyer!
- Map on back! Boxes available! Questions? Email cmcfadden@marincounty.org**

Teacher Palooza

Marin County Free Library (MCFL) Technical Services

1600 Los Gamos Drive, Lobby B, Suite 180!

Please share with other Marin and North Bay Schools, preschool through high school!



Gift a Student a Book & Support our New Book Store

You can make a direct difference to a child by inspiring the gift of reading and connecting them to new books by purchasing a \$20 gift card at the new branch of
Book Passage

100 Bay Street, Sausalito, Ca. 94965

Down town Sausalito-Free parking alongside the building

At the end of each school month, 1 student per class at Willow Creek Academy & Bayside-MLK, K-8th grade who has shown extra effort in learning & incentive in their class will receive your gift card.

This will help connect kids to a wide berth of books & enrich their experience of choosing what they want to read in a great new environment

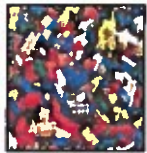
Please go to Book Passage to purchase the card

**For further questions
please call Brahma Stone
local resident who loves books ~ book stores & keeping it local
415-331-1961**

**The more that you read,
The more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
The more places you'll go.
-Dr. Seuss**

SAUSALITO LIBRARY September 2017

Programs for Children



BUILDING CLUB

Wednesday, September 13, Edgewater Room

Come by anytime between 3 & 4:30pm

We have a huge collection of building supplies, including LEGOs & Magna-Tiles! Come be an engineer, a construction worker, and an architect all at the same time. We'll have Duplos upstairs for kids under 3.



ANIMAL CREATIONS

Wednesday, September 20, Edgewater Room

Come by anytime between 3 & 4:30pm

Perfect for ages 4+ but everyone is welcome

What kind of animal lives in your imagination? We'll have lots supplies!



The Muppets Take Manhattan (1984, rated G, 1 hr 34min)

Wednesday, September 27, Edgewater Room, 3pm

The Muppets invade the Big Apple in hopes of bringing their variety show to Broadway. *Muppets Take Manhattan* ©Columbia Pictures Industries Inc.

Programs for Middle Schoolers



Middle School Book Club: The Romeo and Juliet Code

Monday, September 11, Edgewater Room

4:15-5:30pm

Do you love books? Join our middle school book club! Read *The Romeo and Juliet Code* by Phoebe Stone and join us to talk about it, do a book-related activity, and eat snacks. For more information & to get a copy of the book, contact Erin at ewilson@sausalito.gov or just come by the Library.

Children's Newsletter



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