



## 7th & 8th Grade Friday Letter - May 10, 2019

Dear Willow Creek families,

We hope you had a good week! Here's the news from our middle school team:

**Congratulations to our Middle School All-Stars!**  
**Angel Pereira and Hana Leach**

### **Class Meetings and Film and Lecture Series**

Each week, we include a description of our middle school class meeting topics. Middle schoolers meet with their homeroom teachers for class meeting on Monday and Friday afternoons to talk about important social-emotional learning topics and build community. Each month, our 7th and 8th graders come together for a college lecture-style series focused on civil rights, current events, and social issues.

Next week we will discuss gender issues. Please check in with your students about their class meetings and assemblies. We want to keep these conversations going!

If you have questions about class meetings or social-emotional learning in grades 7 and 8, please reach out to Mr. Baker: [rbaker@willowcreekacademy.org](mailto:rbaker@willowcreekacademy.org).

### **English Language Arts with Ms. Powers**

**Seventh and Eighth Grade:** Students continued their CAASPP testing this week. It pleases me to see each and every student engaged and focused on this important state standardized test.

As always, feel free to contact me with any questions: [jpowers@willowcreekacademy.org](mailto:jpowers@willowcreekacademy.org)

### **Mathematics with Mr. St. Denny**

#### **Honors Geometry Placement testing:**

**Drake High School**  
**Room 208**  
**Tuesday, May 14, 2019**  
**4:00-5:30**

**Tamalpais High School**  
**Woodruff Hall**  
**Wednesday, May 15, 2019**  
**3:15 - 4:45**

**Redwood High School**  
**Room 262**  
**Thursday, May 16, 2019**  
**3:30-5:00**

**7th and 8th** grade math students continued CAASPP testing this week. They brought positive attitudes and a strong work ethic.

**8th grade:** 8th grade will be taking their high school math placement tests next week on Tuesday and Wednesday here at WCA. It would be great if we could coordinate rides for students who will be taking the honors geometry test at Tam, please let me know if you might be available to drive.

As always, please feel free to reach out with questions: [sst.denny@willowcreekacademy.org](mailto:sst.denny@willowcreekacademy.org)

## Science with Mr. MacDonald

### 7th Grade:

Students continued CAASPP testing this week. Students who were not testing worked on their Eco Dream House Project. For this project students are learning how to calculate the square footage of a house and the square footage of the walls in a house. Once they have calculated this they then use the square footage to figure out the cost to renovate a house floor with carpet or tiling and walls with wallpaper or paint. Students will then design their own dream house on paper and then on the computer using architecture software or Minecraft.

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## Social Studies with Mr. Baker

**7th Grade:** We continued with the Maya and began learning about the Aztec (Mexico). We have learned their creation mythology and the cultural beginnings of their capital city of Tenochtitlan, the Place of the Prickly Pear Cactus. Next week we will explore the Inca.

**8th Grade:** We have broken up our research to cover the reformative movements of the mid-1800s, the differences between the Northern and Southern States, the lives of African Americans in the north and south, the different political compromises, and the general conditions of the Union prior to the Civil War. We also spent time watching Lincoln to gain perspective on politics and the 13th Amendment.

As always, if you need to reach a teacher for any reason, email is best.

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