



## 7th & 8th Grade Friday Letter - May 3, 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!**  
**Charlotte Kerr and Madeline Diaz**

### **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.

This week we discussed **social emotional skills that support confidence during state testing**. 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 have been diligently working on 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**

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

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:

On Monday some students began to present their global warming projects. 7a had CAASPP testing the remainder of the week. 7b began working on their Eco Dream House project.

### 8th Grade:

On Monday some students began to present their global warming projects. 8a had CAASPP testing the remainder of the week. 8b began working on their Eco Dream House project.

## Social Studies with Mr. Baker

**7th Grade:** We finished 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 learn more about their culture and daily life.

**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.

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

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