



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
May 24, 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, May 27
Memorial Day, No School

Spirit Week! May 28-31

- Tuesday: Sports Day
- Wednesday: Crazy Hair Day
- Thursday: Pajama Day
- Friday: Free Dress Day

Thursday, May 30

Open House
6:00-7:00 p.m.

Friday, May 31

Middle School Dance in MPR
6:00-8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 5

8th Grade Graduation in MPR
10:00 a.m.

Friday, June 7

Crossing the Bridge
10:00 a.m.

A Message from Ms. Seekins

Dear Willow Creek families,

This week, I'm writing with a few staffing updates for the 2019-20 school year.

I hope you'll join me in thanking Nate MacDonald for his amazing work building our STEAM Lab this year. Nate will be moving on to new adventures—including a Fulbright opportunity in India—and we all wish him well. I am happy to introduce Brittney Martinez as our new 7th and 8th grade science teacher. Brittney holds a Master's degree in science and has experience as a credentialed teacher and STEAM Lab coordinator in Sonoma County. She will be a great addition to our middle school team!

I always encourage our team to prioritize family commitments and self-care, and I'm glad to report that Anne Siskin has decided to take a one-year leave of absence to support her husband's parents in Florida. Anne wanted me to let you know that this decision was very difficult for her to make because she feels a deep commitment to the students, faculty, and families at WCA and to the future success of the school. While I know Anne will be greatly missed, I am very happy to report that Melissa Lopez has agreed to serve as our temporary third grade teacher next year. Melissa has been a well-loved assistant teacher on our second grade team for several years, and she is completing her teaching credential next month. She will be partnering with Kevin Breakstone as they prepare for the 2019-20 school year.

Finally, I want to thank everyone for your kindness and well wishes as I prepare for my own next adventures! It was a pleasure to spend two days this week with Willow Creek's new Head of School, Emily Cox. Emily is energized and excited to get started in July, and we are committed to supporting a smooth and graceful transition.

Take care and enjoy your weekend!

Best,

Tara

Attendance Report

Average Daily Attendance this week: 94%
Funds lost this week due to absences: \$4,812
Total funds lost this year due to absences (est.): \$136,223

Please remember that you can request an Independent Study for your child for any planned absence of 3 or more days. 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.

Student Meal Accounts

Willow Creek Parents/Guardians,

Please be sure your school meal accounts are current. Any negative balance is carried over to the following school year so we recommend you pay off your accounts prior to summer break. Additionally, positive balances will be carried over to the following school year as well.

You can make a payment by check at our front office or online at www.mymealtime.com. Feel free to contact our Data Manager, Erin Baker at ebaker@willowcreekacademy.org, if you have any questions or concerns. Your payments help keep our school meals program sustainable.

We love providing students with fresh, local, organic seasonal, non-GMO school meals every day!

Thank you!



PARENTS & KIDS!!!

SAVE THOSE BOX TOPS!!!



Please drop off your collected box tops to the school office before the school year ends - best if you can get them in by May 31st.

And don't forget about collecting box tops over the summer months! You can find box tops on all kinds of products you buy every day: toilet paper, granola bars, aluminum foil, mac 'n' cheese, cereals, cleaning products, etc. Check the expiration date to make sure they're still valid and then clip and save. You can save in an envelope, a ziploc bag or by gluing onto one of the collection sheets (see below). It's a great summer project for your kids to be on the lookout for box tops and to glue them to the summer themed sheets. They can even color the sheet too!

If every student collects at least 10 box tops and brings them back to school the first week of the school year, our school could earn over \$300 just over the summer! What could \$300 do? Help a teacher buy art supplies, pay for a student to attend their class camping trip, or purchase new books for the classroom. And if we save all year long, we can do even more! And be sure to read below about upcoming changes to the boxtops program.

There are lots more ways to earn - go to boxtops4education.com to learn more and to create your online account. Be sure to designate Willow Creek Academy as your school. Thanks for clipping!





Dear Families,

Big changes are coming to the Box Tops for Education Program, and you're the first to know!

Over the summer, you'll begin to see some participating brands change their packaging from the traditional Box Tops clip to the new Box Tops label.



SEE THIS...
CLIP IT



SEE THIS...
SCAN YOUR RECEIPT

Going forward, instead of clipping from packages and checking expiration dates, all Box Tops will be earned digitally by scanning your receipt. The Box Tops for Education team is hard at work building a NEW-and-improved, user-friendly Box Tops mobile app that will be ready this summer.

The new app will feature state-of-the-art technology that allows you to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school's earnings online.

WHEN THE NEW APP LAUNCHES, BE SURE TO DOWNLOAD IT OR UPDATE YOUR EXISTING APP.



As we mentioned above, some brands have already started to update their packaging in advance. Until the new app launches, if you see the new Box Tops label on packages, you can use the current Box Tops Bonus App to earn Box Tops for that product. Simply download the app, select the bonus offer for the product you've purchased and scan your receipt to earn.

If you still have traditional Box Tops clips at home, be sure to send them to school. We will still earn cash for all clipped Box Tops until they expire. Better yet, once the new app launches, you can "double dip" during the packaging transition by clipping the traditional Box Tops AND scanning your store receipt containing participating products.

Thanks for helping our school get what it needs!

**LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE CHANGES AT
[BTFE.COM/SNEAKPEEK](https://www.bte.com/sneakpeek)**



Estimadas familias:

¡Están por llegar grandes cambios al Programa Box Tops for Education y ustedes son los primeros en enterarse!

Durante el verano, comenzarán a ver que algunas marcas participantes cambian sus empaques del tradicional recorte de Box Tops a la nueva etiqueta de Box Tops.



SI VE ESTO...
RECÓRTELO



SI VE ESTO...
ESCANEE SU RECIBO

De ahora en adelante, en vez de recortar de los empaques y revisar las fechas de vencimiento, todos los Box Tops se obtendrán digitalmente al escanear su recibo. El equipo de Box Tops for Education está trabajando arduamente para desarrollar una NUEVA y mejorada aplicación móvil de Box Tops, fácil de usar que estará lista este verano.

La nueva aplicación incluirá tecnología de punta que le permite escanear su recibo de la tienda, buscar productos participantes y agregar instantáneamente Box Tops a los ingresos de nuestra escuela en línea.

CUANDO SE LANSE LA NUEVA APLICACIÓN, ASEGÚRESE DE DESCARGARLA O ACTUALIZAR SU APLICACIÓN EXISTENTE:



Como mencionamos arriba, algunas marcas ya comenzaron a actualizar sus empaques por anticipado. Hasta que se lance la nueva aplicación, si ve la nueva etiqueta de Box Tops en los empaques, puede usar la aplicación actual Box Tops Bonus App para ganar Box Tops por ese producto. Simplemente descargue la aplicación, elija la oferta del bono del producto que adquirió y escanee su recibo para ganar.

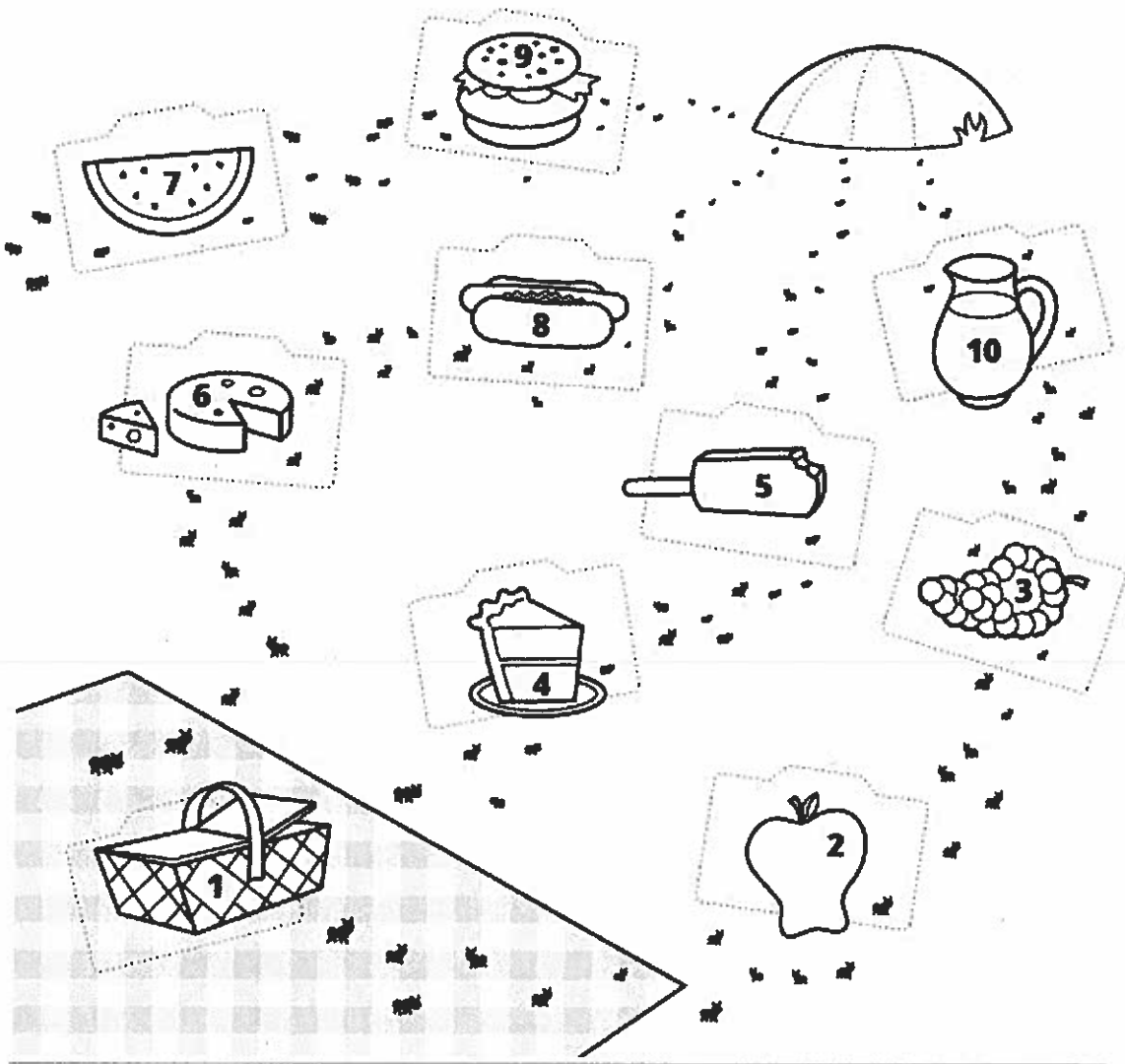
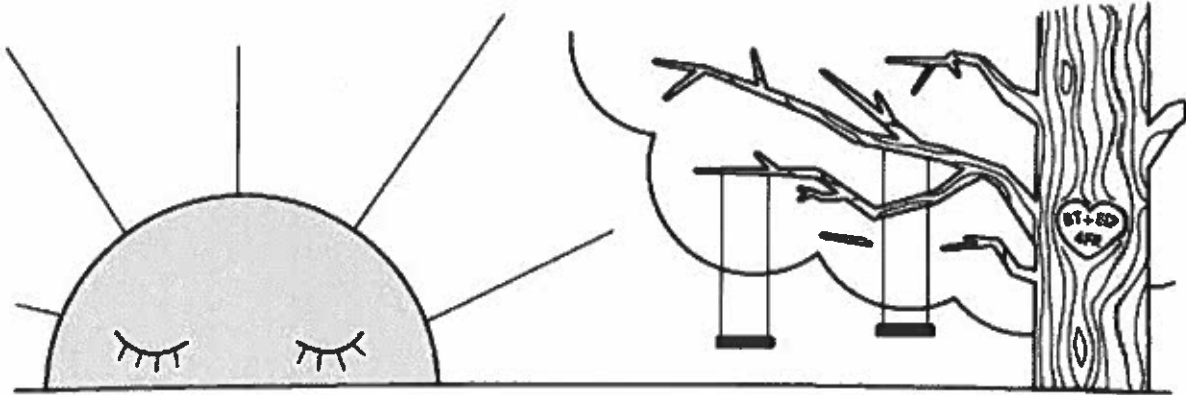
Si aún tiene recortes tradicionales de Box Tops en casa, asegúrese de enviarlos a la escuela. Todavía recibiremos efectivo por todos los recortes de Box Tops hasta que venzan. Lo que es mejor aún, una vez que se lance la nueva aplicación, puede hacer una “doble carga” durante la transición de los empaques al recortar los Box Tops tradicionales Y escanear el recibo de la tienda que contiene los productos participantes.

¡Gracias por ayudar a nuestra escuela a conseguir lo que necesita!

**CONOZCA MÁS SOBRE ESTOS CAMBIOS EN
BTFE.COM/SNEAKPEEK**



**COVER THIS PICNIC LUNCH WITH BOX TOPS
BEFORE THE ANTS CAN EAT IT UP!**



Thank you for helping! Clipped Box Tops are each worth 10¢ for your child's school.
For a complete list of participating products, go to 8TFE.com.

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