




WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
October 12, 2018

<p>UPCOMING EVENTS</p> <p>Saturday, October 13 Garden Party and Campus Projects Day 9:00-12:00</p> <p>Friday, October 19th Conference Day No School</p> <p>Monday, October 22nd Staff Day No School</p> <p>Monday, October 29th Day of Giving (DOG Day)</p> <p>Thursday, November 8th Parent Council in Library Topic: After School Enrichment and Tutoring 6:30</p> <p>Monday, November 12th Veterans Day No School</p> <p>November 19th-23rd Thanksgiving Break No School</p> <p>Thursday, December 6th Parent Council in Library Topic: Navigating Friendships and Social Media 6:30</p> <p>December 24th-January 4th Winter Break No School</p> <p>January 7th Classes Resume</p>	<p>A Message from Ms. Seekins</p> <p>Dear Willow Creek families,</p> <p>I just checked the weather for tomorrow, and it looks like it will be a beautiful, sunny day—perfect weather for our Garden Party and Campus Work Day. ☺</p> <p>If you haven't been to one of these events before, I really want to encourage you to attend. Ms. Duran has been collecting a list of project requests from our teachers, and she'll have all the supplies you need to help our campus look amazing. We'll also be working on clearing our garden beds and planting our winter crops.</p> <p>Most importantly, families will have the opportunities to connect with new and old friends and to build community while sprucing up our campus. I hope that you can make it to campus from 9:00 to 12:00 tomorrow!</p> <p>Best,</p> <p></p> <p>Tara</p> <p>Attendance Report</p> <p>Average Daily Attendance this week: 96% Funds lost this week due to absences: \$3,272 Total funds lost this year due to absences (est.): \$19,998 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.</p> <p>News and Reminders</p> <p>Chef Guillaume and his team would like to remind families to make sure their school meals program accounts are up-to-date. Our Conscious Kitchen program is off to a great start this year, and we need to make sure that we're collecting all of the payments due in order to keep it sustainable. Families can pay their accounts online by visiting mymealtime.com. Please contact Erin Baker with any questions about your account or about setting up online payments: ebaker@willowcreekacademy.org.</p>
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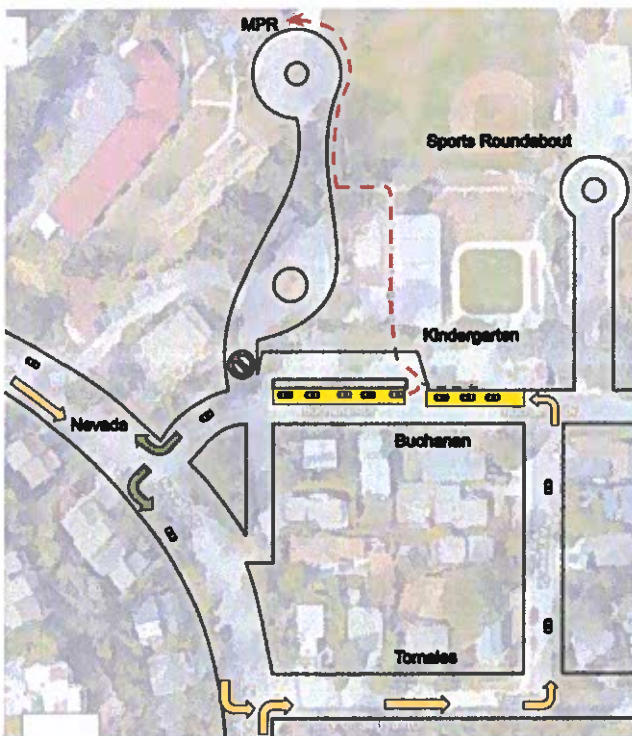
Willow Creek Car Free Campus!

Thank you to everyone who has made our first few weeks of car free campus successful!

We have gotten a lot of positive feedback from parents! Our parents of students who walk and bike have been very thankful for how much safer they feel and most parents dropping off have told us about how much they love the new system.

We welcome any feedback from families. Please feel free to e-mail our Assistant Head of School, Kristine Duran at kduran@willowcreekacademy.org

As a reminder, the MPR roundabout will be closed from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.



Drop Off Instructions

- Turn onto Tomales St.
- Left on Wateree St
- Left on Buchanan Dr.
- Pull all the way forward
- Have students exit quickly on the **curb side only**
- Students walk up to the MPR using the crosswalk

Please do not drop students off in the upper parking lot, but feel free to park and join us at assembly.

In case of rainy days, the roundabout will remain open but we ask that you continue to use Tomales St. to approach the school.

Walk or bike to school to school to get bonus SchoolTag points!

Drop off at the New Buchanan Drive Drop-Off Zone to get bonus SchoolTag points!

Video Games and Violent Content

When it comes to video games, it's important to remember that not all games are created equal. Today, there are a ton of age-appropriate games that are engaging, stimulating outlets for kids to have fun. There are also many well-designed games, packed with educational content. (You can check out a few of our favorites here: www.common sense media.org/blog/10-most-violent-video-games-of-2015-and-what-to-play-instead)

- **Learn about the games *your* kids are playing.**

If you find that your kid is glued to a new video game, take the time to learn about what they're playing *before* you react. There are many different kinds of games, and understanding the ins and outs of a game will help you decide whether the real issue is the content of the game or simply the quantity of the game. Within some games, there are different settings that can be turned on or off to determine the level of violence a player sees. Scholars tend to agree that some kids may be especially vulnerable to the effects of media violence. Consider your kid's temperament, and pay attention to how they react after playing games with violence. If you know your kid has a tendency to identify with violent characters, try to find some nonviolent substitutes to keep him or her occupied.

Hint for parents of kids under 7: Younger kids can't consistently distinguish between fact and fantasy, which makes exposure to media violence especially problematic. Whatever you decide about violent video games for your older kids, it's a good idea to keep violent games out of younger kids' play routines — at least for the early years.

- **Analyze the building blocks of the games.**

Professor James Paul Gee looks at how some good video games include learning principles such as identity and production, risk taking and system thinking. Building off of the diet metaphor, you may want to ask yourself questions about how and why a particular game might be appealing to your child: How does it appeal to kids' imaginations? Are they put in the driver's seat? Is it age-appropriate and aligned to interests? Can kids create and experiment? Are there social components? What is the overall story? How is the design engaging? (Doesn't have to be big bucks to be appealing!)

➤ <http://www.jamespaulgee.com>

➤ http://www.skatekidsonline.com/parents_teachers/Good_Video_Games_and_Good_Learning_Updated.pdf

- **Take advantage of “teachable moments.”**

Help your kid reflect on the violence he or she sees in video games or in other media. Ask, “What are other ways that character could have solved his issue without violence?” Use the opportunity to talk to your kids about different options for appropriate ways to resolve conflicts. Distinguish video game consequences from real-life consequences by asking, “How do you think that situation would have played in out real life?” Make sure to explain the real-world consequences of violence, so your kids get that racking up bonus points for aggressive behavior is a far cry from the reality of aggressive acts in the real world.

In general, it's wise to monitor consumption of content that is heavy on violence, profanity, and sexism. Tune in to how your kid reacts after playing these kinds of games, and make adjustments that make sense for your family. Counteract the message that violence is useful and rewarding by discussing the disconnect between video games and the real world. And, as with a healthy diet, make sure that their consumption is balanced with other activities that reinforce positive interactions and reward pro-social behavior.



Back to School Tag



The Quest for a Car Free Campus is Complete

Leaderboard		
Rank	Player	Points
1	Mato Grosso	826
2	Shea	777
3	West Virginia	775
4	Growlithe	773
4	Chile	773
6	Cuddles	701
7	Pokey	610
8	Dreamy	600
9	Bern	536
10	Elo	470

Pick-Up Prizes This Week

400+ Points

Razor Scooter or premium prize

300+ Points

Free Dress Day
This Thursday 10/18

200+ Points

Choose your Avatar

100+ Points

Grab a Prize from the Box



Scan a Tag with a smartphone to see a player's score.

<http://wca.schooltag.org>



help@schooltag.org

Family Bike Skills Classes

Join us for a day of lessons on the Willow Creek Academy campus to improve your biking skills, knowledge of bike safety on the road and even practice riding the routes from Marin City and Sausalito in a safe manner.

Any student enrolled at WCA or Bayside MLK is welcome. Caregiver involvement is encouraged, but community volunteers will help if the caregiver is not able to participate.

Video overview: www.mybikeskills.com/services/

Dates: Saturday, November 17th or Sunday, November 18th. More dates in the future.

Cost: Free to qualifying students, but donations are encouraged from those that can afford it.

Sign up to reserve a spot. Space is limited. <https://t2m.io/i9bS3d1X>



Email Aaron Roller for more information: aroller@gmail.com

10:00am-11:30am - Learn to Ride

All ages learn to ride a bicycle. There's a easier way to learn to ride. Parents or friends will leave this session ready to coach a new rider through pedaling independently. Bring a bike that the rider can sit on with the seat low enough for their feet to be flat on the ground with legs extended almost straight. Also, helmets, snacks and layers. Space limited to 15 riders.

12:00pm-1:00pm - Road Readiness Training

On-bike skill building to get everyone ready to ride on neighborhood streets. We will build a common language and way to build/assess skills including: starting, stopping, using signals, scanning behind and more. At least one parent/guardian is expected to ride with child(ren). Bring your own helmets, bikes, closed toed shoes, layers and snacks. Space limited to 25 participants.

1:00pm-3:00pm - Practice Biking to School

Launch your group bicycling habit to and from school with a group ride covering how to navigate major intersections on the way to Willow Creek. Please provide your own bicycles, helmets, and snacks. All ages welcome. Sorry, no training wheels allowed on this ride. At least one parent/guardian is expected to ride with child(ren).



**FAMILY
MOVIE NIGHT**

NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM

OCTOBER

12

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
NIGHT AT THE
MUSEUM
6:00 PM

SAUSALITO WOMAN'S
CLUB
120 CENTRAL AVE

Bring a picnic and
Beverage and we will
Provide the movie
and popcorn.

Bring your friends
and Kids.

Make sure to
RSVP! SWC
415. 332.2700



★ **Grand Reopening Day** ★

Marin City Skatepark



2:00PM-4:30PM

FREE ALL AGES EVENT

Bring your skateboards!

Door prizes

And

Giveaways!

**OCT 13th
2018**

THERE WILL BE LIGHT REFRESHMENTS



PLAY!!
MARIN

Dear Parents,

CYO basketball season is coming up! Tryouts for St. Mary Star of the Sea CYO basketball teams will be held the weeks of October 15-19 and October 22-26. It's important that you attend at least 1 tryout, but please try to attend both tryouts. Please arrive 10-15 mins early to sign your child in at tryouts. All Tryouts will be held at Manzanita Rec. Center in Marin City.

Please get the word out and forward this email on to anyone you think may be interested in playing CYO basketball this year. You can also refer to our website at marincitysausalitocyo.com CYO fees for this season will be \$275. New players uniforms: \$60 Payments must be made by check: St. Mary's Star of the Sea - Please note your child's name and grade level (Give check's to Randy Raven or mail checks to: [38 Keyes Ave](http://38KeyesAve) suite LL01, San Francisco Ca, 94129. Payment is due once the regular practice season begins in November. CYO basketball seasons runs from November until the end of March. Games begin in January and the season ends with **playoffs and championships played at the end of March.** Teams will practice 2X per week and games are Saturdays for B teams and Sundays for A teams.

Scholarships are available. Please talk to Paul Austin or Randy Raven about financial aid.

Tryout days and times are as follows:

October 15th - Monday (Boys)

4th grade: 4-5 pm

5th grade: 5-6 pm

6th grade 6:30-7:30 pm

October 17th- Wednesday (Boys)

7th grade: 6-7 pm

8th grade: 7-8 pm

October 19th- Friday (Girls)

4th grade: 4-5 pm

5th/ 6th grade: 5-6 pm

7th grade: 6:30-7:30 pm

October 22- Monday (Girls)

4th grade: 4-5 pm

5th/6th grade: 5- 6 pm

7th grade: 6:30-7:30 pm

October 24- Wednesday (Boys)

4th grade: 4-5 pm

5th grade: 5-6 pm

6th grade: 6:30-7:30 pm

October 26- Friday (Boys)

7th grade: 6-7 pm

8th grade: 7-8 pm

Questions: Please email Paul Austin: teampaulaustin@gmail.com 415-686-5045 or
Randy Raven: randyraven@comcast.net 415-497-2796

SAUSALITO PARKS & REC

JOHN BELUSHI

DAN AYKROYD

PRESENTS

The

Blues Brothers

By the Bay



*They'll never get caught.
They're on a mission from God.*

R-Rating: language

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**OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT
GABRIELSON PARK
OCT. 19 6:30PM**

**SAVE
THE DATE!**



**FRIDAY
NOV 2**

Get ready for the WCA FUN RUN, a fundraiser where the kids lead the charge!

Friday, Nov 2 students will run laps around the school to raise money for the science & technology programs at WCA.

PLEDGE drive kicks off Oct 23! Help them to reach out to family (not just you! aunts, uncles, grandparents, cousins...) and friends (neighbors, work colleagues, team sports buddies...) to sponsor them for every lap they run and help their school!

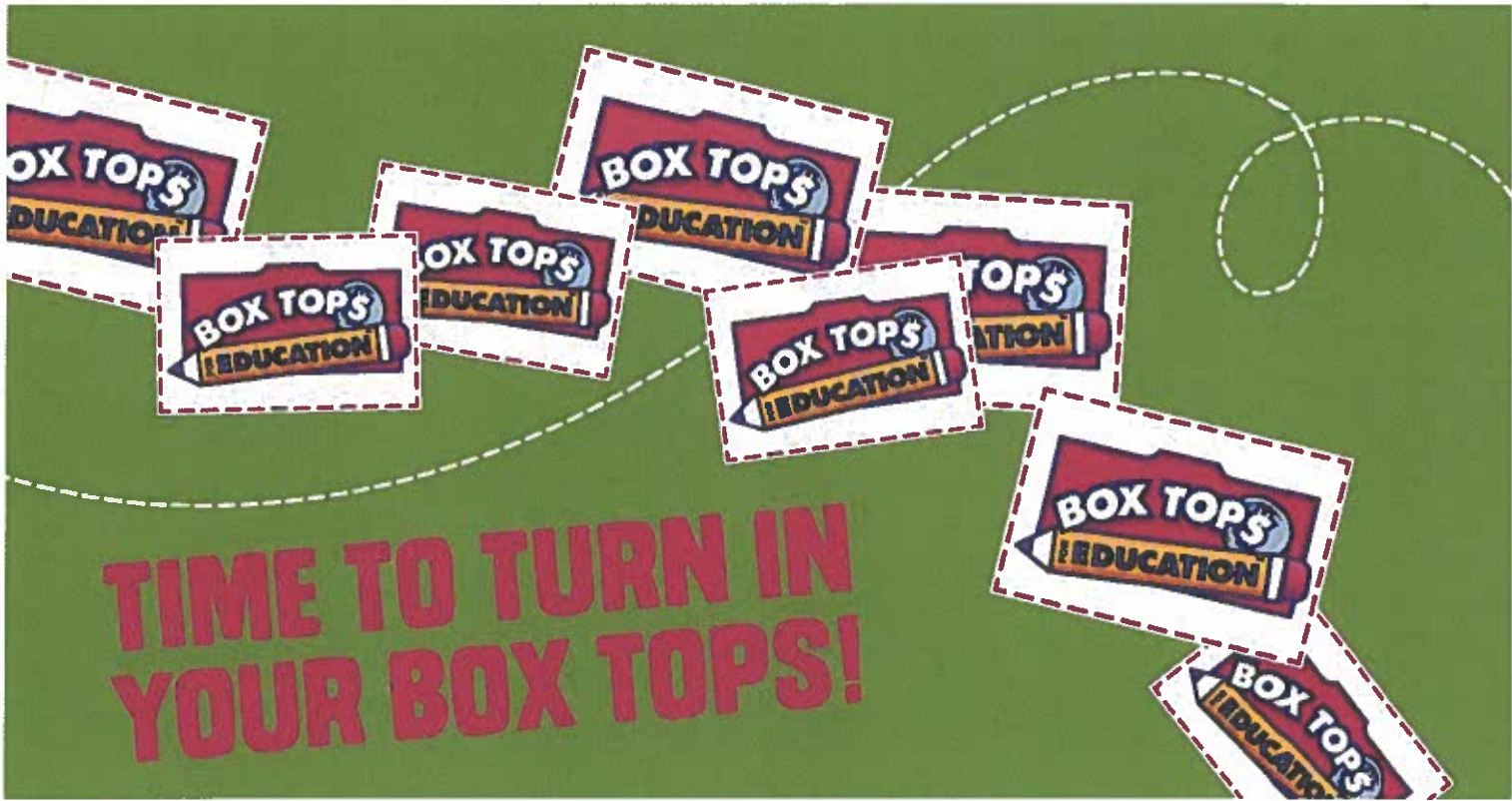
Be on the lookout for pledge kits on October 23rd to help your kids get registered!



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It's Almost Time to Turn in Your Box Tops for our Fall Drive!

Dear Parents and Kids,

It's almost time to turn in your box tops for our fall drive. Collect them in an envelope or sandwich bag or glue them to the collection sheet. Put your child's name and their teacher's name on your collection. Drop off at the school office by Thursday, October 25th.

For more information on Box Tops, including a list of participating products, go to BTFE.com. Be sure to sign up as a member (it's free!) so you can check out our school's earnings details and get access to coupons and bonus offers.

Don't forget to download the app, where you can scan your grocery receipts to get extra box tops added right into our online account. And sign up for "Just For You" at Safeway.com and then link your online boxtops account for even more savings (be sure to "clip" the online coupons before you go to the grocery store).

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. I'm here to help make our school's Box Tops for Education™ program a success this year. Scroll down for a new collection sheet. See if you can fill the whole page (ask grandparents or neighbors to help you collect!).

Thanks for your help! ☐

Tricia Wiig

Phone: 415-412-1134

Email: pacwheeler@yahoo.com



BUZZZZZZ



THE LATEST NEWS & INFORMATION FROM BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION | OCTOBER 2018

FALL DEADLINE: TURN IN YOUR BOX TOPS NOW!

Check your cupboards and fridge...the fall submission deadline is almost here! All Box Tops submitted by our school by the deadline will count toward our fall earnings check.

Send your Box Tops to school by

DATE: _____

Any Box Tops turned in after this date will count towards our school's next earnings check!

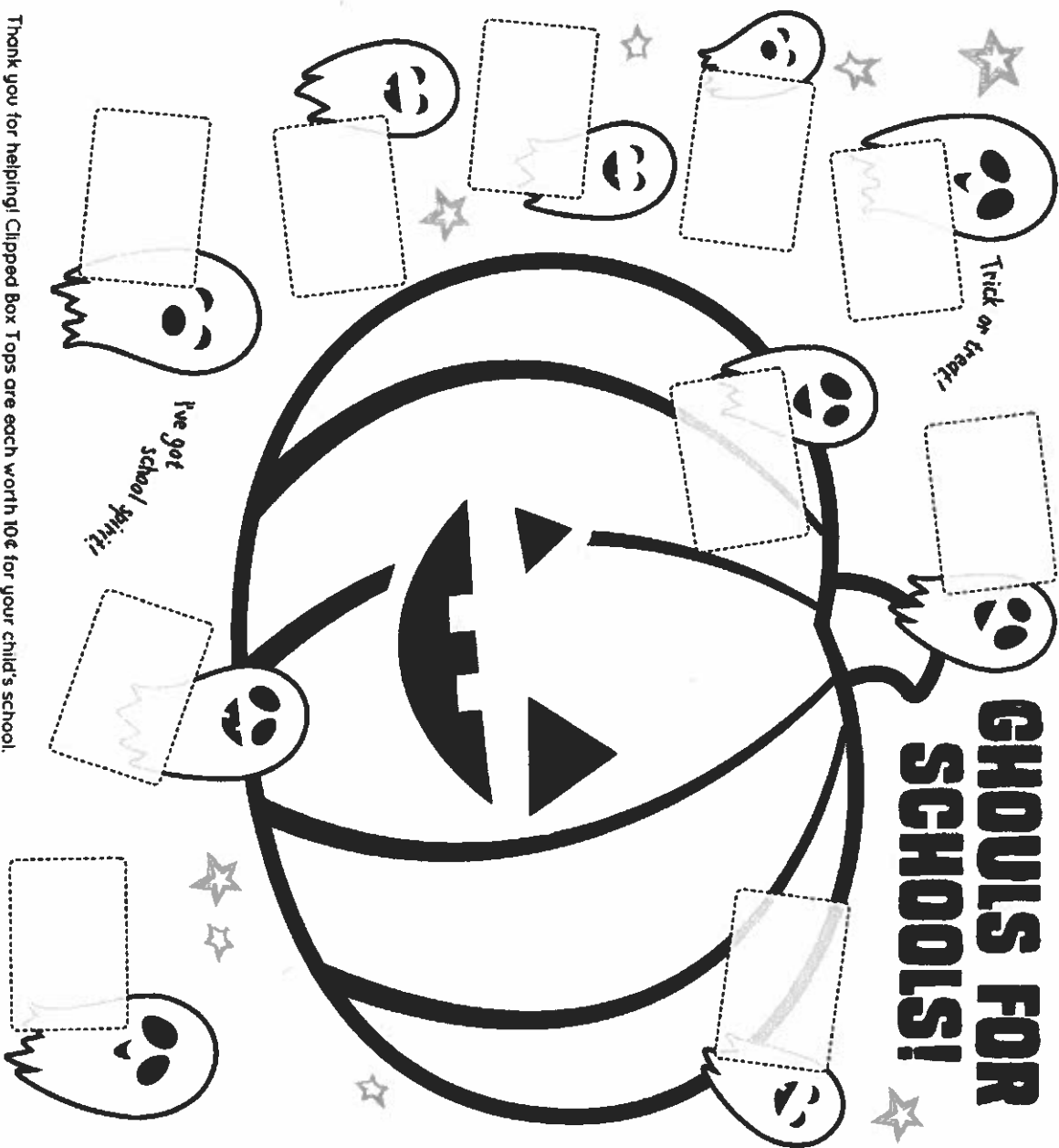
Want to help? Contact our school's Box Tops Coordinator!

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

See a list of participating products at BTFE.com/Products

GHOULS FOR SCHOOLS!



Thank you for helping! Clipped Box Tops are each worth 10¢ for your child's school. Bonus certificates should not be attached to this sheet - please submit them separately. To see more ways to earn cash for your child's school, go to BTFE.com.