



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
April 27, 2018

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, May 4
K-2 Spring Music
Extravaganza in MPR
1:00-2:00

Wednesday, May 9
1-5 Art Show in Library
6:30-8:00

Friday, May 11
Community BBQ at Rocky
Graham Park
5:00

Friday, May 18
3-5 Spring Music
Extravaganza in MPR
1:30-3:00

Saturday, May 19
Spring Garden Party and
Campus Clean-up
9:00-12:00

Wednesday, May 23
6-8 Art Show in Library
6:30-8:30

Thursday, May 24
Eco Top Chef Dinner in
MPR 6:00

Monday, May 28
Memorial Day, No School

**Spirit Week: May 29 to
June 1**
Tuesday: Sports Day
Wednesday: Twins Day
Thursday: Rainbow Day
Friday: Dress for Success

Thursday, May 31
Open House
6:00-7:00

Friday, June 1
6-8 Spring Music
Extravaganza in MPR
2:00-3:00

A Message from Ms. Seekins

Dear Willow Creek families,

Next week our students in grades 3-8 will begin taking the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP). This assessment is much more of an endurance test than its predecessor, the California Standards Test. Students are expected to solve multi-step mathematics problems and to apply critical reading and writing skills on performance tasks. It's significantly different from the standardized "bubble tests" we remember from the old days!

With all of that said, I believe that our students are well-prepared to "show what they know" over the next few weeks. Our students are skilled at critical inquiry, thanks to their experience with project-based learning, and we have created a testing schedule that allows the students to move through the assessment at a comfortable pace.

You can help our team by making sure your child comes to school rested and nourished on testing days. Please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher or to me if you have any questions about the CAASPP.

Best,

Tara

Attendance Report

Average Daily Attendance this week: 93%
Funds lost this week due to absences: \$5,670
Total funds lost this year due to absences (est.): \$110,397

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.

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) and by driving slowly as you approach campus.

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.



Please join us for a **community conversation about school safety** featuring safety specialist
Marisa Randazzo.

- Saturday, May 12th in the Willow Creek Academy Multi Purpose Room from 10:00-11:30 a.m.
- Childcare provided
- Coffee and light breakfast provided

All SMCSD community members and families are welcome!

**Please RSVP by May 10th to Erin Baker
(ebaker@willowcreekacademy.org)**

Marisa has a PhD in Psychology, was the former Chief Research Psychologist at the U.S. Secret Service, and has worked on numerous cases preventing violence in the workplace and school settings.



School Tag

Gamifying the school commute

<http://wca.schooltag.org>

Spring Game Prizes


Prizes have been handed out this week. If you didn't pick up your prize, talk to Gru (Aaron Roller).

Free Dress Day Vouchers were handed to players with 200 points or more. Students must present the voucher to the teacher on **Friday May 4th** if he/she is not in uniform.

Top prizes handed out:

- Squishy toys!!! Avatars!!!
- Custom bags donated by Andrea Hanson
- \$25 Gift Cards to Mike's Bikes and Bicycle Odyssey
- \$85 Light & Motion Vibe Commuter Combo

Top players for Spring Games:

Rank	Player	Points
1	 Bern	585
2	 Mato Grosso	575
3	 Pará	565
4	 Tatarstan	560
5	 Philippines	550
6	 Hong Kong	545
7	 Germany	535
8	 Canada	525
9	 Vologda	460
10	 Niger	425

Get ready for Summer Games

School Tag Summer Games will be starting **Monday May 7th** to wrap up a successful year of walking, biking and taking the bus to school.

Let's get ready to get as many points as possible. A few things to prepare:

- Make sure you have a School Tag on your backpack, also a bike sticker if you bike.



- If you earned 200 or more points in Spring Games, you can change your flag to an Avatar of choice, talk to Gru (Aaron Roller). Lots of avatars to choose.



Bike to School Day - May 9th



Get ready for **International Bike to School Day** on **Wednesday May 9th**. Last year we had an amazing turn out from Sausalito and Marin City led by the Sausalito police. You can also walk along the way. More details to come.



Learn more about School Tag and how to play at

<http://wca.schooltag.org/rules>



Parent Council

Who is the WCA Parent Council...? YOU!

THURSDAY, MAY 3 @ 6:30PM

IN THE WCA LIBRARY

topics:

**** GETTING TO KNOW
WCA'S MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**** RECAP ON NEXT
YEAR'S LCAP**

(GOALS FOR THE 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR)
FROM OUR HEAD OF SCHOOL

**Parent Council is a great place to connect with other parents,
find out what's going on, and be a part of things on campus. Please join us!**

Childcare always provided by Afterschool Explorer staff

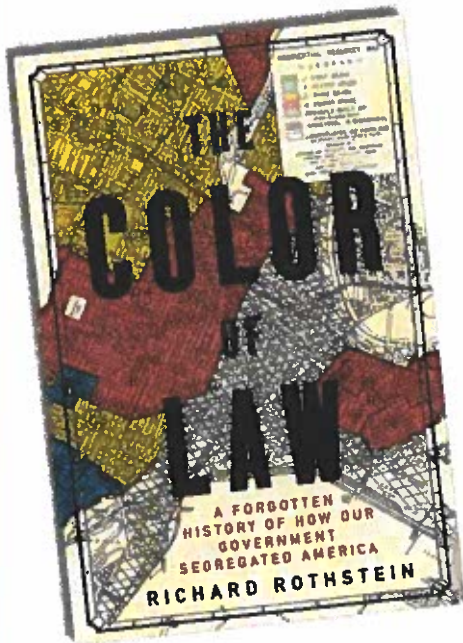
Please join us for a Community Event
with Guest Speaker

Richard Rothstein

author of

THE COLOR OF LAW

A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America



The Color of Law explores how segregation in America is the byproduct of explicit government policies at the local, state and federal levels. The book was designated one of ten finalists for the 2017 National Book Awards.

This community event includes a discussion by Mr. Rothstein followed by Q&A and book signing.

MAY 9, 2018

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Mill Valley Middle School Gymnasium
425 Sycamore Avenue - Mill Valley

To register: www.the-color-of-law.eventbrite.com



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CHANGE STARTS HERE

MENTOR TEXT: "THIRTEEN AND A HALF" BY RACHEL VAIL

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All I knew about Ashley before I went over there yesterday was that until this year she went to private school and now she sits next to me in math. But she asked me over and since I couldn't think of a good no, I said OK.

Ashley lives near school, so we walked. We didn't have a lot to talk about on the way, but she didn't seem to mind. She was telling me that when she grows up she wants to be a veterinarian and a movie star, and travel all over the world very glamorously and live life to the hilt. She asked if I like to live life to the hilt.

"I mostly just hang around," I admitted.

"But when you get older, and you can do anything," she whispered, as we began climbing the steep steps up to her huge stone house. "What do you like to imagine?"

I was a little winded from the steps, so I just shrugged.

"Like, I am constantly imagining I can fly," said Ashley, spreading her arms wide. "Do you ever imagine you're flying?"

I stopped for breath. "I sometimes imagine I'm in a bakery."

"Today is my half-birthday," she said, pulling a key out of her shirt. It had been hanging from a shoelace around her neck. She bent close to the lock, to use it. "Are you thirteen and a half yet?"

I shook my head. My birthday was just last month.

"It feels, you just feel... older, at thirteen and a half," she said. "Things shift, subtly. You'll see."

I followed her in. I think her house might actually be a mansion. The ceiling is very, very far from the floor in the room where you walk in. In my house we have a front hall. Ashley's you'd have to call a lobby. On the left there was a huge square room that I think was a library. Anyway there were tons of books in there, on dark shelves all the way up to the ceiling. At the far end of the library two huge doors opened into some other room. I don't know what room it was or if that one would open to another huge room. I decided to stay close to Ashley to avoid getting lost.

Ashley unzipped her jacket and dropped it on the floor, with her backpack still hooked through the sleeves. I took off my jacket and backpack too, put them next to Ashley's, then followed Ashley past a dining room that had paintings of annoyed-looking people hanging on the greenish walls, down a long hallway, into the kitchen.

"What do you want for a snack?" asked Ashley.

**WILLOW CREEK ACADEMY AND BAYSIDE MLK
FAMILIES!**

**FAMILY
SPRING
PICNIC IN
THE PARK!!**

When: Friday May 11, 5pm-8pm

Where: Rocky Graham Park, Marin City

**What: Join us for our bi-annual
COMMUNITY BUILDING DINNER!**

**This year, we will be serving dinner from Mi Pueblo.
Ice-Cream from THREE TWINS.**

**Any questions?
Email: erikaducati@gmail.com**



ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH
MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH
SUNDAY- MAY 13



Duggan Hall – 10:30 am

ADULTS \$15, Kids \$5

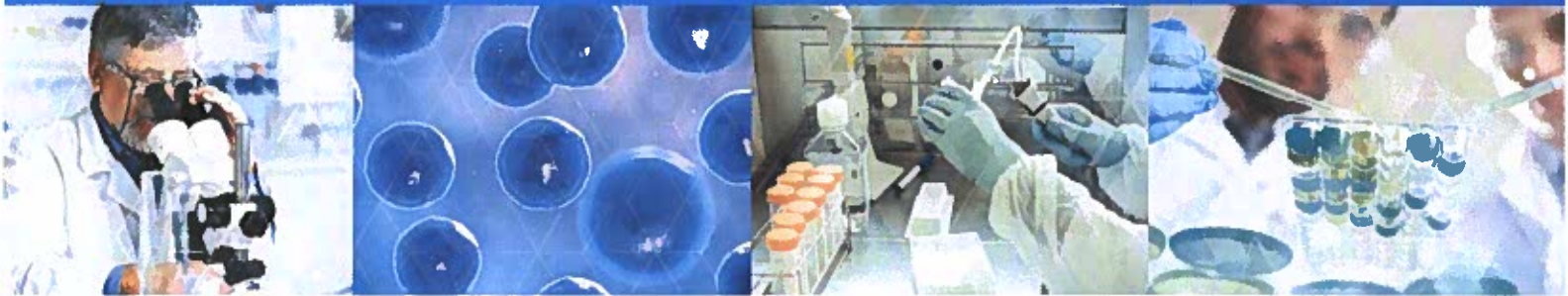
*Menu– Quiche from Rustic Bakery,
Fresh Fruit, Ham, Pastries, Juice,
Coffee, Mimosas, Champagne*

A Rose for Mom

*Purchase Brunch Tickets after Mass or RSVP to:
staroftheseamensclub@gmail.com
A Parish Event Sponsored by the Men's Club*



FUTURE OF HEALTHCARE



The Future of Healthcare program, sponsored by Stemodontics stem cell banking, offers students interested in a medical or dental vocation the guidance they need to follow their dreams. Healthcare innovators will mentor students on what it takes to get into their ideal college and how to be successful in their chosen field.

High school students, junior high students, college students, and parents are welcome!

At 6:30 p.m., a panel of medical professionals will host a cutting-edge presentation on technologies and procedures shaping the future of healthcare.

Please arrive a few minutes early to get a great seat!

After the presentation, explore and talk to representatives from various medical fields and volunteer organizations that will be in attendance.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30, 2018

TIME:

6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

LOCATION:

Dominican University of California
Guzman Hall, Second Floor
50 Acacia Ave
San Rafael, CA 94901



FEATURED SPEAKERS:

Christopher Daniel, DDS, MD, FACS
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon

Ophir Klein, MD, PhD
Pediatric Medical Geneticist

Daniel Solomon, MD
Orthopedics and Sports Medicine

Mark Lawler, MD
Orthopedics and Sports Medicine

Lexi Amrhein
Admissions Counselor

A group of five students in blue shirts looking at a tablet together.

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WILLOW CREEK ACADEMY 1ST ANNUAL FIELD DAY

Date: Thursday June 7, 2018

K-2: 8.30-10am

3-5: 10.40-12pm

6-8: 1.20-3pm

A DAY OF FUN GAMES LIKE
RELAY RACES,
THE 3 LEGGED RACE,
BALL SPORTS
AND MORE!

WE'LL NEED SOME VOLUNTEERS SO LOOK OUT FOR THE
NOTE AND SIGNUP FOR A FUN DAY ON THE WCA FIELD.

