



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER  
May 3, 2019

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Save the Dates! Spring Music Extravaganzas have been scheduled:**

- 3-5: Friday, May 17  
1:30-3:00
- 6-8: Friday, May 24  
1:30-3:00 *new date!!*

**Save the Dates! Spring Art Shows have been scheduled:**

- 1-5: Wednesday, May 8  
in library  
6:30-7:30
- 6-8: Wednesday, May 22  
in library  
6:30-7:30

**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

**Friday, May 31**  
Middle School Dance in MPR  
6:00-8:00

**Wednesday, June 5**  
8th Grade Graduation  
10:00 a.m.

**Friday, June 7**  
Crossing the Bridge  
10:00 a.m.

**A Message from Ms. Seekins**

Dear Willow Creek families,

This is the time of year when we celebrate the Arts at Willow Creek Academy, and it's a great time to acknowledge our Music and Art teachers' amazing dedication to their craft.

We are incredibly lucky to have Emilie Rohrbach and Phil Logan as our Music teachers! Using the Orff Schulwerk method, Emilie guides our lower school students toward proficiency on multiple musical instruments and introduces them to musical notation and performance skills. In his work with our older students, Phil engages the cultural and historical contexts from which our American musical traditions arise as he builds on these music and performance skills.

Our Art teacher, Lauren Haberly works with classroom teachers to develop projects that integrate with our core curricula. She thoughtfully guides students through multi-step projects in multiple media: painting, drawing, sculpture, and more. Lauren is an amazing member of our team!

Please be sure to join us for our Spring Concerts and Spring Art Shows to celebrate our students' excellent work under the guidance of these gifted educators!

Best,

Tara

**Attendance Report**

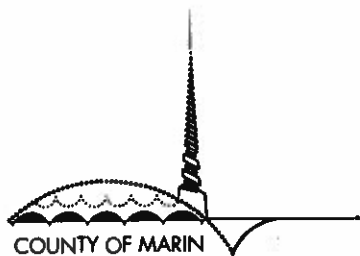
Average Daily Attendance this week: 94%  
Funds lost this week due to absences: \$4,872  
Total funds lost this year due to absences (est.): \$122,589

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**

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](http://mymealtime.com). Please contact Erin Baker with any questions about your account or about setting up online payments: [ebaker@willowcreekacademy.org](mailto:ebaker@willowcreekacademy.org).



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Dear Parents/Guardians:

I would like to take this opportunity to provide an update on the current measles outbreak in California, to encourage that all unvaccinated children receive the measles vaccine as soon as possible, and to outline expectations should there be a case of measles in a Marin school.

As of last week, there have been 38 cases in California and over 700 cases in the U.S. in 2019. This is the highest number of cases since measles was nearly eliminated in 2000. Several Bay Area counties have reported cases in this outbreak. Marin County has been spared thus far, but we are vulnerable. Although childhood vaccination rates are 94 percent overall, in some Marin schools less than half of students are fully vaccinated. Additionally, measles is more common abroad, and Marin hosts visitors from all over the world and our residents are frequent travelers.

Measles is a very contagious airborne illness and is highly preventable through vaccination. The virus is spread by sharing the same area with an infected person, especially if that person coughs or sneezes. Individuals are contagious 4 days before they develop symptoms and may unknowingly make others ill.

Measles usually starts with a high fever, runny nose, red and irritated eyes, and a rash. The rash is red and bumpy, starts on the face and moves down the body. Some people may suffer complications, such as pneumonia or brain swelling, and may need hospitalization.

The best way to prevent measles is the MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccine. Children routinely get their first dose of the MMR vaccine at 12-15 months of age, and the second dose before beginning kindergarten. This combination is more than 98% effective in preventing measles.

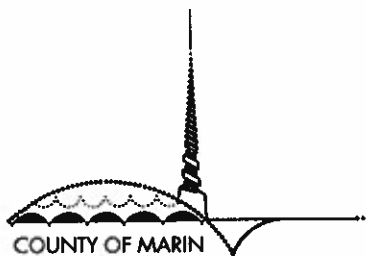
If your child is unvaccinated or cannot provide laboratory confirmation of immunity and there is a case in their school, they will be excluded from attending school for 21 days to protect themselves and to limit further spread of disease.

It takes two weeks to develop immunity after receiving a measles vaccine. Unvaccinated or under vaccinated children should be vaccinated as soon as possible through their healthcare provider so they will have protection and to prevent future absences from school.

As Public Health Officer, I would like to thank you for doing your part to keep our Marin families healthy.

Sincerely,

Matt Willis, MD, MPH  
Marin County Public Health Officer



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Estimados Padres/Tutores:

Me gustaría aprovechar esta oportunidad para proporcionar información actualizada sobre el brote actual de sarampión en California, para animar a que todos los niños no vacunados reciban la vacuna contra el sarampión lo antes posible, y para delinear las expectativas en caso de que haya un caso de sarampión en una escuela de Marin.

Hasta la semana pasada, se habían registrado 38 casos en California en el 2019 y más de 700 casos a nivel nacional. Este es el número más alto de casos a nivel nacional desde que casi se eliminó el sarampión en el 2000. Varios condados del Área de la Bahía han informado casos en este brote. El condado de Marin se ha salvado hasta ahora, pero somos vulnerables. Aunque las tasas de vacunación infantil son del 94 por ciento en general, en algunas escuelas de Marin, menos de la mitad de los estudiantes están completamente vacunados. Además, el sarampión es más común en el extranjero, y Marin recibe visitantes de todo el mundo y nuestros residentes son viajeros frecuentes.

El sarampión es una enfermedad transmitida por el aire muy contagiosa y es altamente prevenible mediante la vacunación. El virus se transmite al compartir la misma área con una persona infectada, especialmente si esa persona tose o estornuda. Las personas generalmente son contagiosas, comenzando 4 días antes de que desarrollen síntomas y pueden, sin saberlo, enfermar a otros.

El sarampión generalmente comienza con fiebre alta, secreción nasal, ojos rojos e irritados y erupción cutánea. La erupción es roja y granulosa, comienza en la cara y se mueve hacia abajo por el resto del cuerpo. Algunas personas pueden sufrir complicaciones, como neumonía o inflamación del cerebro, y pueden requerir hospitalización.

La mejor manera de prevenir el sarampión es recibir la vacuna MMR (sarampión, paperas, rubéola). Los niños habitualmente reciben su primera dosis de la vacuna MMR entre los 12 y los 15 meses de edad y la segunda dosis antes de comenzar el jardín de niños. Esta combinación es más del 98% efectiva en la prevención del sarampión.

Si su hijo no está vacunado o no puede proporcionar una confirmación de inmunidad de laboratorio y hay un caso en su escuela, se les excluirá de asistir a la escuela por 21 días para protegerse y limitar la propagación de la enfermedad.

Se tarda dos semanas en desarrollar inmunidad después de recibir una vacuna contra el sarampión. Los niños no vacunados o que no estén vacunados deben vacunarse lo antes posible a través de su proveedor de atención médica para que tengan protección y para prevenir futuras ausencias a la escuela.

Como Oficial de Salud Pública, me gustaría agradecerle por hacer su parte para mantener saludables a nuestras familias de Marin.

Atentamente,

**Matt Willis, MD, MPH**  
Oficial de Salud Pública del Condado de Marin



# Teacher Appreciation Week

**Monday May 6th:** Snacks available in the teachers lounge starting at 10 am

**Tuesday May 7th:** Join us for breakfast smoothies before school starting at 7:30 am in the teacher's lounge



**Wednesday May 8th:** Snacks provided during staff meeting

**Thursday May 9th:** Cinco de Mayo themed lunch to be served in teacher's lounge

**Friday May 10th:** Breakfast of granola, yogurt, and fresh fruit

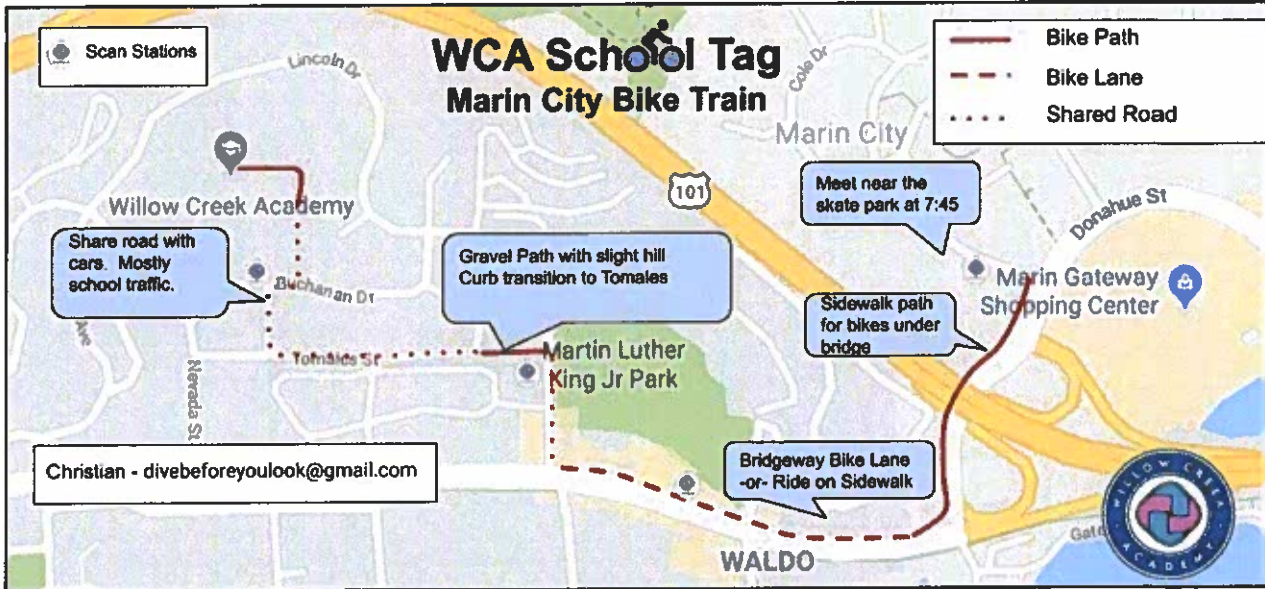
**All week coffee will be provided in the morning in the MPR.  
Please bring your mug to morning assembly to enjoy  
a fresh cup of coffee.**



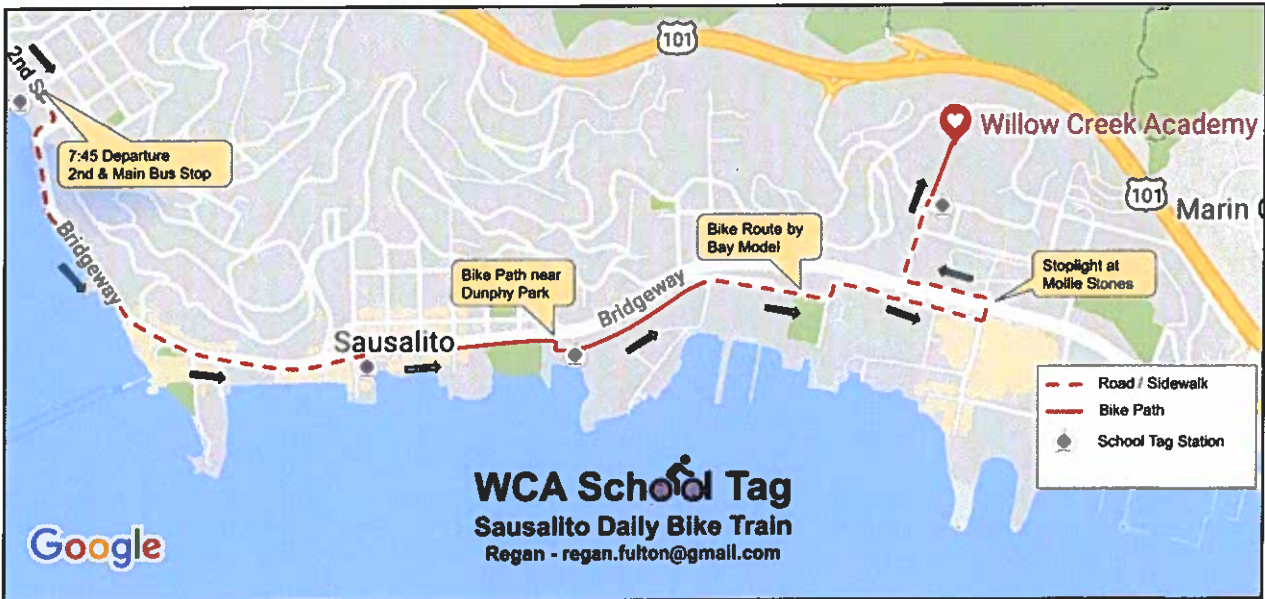
Parents Council and adoring parents

# International Bike to School Day

## 7:45 am Wednesday May 8th, 2019



Starts near skate park at 7:45 am.



Starts at 2nd & Main at 7:45. Hop on at Bus Stops along Bridgeway



# School Tag started Wednesday May 1st



## Every School Day in May



- Pick up your free School Tag before morning assembly
- Earn points to **win prizes**
- Tag in at the MPR by 8:10 to earn the most points
- Walk, bike or take the bus to school for more points
- Park & Walk from MLK Park to earn walking points
- Find School Tag Stations along the route to earn points



**Prizes given every Monday before morning assembly.**



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE WCA ANNUAL

# SPRING MUSIC EXTRAVAGANZA



## Fridays...

**K-2** May 3 at 1:00

**3-5** May 17 at 1:30

**Middle School** May 24 at 2:00

## IN THE MPR

# "SHOWSTOPPERS"

## *After School Programs*

### **INTERACTIVE ENRICHMENT**

## Information

**Who:** *Students Kinder- 8th Grade*

**What:** *Four Weeks of theatre and choreography*

**When:** *Kinder, Tue 2pm- 2:45, 1st-4th Tue 3:15- 4:15  
5th Grade- 8th Grade, Thu 3:15- 4:15*

**Where:** *Willow Creek Academy*

**Why:** *Because we love you!*



## Further Details

Students 1st- 8th grade will love this high energy class.

Together, they will act, dance and sing their way through various theater games and exercises. Students will also learn the fundamentals of choreography and classic dance steps such as three-step turn and jazz square.

This 10 week course culminates with a mini share out performance of a classic Broadway tune!

<b>Age</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Fee</b>	<b>Course #</b>
6yrs- 14yrs	May 7th- May 30th	\$125	Varies by Class

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**10am-3pm**

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