



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
March 15, 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, March 22
Conference Day, No School

Monday, March 25
Staff Day, No School

Thursday, April 4
Parent Council in Library
6:30
Topic: Arts Integration

April 8-12
Spring Break, No School

Thursday, May 2
Parent Council in Library
6:30
Topic: Meet the Middle School!

Save the Dates! Spring Music Extravanzas have been scheduled:

- K-2: Friday, May 3
1:00-2:00
- 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

Thursday, May 30
Open House
6:00-7:00

A Message from Ms. Seekins

Dear Willow Creek families,

This week and next, our sixth graders will be visiting our K-5 classes to share information about climate change and how Willow Creek families can make a positive difference. This idea arose when our team learned about the International Student Strike for Climate Change, and we are glad to be able to participate in this teachable moment!

By coincidence, our sixth graders just finished a unit on climate change. While they focused on the science of global warming and carbon emissions, they also dedicated time to learning about how the choices we make impact our environment. Our hope is that our younger students feel inspired by their sixth grade peer teachers and that they leave these lessons feeling informed and empowered to be our next generation of environmental leaders. Some examples of the sixth graders' handmade teaching materials are included in this Friday Post. ☺

Thank you—as always—for your engagement and your support for meaningful learning!

Best,

Tara

Attendance Report

Average Daily Attendance this week: 95%
Funds lost this week due to absences: \$4,060
Total funds lost this year due to absences (est.): \$101,477

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.

What WCA is doing

- Control over heating in classrooms to make sure we're not heating when no one's here (vacation mode)



- Meatless Mondays



- Composting (asking for lunch #s which prevents methane build up in landfills)

- Buses from Marin City

- Walking / carpooling / biking = walk carpool and bike

What families can do at home:

- Meatless meal once per week



- Carpooling w/ friends to practices



- Composting at home



Troposphere: Lowest region of the atmosphere (0-7km)

Ozone: Blocks dangerous sunlight

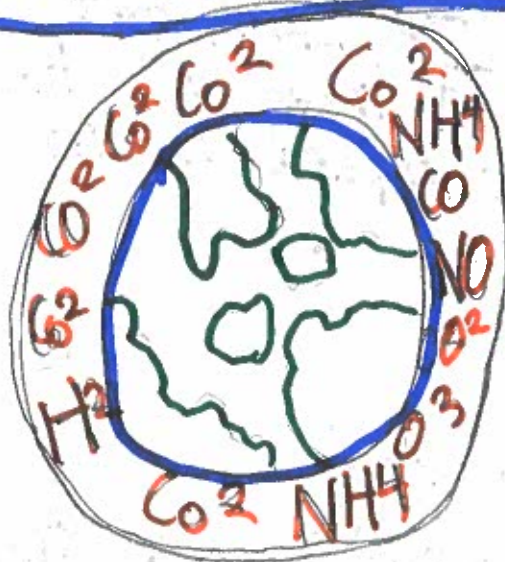
stratosphere: Just above the troposphere this is where airplanes fly

Mesosphere: located between the thermosphere and stratosphere 30 to 50 miles

thermosphere: The lowest area of the atmosphere extending down to the earth

Exosphere: The outer most layer in the atmosphere

All greenhouse gases



Atmosphere



The sun's light enters the atmosphere. Some of the light is reflected. The extra light in the atmosphere can't escape because of greenhouse gases.



Climate change explained

What is it?
Climate change is when the Earth gets warmer from greenhouse gases. It traps all the heat in the atmosphere. The atmosphere is like a thick blanket.

Why is it happening?
Climate change is happening because there is too much carbon dioxide in the air from burning oil and coal.

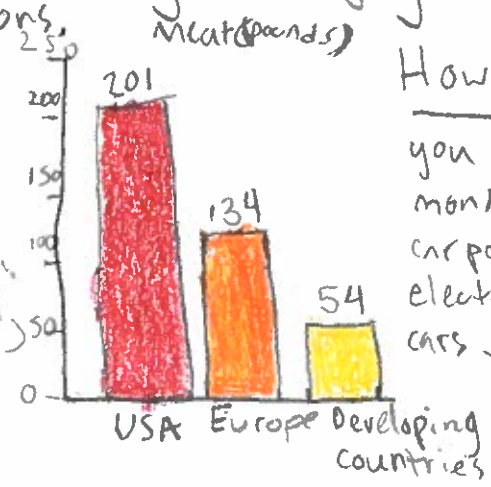
define carbon footprint, heat trapping blanket
Earth has a fever since the industrial revolution
Carbon footprint is the amount of carbon dioxide you release. Since the industrial revolution Earth has been warming up.

Climate change

climate change is climate change changing dramatically because of the methane, and emissions.

What is it caused by?

climate change is caused by meat production, cows, food decomposing in landfill, clear cutting trees for ranch and, electricity use, and transportation



How can we help?

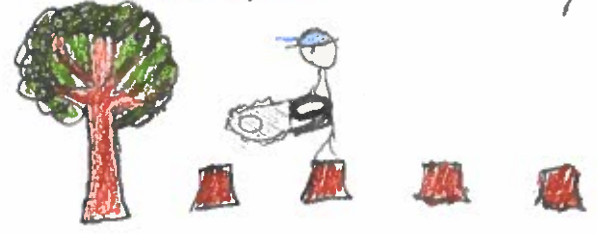
you can help by having meatless Mondays, composting, recycling, carpooling, busing, using less electricity, and by using hybrid cars.

How is WCA helping?

WCA is helping by...

- meatless Mondays
- busing, carpooling
- controlling thermostats
- solar pannel

(cutting trees for farming)

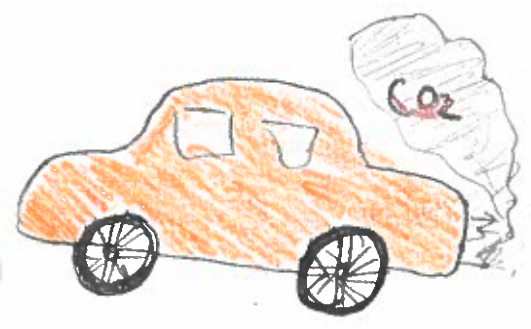


trees are like carbon sinks because they release O₂ and take in CO₂

☹ = bad



methane (greenhouse gases)



ATTIRE:
VEGAS!

W E L C O M E

TO THE *Fabulous*
WILLOW CREEK
BENEFIT

Vegas comes to Sausalito!

Saturday · March 30, 2019

IDESST HALL · 511 CALEDONIA STREET · SAUSALITO

Tickets on sale now

WWW.WILLOWCREEKACADEMY.SCHOOLAUCTION.NET/FABULOUSWCA

VIP Ticket \$125/TICKET, 5-7 PM

INCLUDES DINNER & DRINKS

Casino-Disco Ticket \$40/TICKET, 7-10 PM

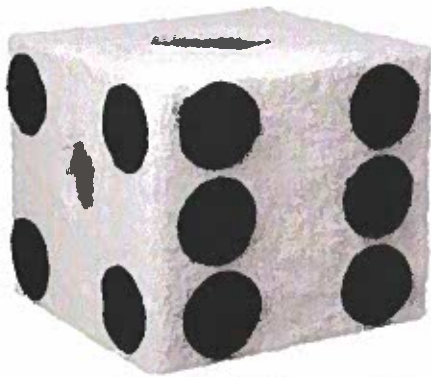
INCLUDES NIBBLES, CASH BAR, DISCO & CASINO GAMES

LIVE MUSIC ~ THE CHEESEBALLS



The WCA Benefit is on Saturday March 30. Don't miss out on this super fun night. Get your tickets online from the WCA website.

The style is Las Vegas, so maybe come as a card, dice or a casino dealer.





**FOR THE KIDS ON THE DAY OF
THE WCA BENEFIT MARCH 30**

**LAPPERT'S ICE CREAM
presents**

**THE FREE
ICE CREAM
PARTY**

1-3 PM | MARCH 30

**ROCKY GRAHAM PARK
MARIN CITY**



Willow Creek
ACADEMY



Family Math Night

For Families

of 3rd, 4th, & 5th Graders

Thursday, April 25, 6-7:30pm

Willow Creek Academy Library

Bring the family and learn more about the
3rd-5th grade math activities at Willow Creek!
We'll start in the library with a whole-group activity
and then move classrooms to play grade-level games
with teachers.



Looking for that part-time job between drop-off and pick-up?

Spring is just around the corner and Sloat Garden Centers are offering opportunities for parents looking for part time work within the boundaries of having to drop off and pick up their children. Most of our stores need mid-day shifts to cover our busiest times and also to cover lunch rotations. The job is outdoors, surrounded by awesome people and plants, plus we offer an outstanding employee discount of 45% off retail.

Please contact Dave Stoner at
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