




WEEKLY NEWSLETTER  
November 3, 2017

<p><b>UPCOMING EVENTS</b></p> <p><b>Saturday, November 4</b> Garden Party and Campus Projects Day 9:00-12:00</p> <p><b>Friday, November 10</b> Veteran's Day, No School</p> <p><b>November 20-24</b> Thanksgiving Break, No School</p> <p><b>Thursday, December 7</b> Parent Council in Library 6:30 Topic: Project-based Learning</p> <p><b>Friday, December 22</b> Early Release at 12:30</p> <p><b>December 25-January 5</b> Winter Break, No School</p> <p><b>Monday, January 8</b> School Resumes</p> <p><b>Monday, January 15</b> MLK Day, No School</p> <p><b>Thursday, February 1</b> Parent Council in Library 6:30 Topic: Local Control Accountability Plan</p> <p><b>February 19-23</b> Mid-winter Break, No School</p> <p><b>Thursday, March 1</b> Parent Council in Library 6:30 Topic: Supporting Students with Special Needs</p>	<p><b>A Message from Ms. Seekins</b></p> <p>Dear Willow Creek families,</p> <p>The Veterans Day holiday is coming up, and I hope that you will be able to join other families to celebrate the unique legacy of veterans in our community at Rocky Graham Park in Marin City on Saturday, November 11th. Ms. Felecia Gaston, one of our wonderful community partners, has organized a ceremony, a children's performance, and a plane fly-over, and there will be food and entertainment as well. It should be a lot of fun!</p> <p>You might already know that the Marinship Corporation drew workers from across the United States to build ships required for the war effort during World War II. The Marinship Corporation was founded in 1942, and this year our community is celebrating its 75th anniversary.</p> <p>You might not know that our community gave rise to an early and important civil rights case: in <i>James v. Marinship</i> (1944) the California Supreme Court ruled unanimously that closed-shop unions cannot exclude workers because of their race. This case was argued by Thurgood Marshall a full 10 years before <i>Brown v. Board of Education</i>—what a legacy!</p> <p>Please mark your calendars and plan to celebrate Veterans Day with our community in Marin City.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Best,  Tara</p> <hr/> <p><b>Attendance Report</b> Average Daily Attendance this week: 95% Funds lost this week due to absences: \$4,100 Total funds lost this year due to absences (est.): \$33,212</p> <p><b>Middle School Writing Club</b> Willow Creek Writing Club meets Tuesdays at 3:10pm in Room 13. The writers will work together to produce a book of short stories (modern retellings of fairy tales and fables). Our goal is to write a 50,000 word draft by the end of November. We will meet weekly through December and monthly (first Tuesday of the month) starting in January.</p> <p>The club is free and open to middle school students (grades 6-8) who can attend regularly and are willing to write between meeting. We're limited to 12 students.</p> <p>Email Maya Creedman at <a href="mailto:mcreedman@willowcreekacademy.org">mcreedman@willowcreekacademy.org</a> to sign up.</p>
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Friday, November 3rd

## Notes from the Office



No School Friday, November 10th in observance of Veterans Day. Thanksgiving Break will be November 20th-24th.

### School Pictures

Pictures were given to the teachers to hand out today, Friday, November 3rd. Make up picture day will be November 9th.



Class pictures will come with the pictures from make up day. If you would like to order, reorder or have questions please contact Jessie with Shooting stars at 415.695.1020. The

WCA access code is mns3717.

### Lost and Found

Lost and found will be donated on November 20th.



Make sure that you put your child's name in clothing.



Please leave a message if you call the office and I do not answer, I am often with the children and cannot talk at that time.

### Try Breakfast

Enjoying the lunch program?? Try **BREAKFAST!**...

Breakfast is served from 7:45-8:10.



MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!

SATURDAY  
NOV. 4  
9-NOON

You are invited to the (super fun!) bi-annual WCA tradition...

# Campus Work Day & garden party



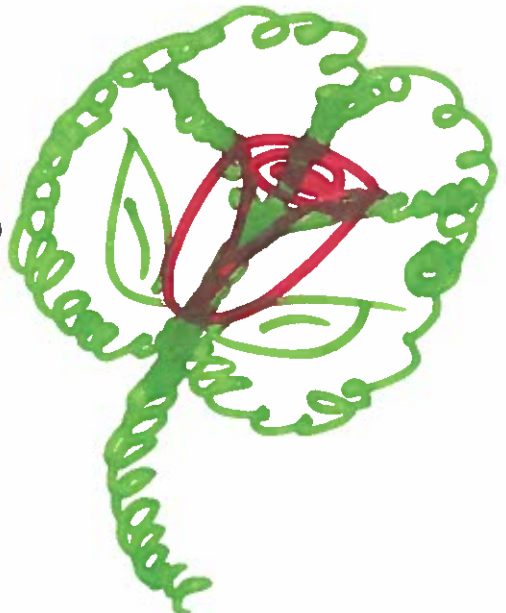
*Bring your children. Bring your neighbors.  
We will be doing a variety of projects around campus and need your help.  
This is a great opportunity to share and create new memories  
with other WCA families and with your own!*



Please remember

to vote

on



Tuesday, Nov. 7<sup>TH</sup>!



**8<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls!**

**Please bring your parent/guardian  
to one of our  
Powerful Beyond Measure 2018  
Student and Family Orientations**

**What: an informative presentation  
about the PBM program, including  
travel to Kenya - Summer 2018.**

**Where: Marin City Teen Center**

**When: Tuesday November 7<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday November 14<sup>th</sup>  
630-730pm**

**POWERFUL  
BEYOND  
MEASURE**



**Contact: Jen Nichols 415 816 3258**



## Willow Creek LOVES volunteers.

Please fill out this Volunteer Intake Form & submit to the office or ON LINE! (Link below)

Name/Nombre: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone/Telefono: \_\_\_\_\_

Email/Correo Electronico: \_\_\_\_\_

Children Names/grades: Hijos nombres/grados: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Language/Idioma Preferido:  English  Español Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### Areas Where We Need Help:

#### Meal Time Helpers:

Help serve our Chef-cooked meals in the lunchroom. Volunteers can commit once a week, once a month, or whenever you can!

#### The Conscious Kitchen Food Council:

Parents/staff/community members who will offer and help collect feedback about the lunch program Help facilitate the Student Ambassador program (students who work with the chefs) & Eco Top Chef program.

Time Commitment: Depends on the task selected

#### Playground Monitor

Morning or Afternoon: making sure kids are playing safely & kindly

Time Commitment: regular weekly commitment of 1 hour; 1 or more days of the week

#### Library Help:

Book shelving

General Library Help

Book fair Setup/Assistance: 1 time event each year

Time Commitment: varies/as needed

#### Outdoor & Landscaping:

Creek Restoration projects, School Grounds Basic Maintenance, Adopt a spot: Regularly gardening a specific campus spot to help beautify our campus

Optional: Sign acknowledging your family

Time Commitment: Varies/As needed

#### Parent Translation Assistance:

Serving as translators for parents who speak languages other than English.

Time Commitment: as needed

What languages do you speak? \_\_\_\_\_

#### Music Program Assistance:

Supporting music teachers, assisting with music performances during the school year

Time Commitment: Depends on the task selected

#### Art Program Assistance:

Supporting art teachers, assisting with art shows during the school year

Time Commitment: Depends on the task selected

#### Willow Creek Foundation Assistance:

Assistance in all facets of foundation annual event from auction support to procuring items for the auction, additional tasks as needed

Time Commitment: Depends on the task selected

#### Any special skills or talents you would like to share with the school community:

Communications/public relations experience

Visual Art/Graphic Design

Web Design

Event Planning/Fundraising Experience

Photography/Videography

Carpentry

Landscaping

Grant Writing

Other Skills: \_\_\_\_\_

### THANK YOU!

On-line form at:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1KjPOplgCWDblBSP2VHRCYBMsCDc41Lp5A-BdNBZr0Eg/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1KjPOplgCWDblBSP2VHRCYBMsCDc41Lp5A-BdNBZr0Eg/viewform?edit_requested=true)

Any questions? Please email Gracie West, Volunteer Coordinator [graciewest@gmail.com](mailto:graciewest@gmail.com)

Willow Creek  
Academy  
After-School  
Explorers



November 2, 2017

Friday Post!!!



Pg. 2/3- Drumming  
and Drawing Club  
with Mr. Steve

Pg.4- Piano Lessons  
with Mr. Bryan.

Pg.5- Maker Space

## Hello Willow Creek Families!!

I hope you all had a wonderful end of October and Halloween. Here at Explorers we are appreciating these crisp fall days and taking advantage of the daylight left to us. Coming up in November we have lots of fun new and returning programs. Please read on to hear about what Explorers has to offer.

Greetings Parents!

It'd been a pleasure to have your young artists in my After School Enrichment Programs this past trimester.

They're a really great group with super fun collective energy and creativity!

With the rainy season approaching, some of you have asked if I would be willing to host some after school programs during the month of November until Electivity starts up again in December (when I'll be doing both Drama & Drawing again on Tuesdays & Wednesdays).

Right now, I'm happy to lead the *Willow Creek Academy After School Drawing Club* on Tuesdays after school from 3:15-4:15(description below):

*Artists Unite! The After School Drawing Club is a great place for kids of any grade to download and process their day in an open and encouraging creative environment. Children too can enjoy the benefits of the mindful art of drawing, much like adults might find value in a yoga class, meditation or going for a run. Each session begins with explorative 'free draw' time often followed by drawing challenges along with personalized guidance to help enrich student's skills.*

***WCA After School  
DRAWING CLUB***

***Tuesdays in November 3:15-4:15***

***(No School/Class Thanksgiving Week)***

***\$60 per student (cash or check made out to Steven Wiig - or PayPal)***

***Materials provided but students may bring their own supplies***

If there's enough demand, I'd be willing to expand that to Wednesdays and/or Thursdays if necessary.

Let me know if your child might be interested and what days might work best for you (if any)?

Please feel free to pass this along to your class or other parents who may be interested.

Thanks & take care,

*Mr. Steve*

[stevenwiig@yahoo.com](mailto:stevenwiig@yahoo.com)



**WCA After School  
DRUM LESSONS**

**Any Weekday After School**

**Please contact instructor for scheduling, cost & suggestions in purchasing materials.**

*Learn paradiddles, flams, rolls and other essential core drumming rudiments in this introductory series of lessons. Great for beginners at any age and fun for those already drumming, we'll start focused on a drum practice pad and build a solid foundation to grow on. Every lesson is customized to each individual student's particular learning style, interests and needs. All skills learned in class can directly be applied to a drum kit.*

**\*Students should provide their own drumsticks & drum practice pad - available online (Amazon.com) or at The Magic Flute, Bananas At Large & other local music stores.**

*Mr. Steve*

[stevenwiig@yahoo.com](mailto:stevenwiig@yahoo.com)

Lots of  
Available  
Times!!!



Piano Lesson with Bryan on Thursdays!!

**A native of New Jersey, Bryan Lin is a composer, performer and educator based in the San Francisco Bay Area. His groups have been preformed by groups including the International Orange Chorale of San Francisco, Lehigh University Philharmonic Orchestra, Monocacy Chamber Orchestra, and Choral Chameleon. Bryan graduated from Lehigh University with his B.A. in music and B.S. in mechanical engineering. He also received his M.M. in Composition at San Francisco Conservatory of Music studying with David Garner. An equally versed performer in classical and jazz worlds, Bryan teaches piano, saxophone, and clarinet. He has worked extensively with Bay Area schools and communities has an instructor and administrator.**

**Bryan will be providing lessons on Thursdays for Willow Creek Families. You can schedule your lesson by emailing him at.**

**[bryan@bryanlinmusic.com](mailto:bryan@bryanlinmusic.com)**

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Donations  
needed



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We are creating a STEAM Lab at WCA

### What is a STEAM Lab?

A place with a focus on science, technology, engineering, art and math. A place where students will think about and create “projects with a purpose”. After School students will be testing projects and space functionality this school year.

### What do we need the most?

- Recyclables (especially bottles and cardboard)
- Small appliances that don't work anymore (like a microwave)
- Tools (workshop tools; doesn't need to be in a set)
- Paper and writing utensils

**Drop donations off in Portable 3 (where K-1 is)**

**If you want more info, email Katie:**

[kmonsma@willowcreekacademy.org](mailto:kmonsma@willowcreekacademy.org)

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Bryan will be providing piano lessons for Willow Creek students on Thursdays. There are many slots still open. If you are interesting contact either Paige Rosenthal the Director of After School or Bryan Lin.

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Bryan Lin  
[bryan@bryanlinmusic.com](mailto:bryan@bryanlinmusic.com)

# Sausalito Library



## Building Club

Wednesday, November 8

*Building Club meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month*

**Come by anytime between 3 and 4:30pm**

We have a huge collection of building supplies, including LEGOs and Magna-Tiles! Come be an engineer, a construction worker, and an architect all at the same time. For kids ages 3 and up.

We will have Duplos in the Children's Room upstairs.

**Sausalito Library, 420 Litho St.  
Edgewater Room**

Constructed with the fiscal support of the Friends of the Sausalito Library.

# Marinship and Marin City Celebrating 75 Years

*Performing Stars Proudly Presents*

## Veterans Day Celebration

Sat., Nov. 11, 2017

11 a.m. to 6 p.m.



HONORING MARIN CITY VETERANS  
FROM WWII TO PRESENT

# Parade

*Starting at the 100 block of Drake Avenue  
and ending at Rocky Graham Park, Marin City*

## **Children's Performance Ceremony • Plane Flyover Entertainment • Food**

### **MAJOR SPONSOR**

Marin City Community Services District

### **CONTRIBUTING SPONSORS**

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Marin City Community Development Corporation  
Melissa Bradley, Bradley Real Estate • Golden Gate Village Resident Council

### **COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

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Community Media Center of Marin • California Highway Patrol  
Marin County Fire & Sheriff Department • 51-50 Foundation  
Redstar Bay Bombers Precision Formation Team • Marin Theater Company  
National Park Service • Marin City Health & Wellness Center  
Concerned Men of Marin City • Compass Club of Firma Lodge No. 27  
First 5 Express • Heritage Rulers Horseman Association  
Marin City Rod & Gun Club • Prescott Circus • Senior Sunshine Club  
Dolores Coleman Catering • Pretty In My Pink Northbay Social Club  
Head Hunters MC Oakland

**For more information contact:  
Contact Felecia Gaston, 415 332-8316  
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