




WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
October 20, 2017

<p>UPCOMING EVENTS</p> <p>Thursday, November 2 Parent Council in Library 6:30 Topic: WCA Scope and Sequence</p> <p>Saturday, November 4 Garden Party and Campus Projects Day 9:00-12:00</p> <p>Friday, November 10 Veteran's Day, No School</p> <p>November 20-24 Thanksgiving Break, No School</p> <p>Thursday, December 7 Parent Council in Library 6:30 Topic: Project-based Learning</p> <p>Friday, December 22 Early Release at 12:30</p> <p>December 25-January 5 Winter Break, No School</p> <p>Monday, January 8 School Resumes</p> <p>Monday, January 15 MLK Day, No School</p> <p>Thursday, February 1 Parent Council in Library 6:30 Topic: Local Control Accountability Plan</p> <p>February 19-23 Mid-winter Break, No School</p>	<p>A Message from Ms. Seekins</p> <p>Dear Willow Creek families,</p> <p>Every November and May, we get together to spruce up our campus at our seasonal Garden Party and Campus Projects Days. Working together in our gardens has been a tradition at Willow Creek from our earliest years of operation. I have fond memories of some of our current middle schoolers digging in the gardens when they were very small kids, and it's been fun to see the gardens develop along with the students themselves!</p> <p>This year's Fall Garden Party and Campus Projects Day will be held on Saturday, November 4th. We'll have lots of different tasks on our list: washing windows, hanging artwork, spreading mulch, picking up trash, and planting our winter gardens. We always make sure to have tasks appropriate for older and younger students so that everyone can contribute to the larger effort.</p> <p>Volunteering is a great way to connect with other families and to make a difference in our community. I hope that you will mark your calendars and join us on Saturday, November 4th!</p> <p>Best,  Tara</p> <p>Attendance Report Average Daily Attendance this week: 93% Funds lost this week due to absences: \$4,603 Total funds lost this year due to absences (est.): \$26,646</p> <p>Halloween Halloween is coming up! If your student's class will be celebrating, his or her teacher will be in touch with you about the details. Please remember that violent or bloody costumes are not allowed at school. Friendly clowns are welcome, but creepy clowns should stay home!</p> <p>Middle School Writing Club Willow Creek Writing Club begins Tuesday 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 mcreedman@willowcreekacademy.org to sign up.</p>
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Lemonade and Baked Goodies

All the money we raise will go to help out fire
victims in the North.
Please support us and come by to buy.

THIS SUNDAY FROM 1 PM
SOUTH SAUSALITO BOARDWALK DOWN FROM GOLDEN
GATE MARKET

Willow Creek After School Explorers!!!



9/22/2017

Friday Post!!!

Hello Willow Creek Families!!

Explorers has had a great start to the year and we are excited to enter into fall! We have some exciting news coming up this month.

Unfortunately Joseph, a long time piano teacher for Willow Creek as not returned this year for lessons. However, before he left he got me in touch with a good friend of his. I am excited to say we have a new piano teacher with us!! He will be available for piano lessons Thursday afternoons. If you are interested in signing up, please proceed to pg. 2 of this flyer for more information.

We are also still offering drum lessons with Mr. Steve. He still has openings, so be sure to contact him if you are interested! For more information see bio on pg. 2.

DRUM LESSONS

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](https://www.amazon.com)) or at The Magic Flute, Bananas At Large & other local music stores.*

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

Mr. Steve - stevenwiiq@yahoo.com

Piano Lesson with Brian

A native of New Jersey, Bryan Lin is a composer, performer, and educator based in the San Francisco Bay Area. His works have been performed 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 and received his M.M. in Composition at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, studying with David Garner. An equally versed performer in the classical and jazz worlds, Bryan teaches piano, saxophone, and clarinet and has worked extensively with Bay Area schools and communities as a teacher and administrator.

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.

Paige Rosenthal
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Bryan Lin
bryan@bryanlinmusic.com



thanks for being a
S.M.A.R.T. Family!

October 23 =
Day of Giving
for the
Willow Creek
Foundation!

be sure to get your donation in by Monday!!

Thank You,
Willow Creek Foundation
Isaac Kajankowski, Barbara Jaffee, Teri Lang,
Alicia Leach, Alex Kinnebrew, Jennifer Conway, Sebastian Ferrando

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JOIN US!



WCA Parent Council Current meeting Schedule 2017-18

Thursdays, 6:30PM in the Library
Childcare provided by Afterschool Explorer staff

November 2 - 6:30PM

WCA's Curriculum

What are our kids learning? What sets WCA's curriculum apart from other schools? How does each grade prepare students for the next grade?

December 7 - 6:30PM

What is Project Based Learning?

Hear from WCA teachers about project based learning and how it is taught at our school.

January - NO MEETING

February 1 - 6:30PM

SPECIAL MEETING! *Your opportunity to give input and hear from Administration.*

What are parent's ideas and observations on WCA and how we are meeting our goals?

Learn about Willow Creek's Local Control Accountability (LCAP) plan and help set new goals.

March 1 - 6:30PM

Supporting kids with special needs + Willow Creek's Special Education services

April 5 - 6:30PM

Learning more about WCA's Arts & Music programs

May 3 - 6:30PM

Get to know our Middle School Teachers

June 7 - 6:30PM

Celebration & parent volunteer appreciation!

For questions or suggestions, please contact Parent Council Co-Presidents:

Heidi Wiltsee heidiwiltsee@gmail.com + Jennifer Conway jenniferwinconway@gmail.com



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

Any questions? Please email Gracie West, Volunteer Coordinator graciewest@gmail.com



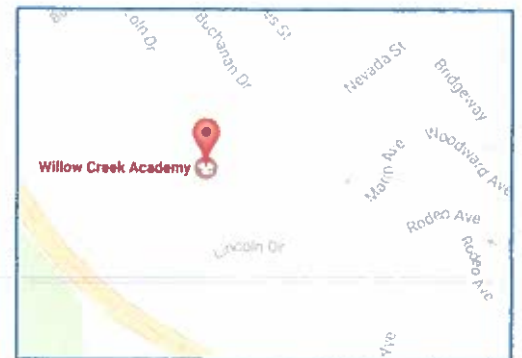
JOIN US NOV 1st

After School on Campus!

Fall Work Party
Wednesday Nov 1st
2:15 PM to 5:00 PM

Join us for a special after-school work party and tour of the underground creek.

We'll clear the way for native plants to flourish and create a destination for learning and playing outside.



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GLOVES & GARDENING TOOLS PROVIDED

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