




WEEKLY NEWSLETTER  
October 27, 2017

<p><b>UPCOMING EVENTS</b></p> <p><b>Thursday, November 2</b> Parent Council in Library 6:30 Topic: WCA Scope and Sequence</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>A Message from Ms. Seekins</b></p> <p>Dear Willow Creek families,</p> <p>As you know, our students practice different life skills each month. Our middle school students have translated our life skills into a set of values, spoken in their own words, that I'm sharing with you in this Friday Post. We will hang our WCA Middle School Values posters in our middle school classrooms to help us remember what is most important during this—sometimes challenging—developmental stage. Huge thanks to middle school mom Eve Weinsheimer for a beautiful design.</p> <p>Each year, we survey our middle schoolers about our school climate. Two especially important questions ask students to describe how often they agree with the statements, "When I'm at school, I feel like I belong," and "When I'm at school, I feel other students are friendly." In our most recent survey, 8 out of 10 WCA middle schoolers told us they feel they belong "All the time" or "Almost all the time," and 9 out of 10 WCA middle schoolers told us they feel other students are friendly "All the time" or "Almost all the time."</p> <p>Imagine if all kids had such positive feelings about their middle schools! Huge gratitude to our middle school families, team, and amazing students for creating such a special environment for learning and growth.</p> <p>Best,  Tara</p> <p><b>Attendance Report</b> Average Daily Attendance this week: 97% Funds lost this week due to absences: \$2,466 Total funds lost this year due to absences (est.): \$29,112</p> <p><b>Halloween</b> 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><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 meetings. We're limited to 12 students. Email Maya Creedman at <a href="mailto:mcreedman@willowcreekacademy.org">mcreedman@willowcreekacademy.org</a> to sign up.</p>
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# WCA VALUES

**WE** ...

**HAVE HOPE**

**THINK  
CREATIVELY**

**WELCOME EVERYONE**

**TELL THE  
TRUTH**

**TAKE RESPONSIBILITY**

**RESPECT PEOPLE'S  
DIFFERENCES**

**WANT LEARNING,  
NOT DRAMA**

**ENCOURAGE  
NEW IDEAS**

**HAVE EACH OTHER'S BACK**



*Friday,* **COMMUNITY BBQ**  
**OCTOBER 27, 2017**  
(5PM AT ROCKY GRAHAM PARK, MARIN CITY)

Bayside/MLK  
&  
Willow Creek Academy

Families are invited to  
eat, play & get to know each other.

*Wear your Halloween Costume!*



# HALLOWEEN

## *School Events*



**All kids come to school in their uniforms and then can change for their grades costume parades.**

### **Grades K-1:**

- 10am-11.15am Halloween Carnival in the Kindergarten backyard
- 1pm Costume parade in the Grade 1 & 2 playground

### **Grade 2:**

- 1pm Costume parade in the Grade 1 & 2 playground
- After parade, Halloween crafts & activities in the classroom

### **Grade 3:**

- 2.30pm Costume parade on the main field

### **Grade 4:**

- 2.30pm Costume parade on the main field

### **Grade 5:**

- 2.30pm Costume parade on the main field

### **Middle School:**

- No school event. Just waiting it out for the night activities to begin...





## 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/1KjPOplqCWDblBSP2VHRCYBMsCDc41Lp5A-BdNBZr0Eq/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1KjPOplqCWDblBSP2VHRCYBMsCDc41Lp5A-BdNBZr0Eq/viewform?edit_requested=true)

Any questions? Please email Gracie West,

Volunteer Coordinator [graciewest@gmail.com](mailto:graciewest@gmail.com)



**Just by shopping you can donate to WCA.**

**Here are 3 easy ways you can donate every time you shop!**

### **1. Set up the Willow Creek Foundation on Amazon Smile**

If we can ask you to do one thing for the school today it would be to set up Amazon Smile now. The amount of donations we can all generate through simply setting up Amazon Smile can be huge!

Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase of most products on Amazon.

You simply use the same Amazon account that you have now.

To set up Amazon Smile to the Willow Creek Foundation, do the following:

- a. Type in [smile amazon](https://smile.amazon.com) on your computer or mobile device. Just amazon.com will not take you to the smile amazon site. You need to add smile to the search. Best idea is to set up a bookmark so it automatically takes you to smile.amazon.com every time.
- b. On your first visit you need to choose the Willow Creek Foundation as your charitable organization. Make sure it is Willow Creek Foundation, Sausalito. There are other Willow Creek entries. Amazon will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) will result in a donation.
- c. Shop away and your donation will go directly to our WCA Foundation account.
- d. You know you are on the correct Amazon Smile page when the amazonsmile logo is in the top left hand corner and under the search bar you see Willow Creek Foundation listed. If you roll over Willow Creek Foundation you will see how much you have donated. Very cool!! But you have to go to the smile amazon site every time for the donation to happen.

### **2. Get a Mollie Stones Community Card**

Mollie Stones will donate up to 5% of your purchase to the Willow Creek Foundation. All you need to do is sign up with the program next time you are shopping there and then every time you purchase, present the Community card before your pay or give them your phone number. Here is a link to the sign up sheet so you can also print at home and take it to the store. Or just sign up at the store.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B-KW7SEt-MSmakxVYlhWam5EVmc/view?usp=sharing>

### **3. Get a Good Earth Card**

Good Earth in Mill Valley (in Tam Junction shopping center) donates 3% of your purchase to the Willow Creek Foundation. Pick up a Good Earth card from the school office and present it every time you shop there.



## WILLOW CREEK ACADEMY SMART FOUNDATION INTRODUCES THE BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

This year, the SMART Foundation is adding a Business Partnership Program to our fundraising activities. The Business Partnership Program is a way for WCA to build a closer connection with our local businesses who want to support the school and also have a vested interest in the school thriving.

There are 4 ways that a business can show their support for WCA:

- **Legacy Leader \$3000+:** Our top tier business partnership. For their high level of commitment, they will be provided with all the benefits the program avails.
- **School Partner \$2000+:** Still provides many top benefits for a reduced level of support.
- **Grade Partner \$1000+:** Our medium tier, for those businesses that want some benefits for a lower commitment amount.
- **Classroom Partner \$500+:** Our lowest level, but still extremely important and beneficial.

The program is available to any business, whether you are a parent/family of the school or not.

If you would like more information about the program or know of a business we should connect with, please contact Bettina Ferrando [bettinaferrando@gmail.com](mailto:bettinaferrando@gmail.com) or Barbara Jaffe [basjaffe@gmail.com](mailto:basjaffe@gmail.com)



# THANKS

## WILLOW CREEK ACADEMY KIDS

raising over \$400 for the North Bay Fire Relief and thanks Studio C Pilates and Camara & Nadine of Golden Gate Sotheby's for matching, to make it over \$800!! All the money will be donated to a charity that delivers 100% of the money to those in need. You can help too with a donation!



Stephanie Pratt

Golden Gate

Sotheby's  
INTERNATIONAL REALTY

Camara Nadine

*Selling Sausalito!*







# 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.



**636 NEVADA STREET AT BUCHANAN DRIVE, SAUSALITO CA**

[www.friendsofthecreek.org](http://www.friendsofthecreek.org)

GLOVES & GARDENING TOOLS PROVIDED

(415) 730-0089



# Parent Council

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2 @ 6:30PM

IN THE WCA LIBRARY

*topic:*

## WCA'S CURRICULUM

What are our kids learning?  
What sets WCA's curriculum apart  
from other schools?

presentation by Maya Creedman  
WCA Literacy Specialist

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

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!*

# 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**

Niantic Charitable Trust • Marin County Public Defender  
Marin County Free Library • Marin County Library Foundation  
Golden Gate Transit • Sausalito Rotary Club • Marin Housing Authority  
Marin City Community Development Corporation  
Melissa Bradley, Bradley Real Estate • Golden Gate Village Resident Council

### **COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

Sausalito Historical Society • Sausalito Marin City School District  
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 Riders 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  
[performingstars@sbcglobal.net](mailto:performingstars@sbcglobal.net)**

## Turkey Day Camp

Explore SF Science Museums with Mr. Devol



**Monday 11/20:** **CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE** - Learn about our Solar System with a visit to the *Planetarium* and all that the Cal. Academy of Sciences has to offer.

**Tuesday 11/21:** **EXPLORATORIUM** - Spend 30 mins. in the *Tactile Dome* and the rest of the day visiting awesome science exhibits.

**DATES:** Monday November 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>

**COST:** \$99 per day (includes a ticket to the museum, a ticket to the Planetarium Monday, a ticket to the Tactile Dome Tuesday and transport. Lunch not included.)

### **DAILY SCHEDULE:**

- 9 am – Meet at Dunphy Park
- 10:00 am – 12:15 pm, explore the museums
- 12:15 pm – 1:45 pm, lunch then more playing and exploring
- Depart at 1:45 back to Sausalito
- Pick up at Dunphy Park at 3:30 pm

\*E-mail any questions to [cdevol@willowcreekacademy.org](mailto:cdevol@willowcreekacademy.org) or text 510-772-1343

(To register, complete the form below and return to Ms. Aleshia along with a check made out to Carter Devol and you will receive a follow-up confirmation e-mail.)

\*Note: **Camp will be limited to 10 students max. per day.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade and Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_