




WEEKLY NEWSLETTER  
December 1, 2017

<p><b>UPCOMING EVENTS</b></p> <p><b>Thursday, December 7</b> Parent Council in Library 6:30 Topic: Supporting Special Populations</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: Project Based Learning</p> <p><b>Friday, March 16</b> Conference Day, No School</p> <p><b>Monday, March 19</b> Staff Day, No School</p>	<p><b>A Message from Ms. Seekins</b></p> <p>Dear Willow Creek families,</p> <p>As you probably know, our Parent Council meetings have shifted focus this year to incorporate informational presentations from members of our team; the idea is to use the meetings to educate our families about important topics in education and to highlight the good work happening on our campus.</p> <p>Next week's meeting will focus on supporting students with special needs, including students with disabilities, homeless and foster youth, English Learners, and immigrant students. The meeting will include a presentation from Ms. Aracely Gonzalez, our Primary Intervention Specialist. She will describe resources available on campus and in our community, and she will discuss how members of our school community can be advocates for students with special needs.</p> <p>We have received strong, positive feedback on our Parent Council presentation series so far this year. I hope you'll be able to join us as we discuss this important topic.</p> <p>Best,  Tara</p> <p><b>Attendance Report</b> Average Daily Attendance this week: 94% Funds lost this week due to absences: \$4,920 Total funds lost this year due to absences (est.): \$45,512</p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>News and Reminders</b> 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.</p> <p>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 <a href="http://mymealtime.com">mymealtime.com</a>. Please contact Erin Baker with any questions about your account or about setting up online payments: <a href="mailto:ebaker@willowcreekacademy.org">ebaker@willowcreekacademy.org</a>.</p>
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# Parent Council

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7 @ 6:30PM

IN THE WCA LIBRARY

*topics:*

**\*\* SUPPORTING IMMIGRANT  
FAMILIES & ENGLISH LEARNERS**

**\*\* LEARN ABOUT OUR SPECIAL  
EDUCATION SERVICES**

Enjoy a conversation with teacher, Aracely Gonzalez,  
about how WCA supports our kids.

She will have great current information for families  
who are immigrants AND THEIR ALLIES!

Also, come hear about the latest things happening at  
our school and an update from the Board of Directors.

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

**Hello Families!!!**

**I hope that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving break. I know many of you are purging yourself of unwanted or used toys to make room for new holiday surprises. If you have any unwanted toys, particularly for older kids or middle schoolers, Explorers would love to take it off your hands! You can drop any donations off in Portable 3 (the one with the Dr. Seuss quote on the outside.)**

**Electivity classes will restart Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>. You can see a full schedule and register for classes at**

**[electivitykids.com/wcawin17](http://electivitykids.com/wcawin17)**

**Password: wcawin17**

**Middle school classes are also underway. If you child tends to change their mind, no problem. Our middle school classes are drop in, so no commitment required! Sign up under the after school tab on the Willow Creek Academy website.**

**Piano, violin, saxophone and clarinet lessons are available on Thursday afternoons. You can email Bryan Lin for more information at [bryan@bryanlinmusic.com](mailto:bryan@bryanlinmusic.com).**

**Finally, Barbara is back with all new recipes for her international or dessert cooking classes. Also starting December 4<sup>th</sup>. The dessert class is Mondays 3:30-4:30 and International cooking is Wednesdays 3:30-4:30. You can email Paige Rosenthal to sign up at [prosenthal@willowcreekacademy.org](mailto:prosenthal@willowcreekacademy.org).**



## WCA WINTER 2017 ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

REGISTER @ <http://www.electivitykids.com/wcawin17> (password wcawin17)

DAY/TIME	CLASS DESCRIPTION <b>(*NEW)</b>
<b>MON Ukulele Beginner</b> 3.15-4.15PM Gr K-5   \$140   Min 8 Loc : Room 2 7 classes: 12/4, 12/11, 12/18, 1/8, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5. No class 12/25, 1/1, 1/15	Ukulele is a fun-filled class for young students. Fundamentals of ukulele and music will be introduced. Students will learn pulse and rhythm through clapping, movement and rhythmic chants and melody through group singing. End of the class will feature a performance. <i>Note: Students bring their own ukulele.</i>
<b>MON Martial Arts</b> 3.05-3.50PM Gr K-3   \$140   Min 8 Loc: MPR 7 classes: 12/4, 12/11, 12/18, 1/8, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5. No class 12/25, 1/1, 1/15	Martial Arts teaches discipline, awareness, motivation and focus. They include a diversity of self-defense techniques, hand and animal forms. Students will build confidence through training and develop better fitness, flexibility, reaction and coordination. Respect is also emphasized. The class also includes core and muscle strengthening and breathing and meditation techniques.
<b>*TUE 3D Printing</b> 3.15-4.15PM Gr 2 & up   \$225   Min 10 Loc: Room 2 8 classes: 12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 1/9, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6. No class 12/26, 1/2	*This course teaches the basics of 3D modeling and printing, converting images to 3D models, and critical basic concepts in slash. Topics include: Intro to 3D Modeling and 3D Printing using slash, Digitizing your Design, Preparing and Exporting a 3D Model, Design Tips, Designing your 3D Model, and Uploading Your Design to print. Students will be paired to encourage collaboration. The final product will be sent to students at the conclusion of the session. Materials included.
<b>TUE Drama</b> 3.15-4.15PM Gr K-5   \$165   Min 8 Loc : Room 4 8 classes: 12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 1/9, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6. No class 12/26, 1/2	Actors Unite! The Drama Club is a great place for kids to explore the dramatic arts through improv exercises and team-building activities. Drama games can help teach valuable acting skills while allowing students to build confidence, stretch their imagination and have fun!
<b>TUE Joy of Ballet</b> 3.15-4.15PM Gr K-3   \$150   Min 8 Loc: MPR 7 classes: 12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6. No class 12/26, 1/2, 1/9	This dance class is designed to give children a solid foundation in the principles of classical ballet focusing on technique with an emphasis on musicality, rhythm, and placement. Children will learn creative, beautiful, and fun choreography and will be encouraged to explore their potential. <i>*Ballet shoes &amp; tights required.</i>
<b>*WED Ukulele Advanced</b> 2.15-3.15PM Gr K-5   \$165   Min 8 Loc: Room 4 8 classes: 12/6, 12/13, 12/20, 1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/7. No class 12/27, 1/3	*Intermediate & Advanced students are invited to sign up for this class, where they will learn more advanced chords and songs. Instructor approval is needed to enroll, to ensure that students are playing at group level. End of the class will feature a performance. <i>Note: Students bring their own ukulele.</i>
<b>WED Drawing</b> 2.15-3.15PM Gr K-5   \$168   Min 8 Loc: Room 2 8 classes: 12/6, 12/13, 12/20, 1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/7. No class 12/27, 1/3	Artists Unite! The Drawing Club is a great place for kids to download and process their day through the mindful art of drawing in an open and encouraging creative environment. Each session begins with explorative 'free draw' time often followed by drawing challenges along with personalized guidance to help enrich student's skills.
<b>WED Gymnastics</b> 2.15-3.15PM Gr K-3   \$140   Min 10 Loc: MPR 7 classes: 12/6, 12/13, 1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/7. No class 12/20, 12/27, 1/3	Gymnastics focuses on building body-confidence, coordination, motor skills, strength, and flexibility. Each class begins with a warm-up, incorporating age-appropriate songs and imagination games. The 2 <sup>nd</sup> section of class focuses on age appropriate tumbling passes and movement exploration that builds integrated strength and coordination for more advanced tumbling and inverted work.



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<p><b>*THU Easy Etiquette</b> 3.15-4.15PM Gr K-3   \$170   Min 8 Loc: Room 4 8 classes: 12/7 12/14, 12/21, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8. No class 12/28, 1/4</p>	<p>*Learn social graces &amp; proper etiquette through role-playing and fun games. Topics covered include: introducing yourself and others, importance of first impressions, significance of body language, basic Table Manners, how to handle difficult situations at the table and with friends, embarrassing accidents, and more. This class will bolster your child's confidence as they learn to navigate through social situations in an effortless manner.</p>
<p><b>THU Robotics</b> 3.30-5PM Gr 2 &amp; up   \$200   Min 10 Loc: Portable 1 8 classes: 12/7 12/14, 12/21, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8. No class 12/28, 1/4</p>	<p>Learn about mechanical and software design, loops, conditional statements, problem solving, and teamwork skills. Work in small groups, program and build your robot. Control the robot to avoid obstacles, pick up and carry objects, and play sounds. Projects are structured so that students work in an open-ended, investigative environment while having fun.</p>
<p><b>THU Guitar</b> 3.15-4.15PM Gr 2 &amp; up   \$160   Min 8 Loc: Room 2 8 classes: 12/7 12/14, 12/21, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8. No class 12/28, 1/4</p>	<p>Learn the fundamentals of guitar technique and how to produce clear, beautiful notes and chords. Students will discover how to control rhythm, tempo, and volume, and how to express themselves artistically. The guitar skills learned in this class will allow anyone to play any style of music, from hard rock to country-and-western. <i>Note: Students bring their own guitar.</i></p>
<p><b>*FRI Go Girls!</b> 3.15-4.15PM Gr K-3   \$150   Min 10 Loc: Room 2 7 classes: 12/8, 12/15, 1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9. No class 12/22, 12/29, 1/5</p>	<p>*An empowerment workshop designed for elementary school girls. In Go Girls! Girls learn how to navigate peer relationships, find and strengthen their inner voices, build self-esteem, and develop their own unique strengths. We use a combination of games, theatre activities, art and fun challenges to support and empower girls.</p>
<p><b>FRI Basketball</b> 3.15-4.15PM Gr 2 &amp; up   \$140   Min 10 Loc: Basketball Courts 7 classes: 12/8, 12/15, 1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9. No class 12/22, 12/29, 1/5</p>	<p>Learn the fundamentals of basketball in a fun way! Passing, shooting, dribbling, pivoting, and defense strategies will be covered, as players are coached through drills and scrimmage games. Emphasis is on effort and teamwork, skill development and fun!</p>
<p><b>*MonThu Spanish</b> 3.15-4.15pm Gr 3-5   \$250   Min 10 Loc: Library Mon: 12/4, 12/11, 12/18, 1/8, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5. No class 12/25, 1/1, 1/15 Thu: 12/7 12/14, 12/21, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8. No class 12/28, 1/4</p>	<p>*Students participate in this Spanish class using a Six-Step teaching process, an entire series of game and activities, and visual aids depicting the learning objectives. Instructions are given in Spanish. For review, the teacher encourages students to respond with action sentences and physical movements. MONDAYS &amp; THURSDAYS.</p>
<p><b>*TueFri Spanish</b> 3.15-4.15pm Gr K-2   \$250   Min 10 Loc: Library Tue: 12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 1/9, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6. No class 12/26, 1/2 Fri: 12/8, 12/15, 1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9. No class 12/22, 12/29, 1/5</p>	<p>*Students participate in this Spanish class using a Six-Step teaching process, an entire series of game and activities, and visual aids depicting the learning objectives. Instructions are given in Spanish. For review, the teacher encourages students to respond with action sentences and physical movements. TUESDAYS &amp; FRIDAYS.</p>

**Offline registration:** Email [electivitykids@outlook.com](mailto:electivitykids@outlook.com)

**Explorers Fee:** A \$25 drop-in fee is assessed by the Explorers program when students are at aftercare 30 minutes after the end of an Electivity class. (i.e. Electivity class is dismissed at 4:15pm and the student is still at aftercare at 4:45pm. Families are not charged an aftercare fee when students are taken into aftercare should an Electivity class be cancelled for the day, without a 24-hour notification.

**WCA Scholarship:** Scholarship requests are handled on a first-come-first-served basis. Each qualifying child/qualifying family may request for 1 scholarship, subject to availability. Email [electivitykids@outlook.com](mailto:electivitykids@outlook.com) to submit your scholarship request stating Child's Name, Class Request, Contact info.



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 as 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)**

# SPANISH

## Classes

**Starts December 4<sup>th</sup>!!**  
**Sign up at [electivitykids.com](http://electivitykids.com)**  
**Password: wcawin17**  
**Grades k-2: 3:15-4:15 M/TH**  
**Grades 3-5: 3:15-4:15 T/F**

Willow Creek After School Explorers is proud to present a more structured and ongoing Spanish class. Students will learn Spanish using school based curriculum that works to improve language skills. Offering the class twice a week will increase retention. Many families have asked for a Spanish class for the Elementary grades and Explorers is happy to provide it!! Sign up today!!

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Children's Program

# Cards & Wrapping Paper Craft

**Wednesday, December 6**

**Edgewater Room**

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



Get ready for the holidays by making unique cards and wrapping paper. Perfect for all ages!

Sausalito Public Library, 420 Litho Street, [www.sausalitlibrary.org](http://www.sausalitlibrary.org)  
Sponsored by the Friends of the Sausalito Library



SAUSALITO PUBLIC LIBRARY

# family movie night

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8



## Despicable Me 3

Doors open 6pm, Movie starts 6:15pm

### Inside the Library

In *Despicable Me 3* (2017, 90 minutes, rated PG), Gru has been fired from the Anti-Villain League and finds himself in the midst of a major identity crisis. When Gru finds out that he has a long-lost twin brother—a brother who desperately wishes to follow in his twin's despicable footsteps—one former super-villain will rediscover just how good it feels to be bad.

Bring pillows and cushions to lounge on. There will be hot chocolate and popcorn for everyone. *Despicable Me 3* ©Universal Pictures

*and also on December 8...*



## Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Stuffed animals and dolls are invited to a sleepover at the Library on Friday, December 8.

Drop off your doll or stuffed animal (one you can sleep without for a night!) at the Library by 5pm on December 8 or bring it to the Family Movie Night.

Come back the next day between 10am and 5pm to pick up your doll or stuffed animal, and find out what mischief happened overnight!

For more information, visit our website at [www.sausalitolibrary.org](http://www.sausalitolibrary.org) or call (415) 289-4121.  
Sausalito Public Library, 420 Litho Street, Sausalito, CA

# MARIN CITY LIBRARY'S 2ND ANNUAL SNOWMAN SOCIAL



Join us for an afternoon of food, crafts, fun, and maybe a little bit of magical snowman science!

**Saturday, December 16th, 1 - 3pm**  
**Marin City Library**  
164 Donahue Street, Marin City

All Library events are free. Call 415.332.6158 or visit [www.marinlibrary.org](http://www.marinlibrary.org)



Requests for accommodations may be made by calling (415) 473-3220 (voice/TTY) or 711 for the California Relay Service or Emailing [library@marincounty.org](mailto:library@marincounty.org) at least **four work days** in advance of the event. Copies of documents are available in alternative formats, upon request.



THE SAUSALITO WOMAN'S CLUB PRESENTS  
**Rising International's Global Marketplace**

Give a World of Good this Holiday

Saturday, December 16, 10am - 5pm | Sausalito Woman's Club, 120 Central Avenue, Sausalito

Find gifts made by women surviving extreme poverty, war  
and human trafficking. Bring or buy gifts to wrap.  
Everything you buy impacts a life!

Proceeds benefit Sausalito Woman's Club  
Scholarship Recognition Fund

Live music: African duo 'Elie & Djide' | Guest speaker: Rising International Founder Carmel Jud



**RISING**  
international