




WEEKLY NEWSLETTER  
November 16, 2018

<p><b>UPCOMING EVENTS</b></p> <p><b>November 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup></b> Thanksgiving Break No School</p> <p><b>December 24<sup>th</sup>-January 4<sup>th</sup></b> Winter Break No School</p> <p><b>Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup></b> Classes Resume</p> <p><b>Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup></b> Family Education Night in Library Topic: Navigating Social Media 6:30</p> <p><b>Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup></b> Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday No School</p> <p><b>Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup></b> Parent Council in Library Topic: Local Control and Accountability Plan 6:30</p> <p><b>February 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup></b> Mid-winter Break No School</p> <p><b>Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup></b> Parent Council in Library Topic: STEAM Lab and Maker Space 6:30</p> <p><b>Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup></b> WCA Spring Gala and Auction Event at IDESST Hall in Sausalito 5:00</p>	<p><b>A Message from Ms. Seekins</b></p> <p>Dear Willow Creek families,</p> <p>I hope that you have plenty of time for connecting with people you love and reflecting on what makes you feel grateful during this Thanksgiving Break. It has been a challenging few weeks in our community and region, and I want you to know how grateful I am for all of you, our beautiful students, and our extraordinary team.</p> <p>We are incredibly fortunate to have each other to celebrate with during good times and to lean on during challenging times. As always, thank you for being an amazing community.</p> <p>Take care and enjoy your Thanksgiving Break. We'll see you on Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Best,</p> <p></p> <p>Tara</p>
<p><b>Attendance Report</b></p> <p>Average Daily Attendance this week: 94% Funds lost this week due to absences: \$3,926 Total funds lost this year due to absences (est.): \$38,013</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></p> <p>Our After School Explorers program has a new phone number! You can contact the program directly at 415-331-7530, ext. 222.</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>	

# This is what WCA Teacher Appreciation looks like...



## *Pies of Gratitude!*

Dear WCA Teachers and Staff,

You are life-changers..mind- shapers...future-makers.

Thank you for all you do!

*Brought to you by a dedicated crew of WCA moms: Eva, Heidi, Barbara, Christi, Teri, Erika and Monica*

(WCA Parents: Maybe you have an inspiration to do something to appreciate our wonderful teachers and staff? Please feel free to contact Heidi, Parent Council [heidiwiltsee@gmail.com](mailto:heidiwiltsee@gmail.com))



**Sausalito Library**

# **Candy Sushi**

**Middle School Program**

**Come make 'sushi' from left-over candy. Ages 12-14**

**Monday, November 19, 3:30-5:00pm**  
**Sausalito Library, Edgewater Room**  
**420 Litho Street, Sausalito**  
**FREE**

**Sponsored by the Friends of the Sausalito Library**



## WCA WINTER 2018 ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

REGISTER @ <http://www.electivitykids.com/wcawinter2018> (password wcawin18)

**EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE 11/30/2018 | FEES GO UP 12/1/2018**

DAY/TIME	CLASS DESCRIPTION
<p><b>MON Ukulele K</b> 2.15-3PM Gr K   Port. 4  <b>MON Ukulele+</b> 3.15-4.15PM Gr 1 &amp; up   Room 4            \$145   Min 8            7 classes: 12/3, 12/10, 12/17, 1/7, 1/14, 1/28, 2/4            No class 12/24, 12/31, 1/21</p>	<p>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. <b>Returning students will be taught to their level. Note: Students bring their own ukulele.</b></p>
<p><b>MON Hip Hop</b> 3.15-4.15PM            \$145   Gr 1 &amp; up   Min 6   Room 7            7 classes: 12/3, 12/10, 12/17, 1/7, 1/14, 1/28, 2/4            No class 12/24, 12/31, 1/21</p>	<p>Come ready to Dance and Sweat! This dance class emphasizes boosting confidence, building communities, and putting the fun back in fitness. With the hottest jams and simple combinations made for all levels, students are sure to stay fit while having fun!</p>
<p><b>MON Role-Playing (Dungeons &amp; Dragons)</b>            3.15-5.15PM   Ages 10 &amp; up            \$235   Min 4   Room 28            7 classes: 12/3, 12/10, 12/17, 1/7, 1/14, 1/28, 2/4            No class 12/24, 12/31, 1/21</p>	<p>In this 2 hour class, skills such as empathy, creativity, collaboration, communication and critical thinking will be emphasized through role-playing. We engage in fun, collaborative storytelling which focuses on the social and emotional development of participants. Students will be taught concepts and related skills of playing, designing, creating, and mastering role-playing games. They then engage in playing, running, designing and creating role-playing games for the rest of class time.</p>
<p><b>TUE Mindful Yoga K</b> 2.15-3PM Gr K  <b>TUE Mindful Yoga+</b> 3.15-4.15PM Gr 1 &amp; up            \$175   Min 10   Port. 4            8 classes: 12/4, 12/11, 12/18, 1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5.            No class 12/25, 1/1</p>	<p>Mindful Yoga combines mindfulness and yoga in a fun &amp; playful way. Students practice asanas that build strength, flexibility &amp; confidence. They learn breathing exercises &amp; relaxation techniques which helps them quiet the mind, and use their energy more effectively. Over time, they become better at self-awareness, self-control, social skills, positive thinking and self- esteem. Mats &amp; props provided.</p>
<p><b>TUE Creative Writing</b> 3.15-4.15PM            \$190   Ages 10 &amp; up   Min 8   Room 7            8 classes: 12/4, 12/11, 12/18, 1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5.            No class 12/25, 1/1</p>	<p>Is your child interested in writing? In the introductory writing session with Ms Alex, students will explore plot, themes, setting, character development, dialogue writing, artwork for graphic novel, point of view, and finally pulling it all together in a final share day. Ms Alex is a writer, translator, college professor, and mom. She has numerous published work and teaches creative writing in the Bay Area.            *Students bring pens and a notebook.</p>
<p><b>TUE Drawing Club</b> 3.15-4.15PM            \$185   Gr K-5   Min 8   Room 4            8 classes: 12/4, 12/11, 12/18, 1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5.            No class 12/25, 1/1</p>	<p>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, Each session begins with explorative 'free draw' time often followed by drawing challenges along with personalized guidance to help enrich student's skills.</p>
<p><b>WED Digital Photography</b> 2.15-3.15PM            \$200   Gr 5 &amp; up   Min 8   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  <b>(Gr 4 with instructor permission only)</b></p>	<p>In this workshop, students have fun while learning the basic workings of camera functions. Topics covered include the Rule of Third, Lighting, Perspective, Shutter Speed, Still Life, and Portrait. The work-shop concludes with a photo scavenger hunt which allows students to apply everything that they've learned into their creative work. Returning students will be taught advanced skills and techniques.            *Students bring their own digital camera.</p>
<p><b>WED Animals Galore</b> 2.15-3.15PM            \$190   Gr K-5   Min 10   Port. 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</p>	<p>Our animal-centric classes aim to stimulate and nurture human's interest towards wildlife by providing a one on one fun learning experience. Kids learn about amazing and exotic animals, enjoy activities, and have a fun hands on experience with a new animal each week!</p>
<p><b>WED Gymnastics</b> 2.15-3.15PM            \$155   Gr K-4   Min 10   MPR            7 classes: 12/5, 12/12, 1/9, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6. No class 12/19, 12/26,1/2</p>	<p>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. Then, we focus on age appropriate tumbling passes and movement exploration that builds integrated strength and coordination for more advanced tumbling and inverted work.</p>



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<p><b>WED Fun with Drama</b> 3.15-4.15PM          \$185   Gr 1 &amp; up   Min 8   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</p>	<p>The After School Drama Club is a great place for kids to explore the dramatic arts through improv exercises, storytelling and team-building activities. Drama games can help teach valuable acting skills while allowing students to build confidence, stretch their imagination and have fun!</p>
<p><b>THU Robotics</b> 3.15-4.45PM          \$200   Gr 3 &amp; up   Min 10   Room 27          8 classes: 12/6, 12/13, 12/20, 1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/7.          No class 12/27, 1/3</p>	<p>In this 90 minute class, 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. Returning students will be able to work on different projects and learn additional logic-building rules.</p>
<p><b>THU Drumming K</b> 2.15-3PM Gr K  <b>THU Drumming+</b> 3.15-4.15PM Gr 1 &amp; up          \$200   Min 12   MPR          8 classes: 12/6, 12/13, 12/20, 1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/7.          No class 12/27, 1/3</p>	<p>Learn paradiddles, flams, rolls and other essential core drumming rudiments in this introductory series of lessons. Great for beginners at any age, we'll start focused on a drum practice pad and build a solid foundation to grow on. All skills learned in class can directly be applied to a drum kit. *Students should provide their own drumsticks &amp; drum practice pad (available via Amazon.com, The Magic Flute, Bananas At Large &amp; other local music stores).          Suggested pad REMO 8" Practice Pad or similar: <a href="https://goo.gl/6wycE7">https://goo.gl/6wycE7</a>          Suggested sticks Vic Firth Size 7A (5A or 5B OK) or similar: <a href="https://goo.gl/jfnRng">https://goo.gl/jfnRng</a></p>
<p><b>FRI BeadCraft K</b> 2.15-3PM Gr K  <b>FRI BeadCraft+</b> 3.15-4.15PM   Gr 1 &amp; up          \$150   Min 8   Port. 4          7 classes: 12/14, 12/21, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8.          No class 12/7, 12/28,1/4</p>	<p>Children will create delightful designs with beads from Sculpey, papier mache, paper and other natural materials. They will also see and handle beads from all over the world. They will learn about the history of beads in many cultures ancient and modern. Materials fees included. <b>*Note class starts 12/14</b></p>
<p><b>FRI Martial Arts</b> 3.05-3.50PM          \$160   Gr K-4   Min 8   MPR          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>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.</p>
<p><b>Fri Guitar</b> 3.15-4.15PM          \$165   Gr 2 &amp; up   Min 8   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 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>

**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 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.

**NO TRANSFERS AFTER THE 1<sup>st</sup> CLASS | NO FEE PRORATION**