



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
September 14, 2018

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, September 20th
Author Night in library
6:30

September 21th-22nd
Book Fair in library
Sales hours:
September 21st: 8:30-4:00
September 22nd: 5:30-7:30

Saturday, September 22nd
Tacos and outdoor movie on
the field
Tacos: 6:00
Movie: 7:15

Friday, October 19th
Conference Day
No School

Monday, October 22nd
Staff Day
No School

Monday, November 12th
Veterans Day
No School

November 19th-23rd
Thanksgiving Break
No School

December 24th-January 4th
Winter Break
No School

January 7th
Classes Resume

A Message from Ms. Seekins

Dear Willow Creek families,

Starting on Monday, October 1st, we will start piloting our new car-free campus program between 7:50 and 8:20 daily. This means that the MPR turn-around will be closed off at Buchanan Drive during this time period, and our student council and safety patrollers will be on hand to help make sure that traffic flows smoothly.

Families can drop their students off at the sports turnaround (near the basketball court) or along the new drop-off zone on Buchanan Drive. Kindergarten families are welcome to park in the Kindergarten lot, and street parking is available for families of 1st-8th graders who want to attend Assembly.

As always, our School Tag team will be on hand to give points and encouragement for green commuters. I encourage you to start practicing using the Buchanan Drive drop-off zone now—there are extra School Tag points available for early adopters!

Detailed instructions about using the Buchanan Drive drop-off zone are included in this Friday Post. Thank you in advance for your support and partnership!

Best,

Tara

Attendance Report

Average Daily Attendance this week: 96%
Funds lost this week due to absences: \$3,240
Total funds lost this year due to absences (est.): \$8,280

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.

News and Reminders

Student safety is our first priority. Please help us keep our students safe by parking only in our parking lots (not in the MPR turn around areas) and by driving slowly as you approach campus. New this year: our Kindergarten parking lot is reserved for Kindergarten families.

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 mymealtime.com. Please contact Erin Baker with any questions about your account or about setting up online payments: ebaker@willowcreekacademy.org.

Starting October 1st

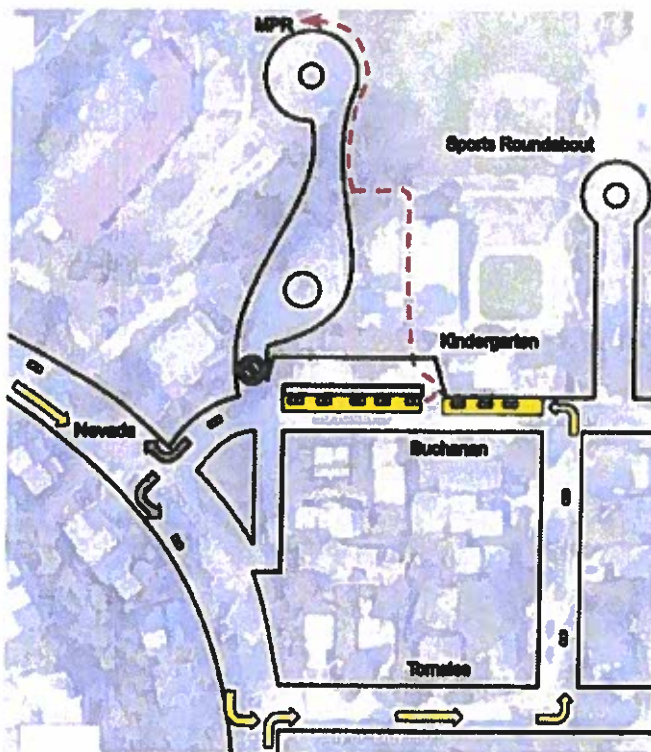
Help WCA become a car free campus!

In order to promote safety for all students, our Student Council and Safety Patrol will be piloting a **car free campus** program this year. Beginning October 1, 2018, **personal vehicles will be prohibited from driving on campus from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.** when most students are arriving to school. Exceptions are allowed for students requiring special assistance.

Options for Morning Arrival by Car

- Use the **New Buchanan Drive Drop-off Zone** near the kindergarten lot
- Use the Sports Roundabout near the basketball courts
- Park on Nevada Street, Tomales Street, or Wateree Street and walk onto campus
- Drivers walking kindergarten students to classroom may park in kindergarten lot

Introducing the New Buchanan Drive Drop-off Zone!



Arrival Route

- Approach on Nevada St. from North or South
- Turn onto Tomales St.
- Left on Wateree St.
- Left on Buchanan Dr.

Buchanan Drive Drop-off Zone

- Pull all the way forward to open spot
- Stop vehicle
- Put vehicle in park
- Students exit curbside only
- Students exit quickly
- Driver remain in vehicle

Exit Route

- Driver exit when safe
- Exit on Nevada St. (North to 101 or South to Bridgeway)

Student Tips:

- Students must always exit the passenger side of the vehicle and use the sidewalk.
- Students should prepare by having backpack ready for a quick exit.
- Students must follow the painted walkway to the stairway and up to the MPR.

Walk or bike to school to get bonus SchoolTag points!

Drop off at the New Buchanan Drive Drop-off Zone to get bonus SchoolTag points!

Dear Families - Greetings from the Willow Creek Academy Library!

- **Students have started class visits to the library. They come to the library for many reasons - to practice reading, to pick out special books, to enjoy read-alouds, and to learn in the library setting. They also borrow books. Younger students keep books in their classrooms, while older classes borrow books to read at home. They return books on their next library visit.**
- **You can help your children set up a routine for library books. They can keep the books in a special box or shelf and then put them into their backpack the night before library.**
- **Sometimes, we send home reminders for library books that have not been returned. There are no overdue fines, but families are responsible for paying for or replacing lost library books.**
- **I am looking forward to reading and learning with your children. The library is open Wednesday and Thursday during school hours. Questions about library? Interested in getting involved? Email for more information.**

**Jennifer Bowman
(jbowman@willowcreekacademy.org)**



Do you like to volunteer? Are you passionate about reading and academic success?

Yes?

Please volunteer as an after-school tutor at Willow Creek Academy in the Sausalito-Marín City School District!

MONDAY-THURSDAY

4:00-5:00pm

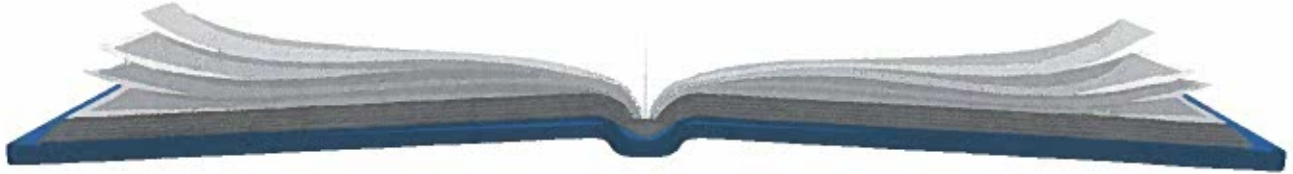
READING AND HOMEWORK

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Please contact Emily Darawish at edarawish@willowcreekacademy.org or at 415-577-4888



The Willow Creek Academy
BOOK FAIR



3 DAYS ON CAMPUS:

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH IS AUTHOR NIGHT!

Mark your calendar now—don't miss this special evening with
New York Times best-selling author, Caroline Paul.
Event begins at 6:30 pm. (See the next page for additional details.)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST

Book sales from 8:30 am–4:00 pm. Grades 3-8 may bring money to purchase books during the school day. The fair will be open from 3:00-4:00 for younger students to make purchases with parents.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND

Book sales from 5:30–7:30 pm at our Fall Welcome event.
Come early to browse and buy books before the movie starts!

*Our book fair is a partnership with Book Passage. We have books for all ages—yes, adults, too!
Book fair events take place in the Willow Creek Library.*

Visit Book Passage in Sausalito! We receive 15% of purchases made at Book Passage stores during the week of September 20th-27th—just mention Willow Creek Academy when you (or friends, neighbors, grandparents!) make purchases.

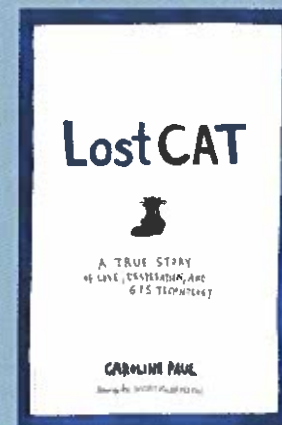
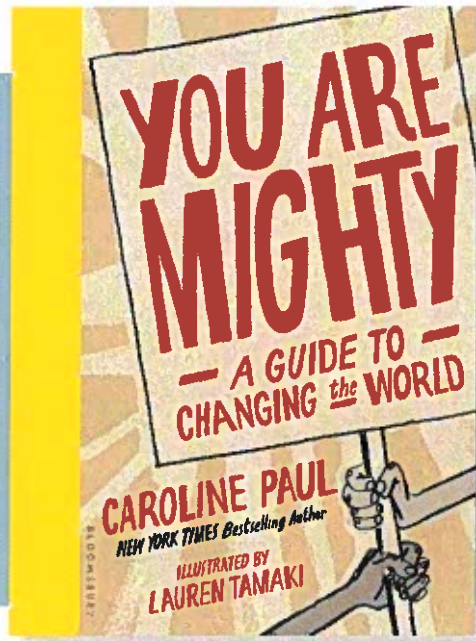
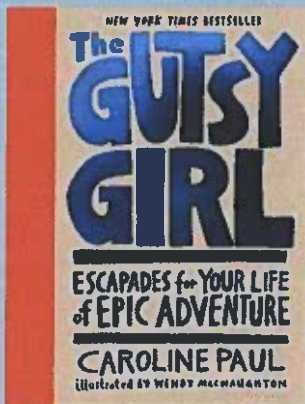
Do you want to volunteer? Please email Bethanie Murguia, bethanie@aquapup.com

Meet Caroline Paul at our AUTHOR NIGHT



SEPTEMBER 20TH
6:30-8:00 PM

Presentation will begin promptly at 6:45 PM in the Willow Creek library



Caroline Paul is the author of the *New York Times* bestselling *The Gutsy Girl: Escapades for Your Life of Epic Adventure* as well as the adult titles *Lost Cat: A True Story of Love, Desperation, and GPS Technology*; *East Wind, Rain*; and *Fighting Fire*. She lives in San Francisco. She will be presenting *You Are Mighty: A Guide to Changing the World* at our Willow Creek event.

See Caroline's TED talk here: www.ted.com/speakers/caroline_paul

Back to *School Tag*



The quest for a Car Free Campus!

School Tag gamifies the school commute by rewarding students who walk, bike, ride the bus, park & walk or use the Buchanan Dr. drop off.

1st Week Completed. 3½ More to Go...

Finish: Wednesday, October 10th, 2018

Every School Day

All students can play. Pick up your free School Tag near the MPR every day before morning assembly at the School Tag Station. **Earn prizes.**



Parents: Scan your student's barcode to see their player scoreboard.

<http://wca.schooltag.org>



help@schooltag.org

Sausalito's

40th Annual

Free!

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Saturday

Sept. 22

11:30am-3:30pm

DUNPHY PARK



\$12 for an All-You-Can-Eat Chili Wristband!



Chili Chefs WANTED!



Presented by Sausalito Parks and Recreation
www.sausalitochilicookoff.com

WorldWideWomen

Girls' Festival[®]

OCTOBER 6, 2018 • SANTA CLARA, CA



WorldWideWomen 3rd annual Girls' Festival

We are excited to announce our third annual spectacular [WorldWideWomen Girls' Festival[®]](#) on October 6th on the beautiful Santa Clara University campus—a life-changing day of power and possibility for thousands of girls and their families.

Program

[This year's program](#) will feature many of the favorite activities from our first two events PLUS some very exciting new additions. Here are the highlights....

- **Main Stage**—performances throughout the day by girls' singing, dancing, and music troops, and a fun fashion show with young new female designers
- **Interactive EXPO**—30+ local and global organizations who provide services and support to girls showcase their programs
- **Workshops**—20+ workshops on topics ranging from body image, health and safety, to film making, leadership, advocacy and human trafficking
- **Girlpreneur Competition**—our own gentle version of Shark Tank where girls present their business ideas in front of a panel of supportive judges and win prizes
- **Sports and activity arena**—shoot hoops, practice yoga, take a self-defense class, do soccer drills, play with hula hoops and much more
- **Makerspace**—a day-long array of activities featuring everything STEAM— from robotics, Lego[®], genetics experiments, and fashion illustration, to making cotton candy crystals, art and more
- **Career panels**—females entrepreneurs, elite athletes, and women working in the fields of engineering, science, advocacy, and arts/entertainment share their career path and answer questions
- **STEM classes**—multiple sessions throughout the day to learn to code in Java, program robots, engage with IoT, Raspberry Pi, and much more
- **PSA contest**—in recognition of Mental Health Awareness month, Kaiser Permanente invites girls 18 and under to submit a 60-second public service announcement of hope and support. The top 5 videos will be shown on the main stage and the winners will receive cash prizes
- **Girl entrepreneur Pop-Up Shop**—a very cool marketplace where girls will showcase and sell their products

"When I see girls like this, actually at the age of nine, stand up here and declare that they are going to do what they believe, it's so inspiring. So it's just an honor to be part of this and I feel like the gender gap is closing faster and faster."

Sue Siegel, GE Ventures CEO



"The girlpreneurs, that's our future. Anything that we can do to make it stronger and inspire more girls would be a great thing."

Mark Cuban, Shark Tank Investor



"The giving back part and the paying it forward is really the best part about being here specifically today."

Brandl Chastain, Olympic and World Champion Soccer Player

Program participants to date

ABC7	California	Reel Stories
About-Face	Girls Crushing It	Resolute Circles Group
Academy of Self-Defense	Girls for a Change	Safeway
Accenture	Girls on the Run of Silicon Valley	San Jose Art Museum
Alliance for Girls	Glamsquad	San Jose Dance Theater
AltruVistas	Goal Five	Santa Clara University - Miller Center of Social Entrepreneurship
Athena Camps	GoGo squeeZ	Santa Clara University - School of Engineering
Bay Area Disc Association	Golden State Warriors	SF Girls Chorus
BizWorld.org	Grand Parade Coffee	Shared Hope International
Black Girls Code	GreenWithEnvy	SheEO
Blue Shield of California	Hint Water	SheHeroes
Borbon Skincare	IEEE Women in Engineering	Spotlight: Girls
Camp Fashionista	IGNITE	Tech Museum of Innovation
Career Girls	iHeartMedia	Thankful
Chhandam Youth Dance Company	Kaiser Permanente	The Game Last Night
Cisco	La Casa de las Madres	The Girls' Middle School
CoderBunnyz	Love Never Fails	The Global Lead
Computer History Museum	Lovespunk	The Healthy Teen Project
Developments in Literacy	Maverick	The Lace Museum
Empower Her Future	Mills College	The LGBT Youth Space
Esha Yoga	Miss CEO	The Sewing Room
FIDM	Moneywings	Total Team Engagement
Friends of the Commission on the Status of Women	MyHeartyKid	Thermo Fisher Scientific
Gaia Girls Passages	Netflix	Vital Voices
Gilead	New Moon Girls	Your Purpose Driven Practice
Girl Scouts of Northern California	Peninsula Girls Chorus	
	Planned Parenthood	
	Mar Monte	
	Project Glimmer	
	QueenHype	

And more to come...

Purchase your tickets

We encourage you to buy your tickets soon and/or donate tickets to bring girls to the festival who cannot afford to attend.

worldwidewomen.co/girls-festival

Thanks to Santa Clara University for allowing us to host the event on their beautiful campus. Please note that this event is not a function of the university.



"It's critical we all push back against the status quo that tells young women and girls that their value is only in their looks and not in their skills and accomplishments.

Together with WorldWide-Women, we are challenging and overcoming this limiting gender stereotype so that every young woman and girl can achieve her full human potential."

Jennifer Siebel Newsom, founder and CEO of The Representation Project



"I knew the event would be powerful, but I didn't realize it would bring me to tears again and again. I watched as my niece got career advice from a vet, heard about how to protect herself and friends from sex trafficking, imagined a world in which she might be an entrepreneur, perfected her baseball pitch, packaged gift bags for homeless women, connected with a dance troupe with whom she can pursue her love of dance, and see so many other girls committed to being engaged and making a difference. It was life changing."

Festival attendee



SATURDAY OCTOBER 13

9-NOON
CAMPUS WORK
DAY & GARDEN
PARTY

You're invited...

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!



Bring your children!

Bring your family!

Bring your neighbors!

It's tons of fun!

Help make the school look

