



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER  
September 21, 2018

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**  
Author Night in library  
6:30

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

**Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
Tacos and outdoor movie on  
the field  
Tacos: 6:00  
Movie: 7:15

**Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**  
Parent Council in Library  
Topic: Social Emotional  
Learning  
6:30

**Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**  
Conference Day  
No School

**Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
Staff Day  
No School

**Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Parent Council in Library  
Topic: After School  
Programs  
6:30

**Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup>**  
Veterans Day  
No School

**November 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>**  
Thanksgiving Break  
No School

**Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Parent Council in Library  
Topic: Navigating Media and  
Friendships  
6:30

**A Message from Ms. Seekins**

Dear Willow Creek families,

Tamalpais High School had their first day off of the new school year this past Wednesday, and 14 of our favorite new ninth graders chose to spend part of their day right back here at Willow Creek.

This isn't anything unusual! Each year, the eighth graders are really excited to move on to high school, and each year the same students come back to campus to visit—often in groups—every chance they get. It's a testament to the relationships they've developed with the educators here at Willow Creek. I think that they want us to see them all grown up. ☺

It's also great for our younger students to see older kids who remember their roots here, even as they move on to new adventures in high school. This is one of the great attributes of a K-8 school, where we really get to know our students through multiple phases of their development.

Take care and have a great weekend. I hope to see you at the Fall Welcome on Saturday evening!

Best,

Tara

**Attendance Report**

Average Daily Attendance this week: 96%  
Funds lost this week due to absences: \$5,142  
Total funds lost this year due to absences (est.): \$10,182

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 and the MPR turn around will close to create a Car Free Campus starting October 1<sup>st</sup>.

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](http://mymealtime.com). Please contact Erin Baker with any questions about your account or about setting up online payments: [ebaker@willowcreekacademy.org](mailto:ebaker@willowcreekacademy.org).

YOU'RE INVITED TO WCA'S

# Annual Fall Welcome



## TACO DINNER + MOVIE

SATURDAY, SEPT. 22



DINNER @ 6:00PM

MOVIE @ 7:00PM

DINNER = \$5 KIDS / \$8 ADULTS  
VEGETARIAN AND GLUTEN FREE OPTION AVAILABLE  
MOVIE = FREE!



AT WCA ON THE BASEBALL FIELD  
SPONSORED BY WCA PARENT COUNCIL



*The Willow Creek Academy*  
**BOOK FAIR**



**3 DAYS ON CAMPUS:**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> 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 21<sup>ST</sup>**

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 22<sup>ND</sup>**

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 20<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>—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](mailto:bethanie@aquapup.com)

**We love you, 9<sup>th</sup> graders!**

**Thanks for coming to visit on Tam's first day off!!!**



DEAR FAMILIES, WE ARE LOOKING FOR

# ART ROOM DONATIONS!



DROP-OFF:  
FRONT OFFICE IN  
"ART DONATIONS  
BOX"



WE NEED:

- OLD MAGAZINES  
(ESPECIALLY SPORTS  
AND FASHION)
- OLD CALENDARS
- OTHER COLLAGE  
MATERIALS



PLEASE EMAIL MS. HABERLY BEFORE  
DONATING NON-LISTED ITEMS

[LHABERLY@WILLOWCREEKACADEMY.ORG](mailto:lhaberly@willowcreekacademy.org)

# Starting October 1<sup>st</sup>

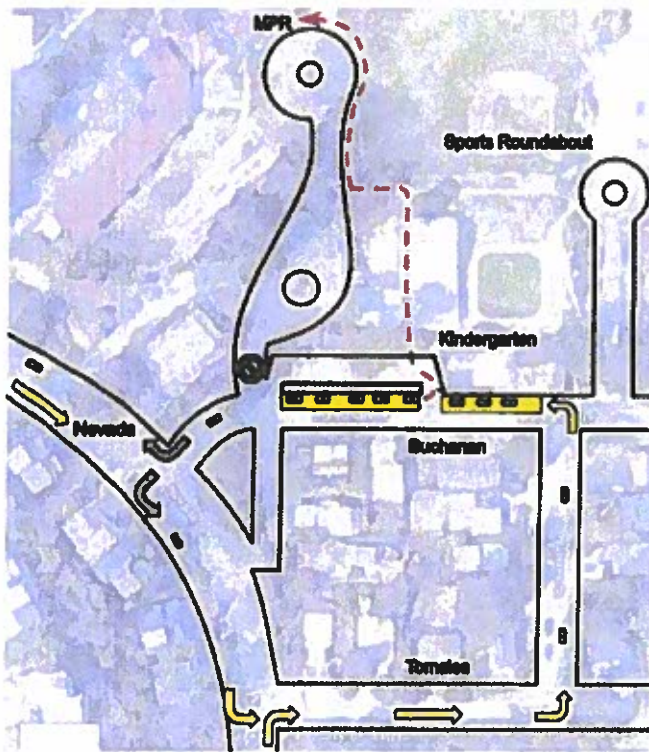
## Help WCA become a car free campus!

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!**

# Screen Time Rules Suggestions



*This is an excerpt from *School Year Screen-Time Rules* by Rebecca Young (9/5/2018) which is part of Common Sense Media's Parent Voices series.*

**Be present.** Know what your child is playing and when. That seems simple, but it is so important. So many of my parents last year had no idea that their child was staying up until all hours in the morning playing games. I heard more than once, "I have never had to worry about their screen use. They have been so good up until now." I remind them that this is middle school, they are not bad kids, and they are just testing the boundaries -- so set them!

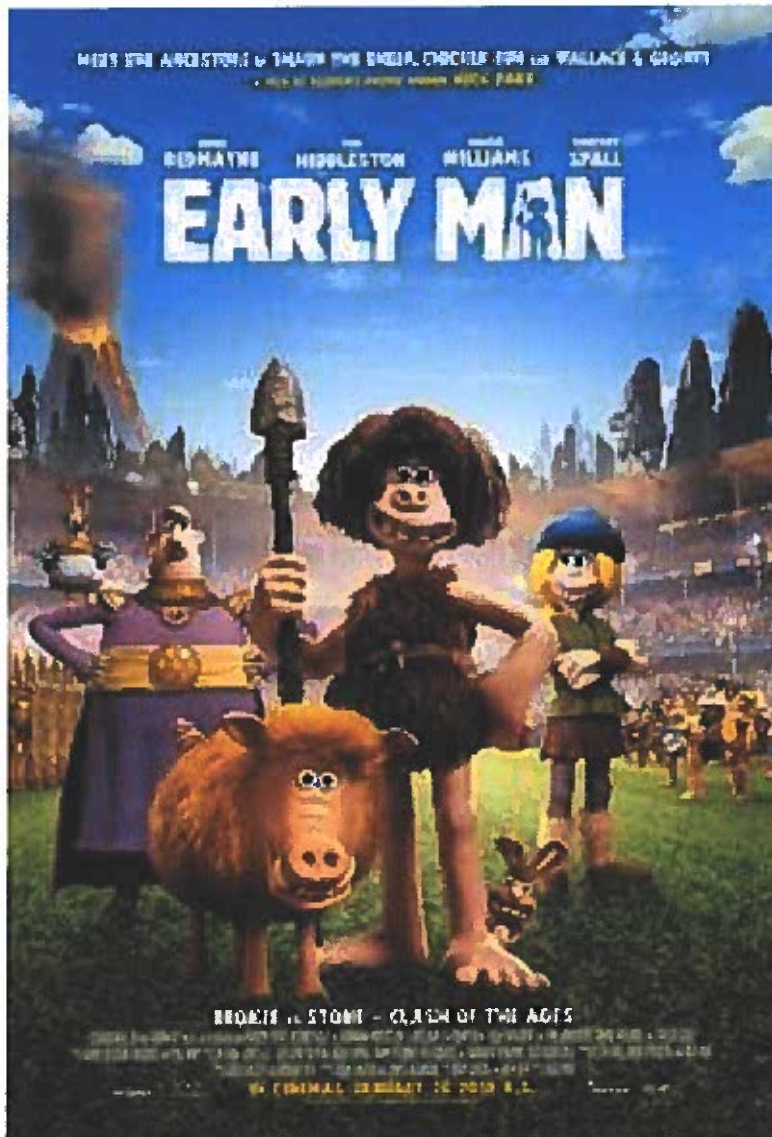
**Control the Wi-Fi.** I touched base with some of my parents after their children made improvements in class, and I found that they had put in place simple household internet controls. The kids had passwords to access the internet, and the parents put a time limit on when the password could be used. Please note that a few of my tech-savvy kids confided that they were able to "override" this function.

**Remove the temptation.** Some families took all screens out of the children's bedrooms and stored cellphones in a locked charging box until morning. This might seem extreme, but I know for at least one of my students this worked. He was struggling socially and trying so hard to fit in with a certain crowd. He later acknowledged that he needed help -- beyond the gaming community.

**Parental-control apps.** I've had students tell their parents that they have online homework to do and then end up playing a game instead. Parental-control apps can help, but it takes some research to find the right one for your needs. Making the homework space at the dining room table or another central location can make it easier to keep an eye on kids, too.

**Balance.** Kids need downtime. I have these hormonal, opinionated, stressed-out middle schoolers for two hours a day, and I push them. I know that the other teachers at my school also carry high expectations. Finding time to completely unplug is important. One parent told me today that they have a hard rule of no screen time except for homework on weekdays, and the way to lose weekend play time is by breaking that rule. I personally allow weekday screen time, but I reserve the right to change my mind.

# Afternoon Movie for Children



**Wednesday  
September 26  
Edgewater Room  
3:00 p.m.**

In *Early Man* (2018, rated PG, 89 min), a prehistoric tribe clashes with foreign invaders, which leads to a monumental game of soccer. *Early Man* ©Lions Gate Films, Inc.

All children and accompanying adults are welcome at this **free** movie. We'll have lots of popcorn to share!

## Sausalito Public Library

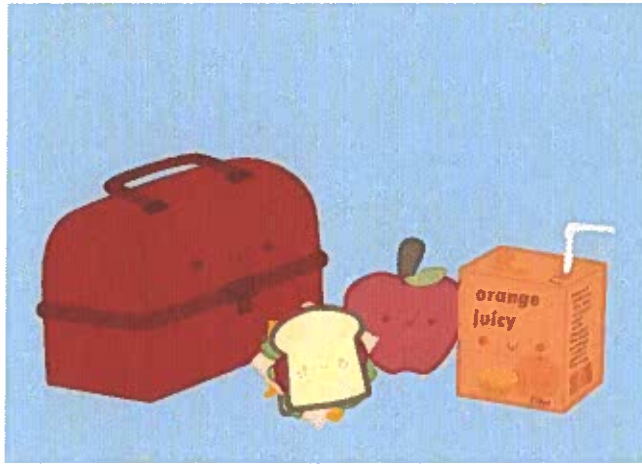
420 Litho Street, [www.sausalitlibrary.org](http://www.sausalitlibrary.org)

Sponsored by the Friends of the Sausalito Library





# Free and Reduced Meals Applications



## **Deadline for Free and Reduced Meals Applications is October 7<sup>th</sup>!!!—**

- ❖ Families need to apply **every** year for benefits based upon household income. Please note: Income eligibility changes every year.
- ❖ If you have already submitted an application, you **do not** need to submit another one unless there has been a change to income, number of household members, or you have a new case number.
- ❖ All applications have been processed and letters regarding status have been sent home.

***Thank you!!!***

*If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our Data Manager, Erin Baker at [ebaker@willowcreekacademy.org](mailto:ebaker@willowcreekacademy.org)*

Sausalito's

40th Annual

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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](http://www.sausalitochilicookoff.com)



## 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."

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

**Sausalito Parks and Recreation presents**

# **CITY WIDE YARD SALE**

**Sat. October 6  
9am-2pm**



**MLK Parking Lot - 610 Coloma St.**

**[www.sausalitoyardsale.com](http://www.sausalitoyardsale.com) 415-289-4152**