




WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
November 17, 2017

<p>UPCOMING EVENTS</p> <p>November 20-24 Thanksgiving Break, No School</p> <p>Thursday, December 7 Parent Council in Library 6:30 Topic: Supporting Special Populations</p> <p>Friday, December 22 Early Release at 12:30</p> <p>December 25-January 5 Winter Break, No School</p> <p>Monday, January 8 School Resumes</p> <p>Monday, January 15 MLK Day, No School</p> <p>Thursday, February 1 Parent Council in Library 6:30 Topic: Local Control Accountability Plan</p> <p>February 19-23 Mid-winter Break, No School</p> <p>Thursday, March 1 Parent Council in Library 6:30 Topic: Project Based Learning</p> <p>Friday, March 16 Conference Day, No School</p> <p>Monday, March 19 Staff Day, No School</p>	<p>A Message from Ms. Seekins</p> <p>Dear Willow Creek families,</p> <p>I hope that your Thanksgiving break is filled with opportunities for family, community, celebration, and reflection. As I've visited classrooms this week, it's been a joy to see students living these values in their Thanksgiving lessons. We truly have so much to be grateful for!</p> <p>I am grateful for this beautiful community, for the unique support we receive from leaders in Sausalito and Marin City, and for the opportunity to see students grow throughout childhood and adolescence. Thank you for making this school such a special place.</p> <p>Enjoy your break!</p> <p>Best,  Tara</p>
<p>Attendance Report Average Daily Attendance this week: 96% Funds lost this week due to absences: \$3,280 Total funds lost this year due to absences (est.): \$40,592</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>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 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 current and 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.</p>	

Willow Creek Families: I wanted to share an essay one of our sixth graders wrote and read at our Morning Assembly last week. I am impressed by her leadership and her powerful message! --Ms. Seekins

Good morning, my name is Isabelle.

Did you know that people say that girls have to be 90 percent confident before we raise our hands? I think that is ridiculous! The other day I saw this article in the New York Times, the article is called "I am 10. And I want girls to raise their hands." It looked really interesting.

The next day I brought it to Ms. Seekins and we talked about it. The article is about this girl who goes on a field trip. She says "Last year on a fourth grade field trip, I noticed that all the boys stood in the front and raised their hands while most of the girls politely stayed back and were quit. It made me upset." Ms. Seekins and I looked at the article a little closer and released that in fourth grade girls raised their hands a lot and were not shy. Then in sixth grade they became a little more shy.

This girl is a Girl Scout. She talked about the experience with her troop. They decided to create a "Raise your Hand" patch. These girls took their idea to the Girl Scouts Nation's Capital which represents more than 62,000 girls in the Greater Washington, D.C., region to represent their idea. As of this week the Girl Scouts Nation's Capital has received phone calls from troops all over the country who want to get involved.

Here is a personal story. In fourth grade I was at a different school, and there were only 2 girls in my class. It was really strange because the previous year there were 12 other girls. Anyway, I just want to say that if you are nervous to raise your hand, just go for it. In fact, if you are a girl, I challenge you to raise your hand today. Who cares if you get the answer wrong. You tried and that's what is important.

Thank you!

Sausalito Farms

Supporting the community one tree at a time!!!

Dear Willow Creek Parents

Can you believe the holidays are already upon us? Last year, many of you bought your Christmas tree and holiday wreath from Sausalito Farms to help support WILLOW CREEK ACADEMY. We will be participating in the Sausalito Farms Christmas tree fundraiser again this year.

Sausalito Farms donates \$20 for every Christmas tree sold and \$10 for every wreath sold to Willow Creek Academy.

This year Sausalito Farms will be donating an extra \$5 for every Christmas tree sold to families who lost everything in the North Bay Fires.

You can order your tree and/or wreath online (strongly preferred!):

1. Go to www.sausalitofarms.com .
2. Scroll down to the "order tree here" section on the website.
3. Select the tree size from the drop down menu.
4. Type in the school, team, sport or organization you are donating too. If there is a student associated with the school/team add in this line as well.
5. Pick up your tree starting Friday, Nov. 24th at 9am.

Or you can purchase your tree anytime at the lot in Sausalito. Donation forms will be available onsite at time of tree purchase.

If you have any questions that are not answered on the website contact Christopher Holbrook at 415.290.0934 or Christopher@sausalitofarms.com.

Happy Holidays and thanks for your support!!!



Growing Up Green Weeks 2017-2018

A fundraiser benefiting your school!

2017 DATES

Sep 8 - 17

Oct 27 - Nov 5

Nov 24 - Dec 10

2018 DATES

Jan 12 - 21

Feb 9 - 18

Mar 23 - April 1

Shop at any Sloat Garden Center location during your school's Growing up Green week, mention your school, and your school will receive 10% of purchases back in the form of a Sloat gift card, which can go towards your school's beautification projects, fundraisers or classroom activities. The school with the highest participation will receive 20% of purchases back.

Please note: Purchase of gift cards do not apply.

Just mention your school to the cashier!

Sloat Garden Center • 13 locations throughout the Bay Area • www.sloatgardens.com

Mill Valley San Rafael Kentfield Novato San Francisco

Concord Martinez Pleasant Hill Danville-Camino Ramon Danville-Diablo Road

Hello Families!!!

I hope that everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving break. When we return from break, Explorers has lots of fun programming coming your way.

Electivity classes will restart Dec. 4th. You can see a full schedule and register for classes at electivitykids.com/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.

The very popular flag football has returned to Willow Creek and will continue into the winter!! It's for grades 3-6, everyone is welcome. If you are interested sign up by emailing Paige Rosenthal at prosenthal@willowcreekacademy.org

We have a new piano teacher, who also teacher saxophone and clarinet. See flyer below for details!!

Finally, Barbara is back with all new recipes for her international or dessert cooking classes. See flyer below for more information!!

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 has 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



WCA WINTER 2017 ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

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

DAY/TIME	CLASS DESCRIPTION (*NEW)
MON Ukulele Beginner 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>
MON Martial Arts 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.
*TUE 3D Printing 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.
TUE Drama 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!
TUE Joy of Ballet 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 & tights required.</i>
*WED Ukulele Advanced 2.15-3.15PM Gr K-5 \$165 Min 8 Loc: TBD 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. Note: Students bring their own ukulele.
WED Drawing 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.
WED Gymnastics 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 nd 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>*THU Easy Etiquette 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 & 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>THU Robotics 3.30-5PM Gr 2 & 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>THU Guitar 3.15-4.15PM Gr 2 & 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>*FRI Go Girls! 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>FRI Basketball 3.15-4.15PM Gr 2 & 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>*MonThu Spanish 3.15-4.15pm Gr 3-5 \$250 Min 10 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 & THURSDAYS.</p>
<p>*TueFri Spanish 3.15-4.15pm Gr K-2 \$250 Min 10 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 & FRIDAYS.</p>

Offline registration: Email 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 to submit your scholarship request stating Child's Name, Class Request, Contact info.



FLAG FOOTBALL

Thursday

Nov. 16

THURSDAY

NOV. 16-JAN 18

After School Explorers is proud to work with Sausalito Recreation to bring flag football to Willow Creek students!!

Grades: 3-6

Couch: Jeremy

7 weeks for \$125

Chef Barbara Adams, will begin her popular after-school cooking classes December 4 and 6. Your kids will learn how to cook, have fun—and eat everything they make.

Space is limited so be sure to sign-up in the WCA office or with Paige Rosenthal, director of the after-school programs. You can also text Barbara at 415-238-3142 and let her know which class your child wants to attend. Will they choose Desserts or International? Both are amazing!

Desserts with Barbara

December 4, 2017 to February 12, 2018

Day: Monday

Time: 3:30 to 4:30 PM

Place: Willow Creek Academy MPR kitchen

Price: \$215 for 8 weekly sessions.

Kids love desserts and yours will learn how to make some of the most delicious classics in this class. Think a wonderful holiday cookie decorating session, tarts—both jam and mince, lemon meringue pie, chocolate devil cookies, and tresleche cake, New York cheesecake with strawberry topping, chocolate Valentine's Day truffles and mango ice cream.

This is one delicious, irresistible series!

Kids Cook International with Barbara

Dates: December 6, 2017 to February 7, 2018

Day: Wednesday

Time: 3:30 to 4:30 PM

Place: Willow Creek Academy school kitchen

Price: \$215 for 8 weekly sessions.

Your kids will explore all aspects of the kitchen with international cuisine in the spotlight. Along the way, they will learn basic skills and techniques as well as how to use herbs and spices. That'll come in handy when they make and decorate holiday ginger babies and prepare divine dishes like Mexican tostados and enchiladas enfrijoladas with chicken, Italian spaghetti carbonara, Indian pakoras and mango lassies, buttermilk biscuits with jam, Chinese won ton soup, and Italian patatefagioli (green beans and potatoes with fresh pesto sauce).

Think of all that knowledge and experience—plus—they get to eat everything they make.

Sign up now!

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