

Santa Cruz Children's School

DECEMBER NEWS

Please take a moment to read over this newsletter and make note of important dates and announcements.

Winter Break and the New Year

The end of 2015 is upon us! The winter break runs from **Friday, December 18th** through **Friday, January 1st**. We will return on **Monday, January 4th**. Please notice that we aren't doing the traditional half-day on Friday, but are taking the whole day off this year.

Tax Deductible Donations

It's the end of the year which for a lot of people mean's choosing a charity to support. In fact, December 1st is gaining popularity as Giving Tuesday, a day dedicated to charity and to celebrate generosity. We are including a donation letter and a form with this newsletter that you can use or share with anyone who would like to support the students of Santa Cruz Children's School with a tax deductible donation.

Winter Camp

Or beloved ethnobiology teacher Kate will be putting on a Wildland Exploration and Nature Art camp during the latter half of the winter break, from December 28th through the 31st. It sounds amazing! Check out her flyer by the front door for more information. She can also be reached via email at scforestkids@gmail.com.

DesignsByScout

Here's some shameless shilling for one of our brilliant student entrepreneurs! If you're looking for an adorable gift idea this holiday, check out Oak Group member Scout Bauman's Etsy and Facebook pages. Her watercolors are vibrant and adorable, and can be ordered on a variety of items. She can be found at either site by searching for "DesignsByScout".

Upcoming Field Trips

We do have a few trips planned in December. This time of year, it's extra important to make sure that your student comes to school dressed appropriately for the destination.



Upcoming Events

Dec 15th

Bay/Willow Staff of Life
field trip

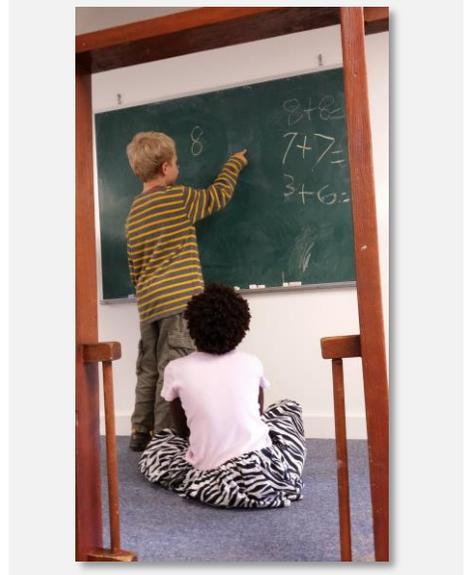
DEC18th-JAN 1st

Winter Break

Dec 28th - 31st

Winter Camp with Kate

[Check the calendar online for updates](#)



Staff Spotlight

Joanna McLean has dove in to her new and exciting role as a director head first, and though primarily working behind the scenes, is an integral part of day to day operations of the school. A graduate of UC San Diego with a degree in Human Development, she has spent her adult life working with children of all ages, creating and running programs, and mentoring teens and young adults seeking to do the same. She spent many years with the YMCA serving as a residential camp counselor and director, an outdoor educator, and a school age child care director. She also spent several seasons as Operations Coordinator at Camp Galileo in the Bay Area, learning many skills she's especially grateful for now, given all of her new administrative responsibilities. Though learning the ins and outs of running a school/business has been challenging, she harbored a secret hope that she would one day serve in exactly this role since Deric started teaching at SCCS and is thrilled with the opportunity!

