



The Badger

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- 4/13 Collaboration Day – Early Dismissal/Art
Smokey the Bear to visit K-2
- 4/16 Earth Day Celebrations at the Mall
- 4/17 Premier of John Muir Film @ West Aud.
- 4/18-20th Camp Sea Lab field trip – 6th-8th
grades
- 4/20 Collaboration Day – Early Dismissal/Art
- 4/21 John Muir Birthday Lunch Fundraiser
- 4/22 Project Pluton 4th-6th grades
- 4/23 Yosemite Rotary Club Community Egg
Hunt @ YVS @ 11am
- 4/25-29 Spring Break – No School**
- 5/2-6 All District Furlough – No School**
- 5/11 Indian Taco Fundraiser
- Collaboration Day – Early Dismissal/Art
- 5/18 Collaboration Day – Early Dismissal/Art
- 5/20 Le Conte Memorial Program – 2:15pm
- 5/23 Project Pluton
- 5/25 Collaboration Day – Early Dismissal/Art
- 5/26 Shoreline Concert
- 5/30 Memorial Day Holiday - No School
- 6/1 Collaboration Day – Early Dismissal/Art
- 6/3 End of Third Trimester
- 6/6-8 Book Fair
- 6/7 Exhibit Day
- 6/8 Collaboration Day – Early Dismissal/Art
- 6/9 Promotion Lunch
8th Grade Graduation
- 6/10 Last Day – 12:30 Dismissal

MRS. SORIA REPORTS It has been determined that the PTG will not have a meeting with the superintendent and school board representative at this time. I will work with group of school district directors to determine the staffing model for our school next year. As I know many of you have questions, that I cannot answer, I would be happy to ask them for you at this meeting. Please send me an email or give me a list of questions and comments for me to take to my meeting. Csoria@mariposa.k12.ca.us

EARTH DAY CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEKEND Don't forget to join the Park Community for the Earth Day Celebrations which will be taking place in the Yosemite Village Mall this Saturday, April 16th.

EARTH DAY PROJECT FOR KIDS YVS children are invited to help Bonnie Gisel, Le Conte Curator, build a papier-mâché bear at the Earth Day celebration on April 16th at the Mall. The bear will be part of a summer long theme at the Le Conte where visitors will add paper strips to put "fur" on the bear for the winter. Bonnie would love to have some help make this bare bear.

YVS JOHN MUIR'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION & LUNCH FUNDRAISER – APRIL 21 – NEXT THURSDAY Because we will not be here the first week in May this fundraiser replaces the usual Cinco event and as such is very important to our fundraising goals. We hope you will not only join us but sign up to help with this event. We need:

- Set up/decorating: 8-11am
- Ticket Sales: 11:15am-12:30pm & 12:30-1:30pm
- Food servers: 11:15am-12:30pm & 12:30-1:30pm
- Clean up: 1:30-3pm

If you can help with any of these time slots please contact the office @ 372-4791.

And please plan to be there – the menu includes pulled pork sandwiches, salads, drink and dessert. The cost is \$9 for adults - \$6 for children. **ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS FUNDING TEACHING POSITIONS AT YVS NEXT YEAR!**

KESENNUMA LIVES! 6TH-8TH grade YVS students have made posters that proclaim "Kesennuma Lives," as part of an outreach to the Japanese people to send messages of hope to all the areas affected by the earthquake and tsunami. Pictures of the students (who have permission) will be posted on our website with their posters so that they may be seen around the world.

THANK YOU

- ✧ To all the students who have been folding cranes for Japan. We will collect them and send them off by Friday of this week.
- ✧ All families who participated in the AR scavenger hunt.
- ✧ Mrs. Archer for providing "treats" for the AR scavenger hunt.
- ✧ Brett Archer, Patricia Carlson, Lucy Royse for going through the volunteer driver process and taking the time to chaperone the 6-8th grade class on next week's Camp Sea Lab field trip.

YOSEMITE VALLEY TEE BALL AND

COACH PITCH Our objective is to introduce children to the game of baseball, while developing skills and providing them with a team experience. You can help by arriving to practices/games on time, with regular attendance. Please make sure your child has the required attire and equipment. Together, we can make this a valuable and fun experience for our kiddos. **Registration form and fee are due by Tuesday, April 12. Please contact Delissa Fulce (661-342-4791) or Leslee Whatley (372-4833).**

MRS. DECECCO'S CLASS SEES WIZARD OF OZ IN FRESNO LAST

WEEK While the weather was wonderful here – getting to Fresno was an adventure as the bus had to “wear” chains all the way to Chukchansi – hence the decision to drive around coming home – sorry for the later arrival. They enjoyed a performance of the Wizard of Oz at the Tower Theater but just as memorable was their visit to the Tower Dogs restaurant next door. It was reported that one of the chaperones had eggs *and* chili with his dog. It was reported that the production was wonderful and that a grand time was had by all!

A SPRING REMINDER: DRESSING

FOR THE WEATHER & FABB Spring in Yosemite is a wondrous thing – however it can be “trying” at times- keeping up... Our expectations are that students will come prepared for the weather – it is not quite time for tank tops – we are seeing a lot of shivering in classrooms as some students try to “WILL” the warmer weather here... on the flip side of the coin - snow boots do not work for FABB – please, please, please send your child with tennis shoes (they can keep them at school if they prefer to wear other shoes for classes). Today we had at least two students exhausted from running in snow boots and one who suffered a skinned knee due to dress shoes.

YOSEMITE INSTITUTE: YOSEMITE IS OUR BACKYARD

For ages 7-11 and 12-15. Day hikes will begin each day at 8:45 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. plus a cookout and campfire at Crane Flat for the 7-11 year olds and an overnight at the historic Crane Flat campus for the 12-15 year olds! Cost: \$180.00, Dates: June 13-17, 2011. *To keep the cost of the program as low as we can, one volunteer parent chaperone is needed for each hiking group each day, plus one to spend the night at Crane Flat with the older student group. There is no cost for chaperones. Adults who chaperone 2-5 days can bring one child at 1/2 price for more information & registration forms, call Yosemite Institute at 209-379-9511.

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM Once again YVS will be offering lunches through the District program.

Breakfast: Milk, fruit, yoghurt, cereal

Lunch: All lunches include fruit and vegetables, milk and an entrée.

Breakfast \$1.50

Lunch \$2.50

If you would like to order meals for your child(ren...)

- ***Orders and payment must be received no later than 9am on Friday morning.***

Orders are placed for Tuesdays thru Mondays.