



The Badger

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

4/25	Collaboration Day
4/27	SC Hawaiian Pride Day
4/30	STAR Testing Begins
5/2	Collaboration Day, PTG Meeting – 5:30pm
5/3	Cinco de Mayo Fundraiser
5/9	Collaboration Day
5/11	Tire Flip Fundraiser
5/16	Collaboration Day
5/23	Collaboration Day
5/25	SC Hippie Day
5/28	Memorial Day Holiday – No School
5/30	Collaboration Day, Exhibit Day
5/31	Shoreline Concert & BBQ
6/1	8 th Grade Graduation, SC Dress as Favorite Star Day
6/5	K-7 promotion, Last Day of School ☺

THANK YOU

- ❖ **Yosemite Rotary Club** who provide the Easter Egg Hunt for the community.
- ❖ **Active PTG members**...this could be you!
- ❖ **Student Council** – for the new flags flying above YVS – check them out!
- ❖ **Julaine Cornforth & Cathy DeCecco** for their work on our web pages, see article below.

MRS. DeCECCO RETURNS As you all know with the District facing the most trying of budget years to date, many teachers received “pink” slips last month including Mrs. DeCecco. While we are still keeping our fingers crossed for the rest of our teaching staff we have just been notified that Mrs. DeCecco will be returning to YVS next year.

STAR TESTING BEGINS NEXT

WEEK Students will begin testing next week. It is very important that they come to school every day (students do better when testing with their group). It is also important that as parents we make sure our children get enough rest and come to school well fueled (breakfast). As always healthy snacks and lunch are important. Traditionally testing is scheduled for the morning so it is also important that all students arrive on time. Thank you

FACEBOOK & RAZOO: What follows is part of an email that went home over spring break:

We are very excited to let you know of a few of the wonderful things our PTG have been working on in the

past few months/weeks:

<http://www.razoo.com/story/Save-Our-Teachers>

http://www.razoo.com/story/Yosemite-Elementary-School-Parent-Teacher-Group?referral_code=share

This is a new online fundraiser to reach people nationwide! Making it easier for those family members that live out of town, would like to donate, but do not want to send money through the mail... this makes it perfect. We have a goal of 30,000.00 and hoping to break it so please send the link out to as many people that might be interested. Let's try and keep our school K-6! Every little bit helps!

We also have more great news! We have an improved facebook page with some great pictures and video! Come check us out and like us! <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofYosemiteValleySchool>

We would really like to thank Julaine Cornforth and Cathy DeCecco who have taken the “reins” with this project... ultimately we hope that by reaching more people nationwide...webwide... we will not only have the opportunity to raise more funds, but in time take the burden away from our immediate community.

PTG MEETING & UPDATE Our next scheduled meeting is next Wednesday at 5:30pm – we hope you can join us.

There are a lot of exciting things happening in regards to fundraising in a more “global” way – see above. We hope you will join us next Wednesday to find out more about it!

Upcoming events include:

- Cinco lunch – May 3rd
- Tire Flip – May 11th
- Shoreline Concert & BBQ – May 31st

These are the final 3 fundraising events planned for this year and each is very important as this is money we need to raise to help fund staff for next year! We need EVERYONE to participate. Thanks

CINCO DE MAYO FUNDRAISER Our traditionally wonderful fajita lunch is just around the corner! We hope you will join us and bring along your neighbors, friends, and work colleges for this eventful fundraiser.

You will find that the sign-up sheet has come home along with the pre-sales sheet. We ask that if your child is going to be purchasing lunch you return presales as we take students over early to get them fed before the crowd...of course your child can bring his/her lunch from home if that is preferred.

As usual students will be performing ☺.

STUDENT CINCO ATTIRE Students will be “costumed” for the Cinco lunch event. Girls will be wearing white tops and colorful skirts that we have on

hand at YVS. Black or dark shoes would be great – no heels. If the hair can be braided that would be helpful, thank you.

As for the boys, they will need black or very dark pants. And white, preferably with a collar, shirts and again dark shoes.

TIRE FLIP FUNDRAISER On May 11th students will be joined by the Yosemite CrossFit Team for our Flippin'-For-Teachers event. **CrossFit** is a core-strength and conditioning program that has swept the nation. Tire flipping is one of their fun and unusual fitness activities. Students have been practicing during FABBB and are having a great time with this unusual activity. **So just what is FLIPPIN' FOR TEACHERS?**

- Yosemite Valley School (Y.V.S.) students and Yosemite Valley Crossfit participants will be flipping tires to raise money for Y.V.S.
- While practicing their flipping over a month period, participants will collect pledges.
- On May 11, 2012, participants will flip a tire as many flips as they can.
- Participants will collect their lap pledges until May 25, 2012.
- Please make checks payable to Yosemite Valley PTG.

Pledge forms went home with students before the spring break, if you need more please contact the school.

YVS would like to include the entire community in a fun fitness awareness event, while raising critical funds needed to pay teachers for our next school year, so we hope you will all join us.

STUDENT PICK-UP & AFTER SCHOOL REMINDER It appears that the **splendor** that is the *Yosemite Spring* has arrived. And with it an important reminder:

Younger students are dismissed promptly at 2:20pm and while we understand it is lovely to hang out around the school please remember that older students are still in classes. Groups of kids coming in and out of the school building and hanging around under the window areas are very distracting to us, please be respectful of those who are still learning.

Older students who have a 3pm dismissal may not "hang-out", they need to go home and check in with a caregiver. They may then return to school. Please be aware that while staff may remain on campus after the dismissal bell – no afterschool campus supervision is being provided. Thank you

SC HAWIIAN PRIDE DAY On Friday the Student Council is challenging the student body to show their laid-back-aloha-island-style by dressing in Hawaiian garb. NO FLIP-FLOPS! And ladies, please keep school dress code rules in mind when choosing an outfit... Mrs. Archer has some lovely oversized t-shirts for you to borrow if you don't. ☺

NO OPEN-TOES AT SCHOOL And while we are talking about school attire... or is that just me...? Students need to remember that for safety there are no open toed shoes allowed at school...also shoes must

have a strap that goes around the back of your heel (no slip-ons). A new offender are the water shoes that look like feet... we had a couple of bruise-type injuries last year as those don't seem to have enough protection from sticks and stones...so good for the river, not good for school. Thank you

MCUSD BOARD MEETINGS Just a reminder that the Mariposa County Unified School District holds Board Meetings on the 3rd Thursday of every month at 5:30pm, open session begins at 6:25pm in the Board room at the District Office in Mariposa. As you are aware there are lots of changes happening in education this year and the Board meetings are where those decisions are made.

ACCELERATED READER UPDATE

We have begun the final 6 week session for this year – my how time flies... Overall we have seen a dramatic increase in students' abilities to reach their goals from last year to this. As this is a direct reflection of students completing their homework reading, we would like to thank you, the parents, for making this a priority at home. We are looking forward to students retaking the diagnostic test in a few weeks to see what kind of personal progress they have made, at which time you will receive a final report. Thank you

PAINLESS FUNDRAISING

WAYS THAT YOU CAN HELP EVERYDAY

RALEY'S QUALITY OF LIFE CARD:

Attached: Basically when you shop at Raley's, Nob Hill, or Bel Air grocery stores a donation is made to our school, 1-4% on a tiered scale...but if you are shopping there anyway, every little bit helps. Let us know if you need more, perhaps to hand out to family.

BOX TOPS 4 EDUCATION:

There are two ways to win with this one. First, collect the little "Box Top" coupons off of your favorite General Mills products and have your children turn them in at school. We get 10 cents per top and that does add up. Second, a percentage of your internet shopping can be designated for YVS. This is a great program especially for those of us who do so much of our shopping on-line. Here are the basics: Go to www.boxtops4education.com Click "sign up for booster club: Enter all required fields and click continue. Enter our zip code (**95389**) and you are officially registered. In order to credit our school when you shop, start at boxtops4education.com, click on "shop", and go to the store where you want to shop. There are over 200 retailers to choose from. You order and pay as you would with any online store, and we get credited for it. It's as simple as that.

RECYCLING: Do you know that if you bring your recycling to the bins in the school parking lot DNC will donate the monies generated by those bins back to the school? It is true, every year Mark Gallagher presents a check to our student body. Please consider a weekly visit to our recycling bins.

TARGET: If you have a Target Visa card you can designate YVS to receive a percentage of all your purchases.

WASHINGTON MUTUAL: We also receive a check annually from Washington Mutual who runs the same kind of program as Target. So if you are banking through them ask about designating YVS as your “beneficiary”.

COMPUTER INK CARTRIGES: If you bring your used computer ink cartridges to school, we can recycle them for cash. Please contact school for list of applicable cartridges.

INNISBROOK.COM: These folks have everything from gift wrap to chocolates to socks and our school will receive a check each year for 50% of all sales made on-line. All you do is go to the website, www.innisbrook.com and enter our school number **116890**. It just doesn't get any easier than that!

e SCRIP: eScrip is an online service which provides a hassle –free way for schools to raise funds through everyday purchases made at eScrip merchants (go to the website for a complete list). eScrip and merchant partners have created a system that rewards customer loyalty by contributing a percentage of purchases made with eScrip merchants to our school. Simple registration: Log on to www.eScrip.com and go to “sign-up”. Designate Yosemite Valley School to receive contributions. Our school ID number is **6590341**. Choose your level of support: Level one- register your Vons Club or Safeway Club cards. Level two- also register your credit and debit cards.

ONE CAUSE: OneCause promises socially-conscious consumers they can support their chosen cause through simple shopping that will result in doing good with every purchase. Cause Something Good.™ Simply go to the following website, register to get a sign-on and then you just go through the website when you do your online shopping. You don't register your credit cards and a percentage of every purchase (varies with each store) is donated to the school. Check it out – every little bit helps. <http://www.onecause.com/>

LABELS FOR EDUCATION: We are also collecting labels – participating products include: Campbell's Soups, Glad, Pop Secret, Dannon Yogurts... check out the website for more products @ <http://www.labelsforeducation.com>