

The Badger



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- 4/4 Collaboration Day, PTG Meeting 5:30pm
- 4/6 Pizza Party – whole school!
- 4/7 Rotary Egg Hunt – 10am
- 4/9-13 **Spring Break**
- 4/18 Collaboration Day
- 4/23 Project Pluton
- 4/25 Collaboration Day
- 4/27 SC Hawaiian Pride Day
- 4/30 STAR Testing Begins
- 5/2 Collaboration Day
- 5/3 Cinco de Mayo Fundraiser
- 5/9 Collaboration Day
- 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 8th Grade Graduation,
SC Dress as Favorite Star Day

THANK YOU

- ❖ A final shout out to **DNC** for their generous donation that makes our ski-days a possibility & to our **volunteers** that make it a reality!
- ❖ Also a thank you to **Mrs. Lyle** who really stepped up and took a leading role with this program & to **Mrs. Archer** who lines up all our ducks...
- ❖ To the **Badger Pass staff** who make it all so easy! Thanks **Deb, Sean, Brent, Chuck, & Colin!**
- ❖ **Everyone** who attended the fundraising/update meeting on the 20th! That was an amazing showing of folks interested in a positive push into next year!
- ❖ **Student Council** who just agreed to purchase brand-spankin'-new flags for the outdoor pole...the ones we have are faded and torn.
- ❖ **Everyone** who purchased T/Sweat Shirts for the grand-opening event, the kids look great!
- ❖ **Smokey the Bear!** And his US Forest Service/Cal Fire family for visiting our K-2 classroom today and talking to us about fire safety.
- ❖ **Students** for your efforts on the Disney Raffle Fundraiser, we will be enjoying a pizza party on Friday.

FINAL SKI DAY We had a FANTASTIC final ski day! The weather was GORGEOUS, the snow was AWESOME, it really was just a beautiful end to what has been a trying season. Thank you to all our volunteers, again, this program very simply, without a doubt, does not happen without you. And we are very grateful to a community that comes together for the kids!

YOSEMITE IS OUR BACKYARD - DAY CAMP FOR 7-15 YEAR OLDS

Kick off the summer right with learning and fun in Yosemite! The week after school lets out, NatureBridge will host Yosemite is Our Backyard - a day camp specially made for the children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews of the Yosemite area community. Campers meet with NatureBridge field educators daily at 8:45 in Yosemite Valley and embark on days filled with games, exploration, and learning. For older students, the program also includes an overnight stay at our historic Crane Flat campus. Volunteer as a chaperone for the program and your child can participate for half price! For more information, contact Kesia Lopez at 209-379-9511 ext 25, email klopez@naturebridge.org, or visit our website and register online at naturebridge.org/backyard. Dates: June 11-15, 2012. (M. Carr)

MSO/MCAC YOUNG MASTER COMPOSER CELEBRATION

The annual Mariposa Symphony Orchestra/Mariposa County Arts Council's "Young Master Composers Celebration" - an annual competition which challenges music students in our schools aged 8 - 18 to compose their own "Classical" music has begun. Winners in each of three age groups will be announced at the April 21/22 MSO concerts, and those winning compositions will be performed by the MSO under Mr. Marsden's direction at the June 30 "Independence Day Spectacular" Concert, with cash awards going to the winners as well.

CALIFORNIA HEALTHY KIDS SURVEYS – PARENT CLIMATE

SURVEYS – LAST WEEK The purpose of the survey is to obtain parent perceptions of student behavior and attitudes, school programs and policies, and the overall school climate as they relate to student well-being and learning. It deals with such issues as truancy, safety, harassment, substance use, school connectedness, and learning supports.

Your participation is voluntary. It is also very important. The information you provide will help guide the district and school efforts to promote safety, enhance learning supports, improve student achievement, and reduce health risks that stand as barriers to learning.

- This is an anonymous survey.
- All questions apply to this school only.

- The results are for the use of your district.

You can access the survey by following URL:
<http://www.wested.org/parent>

Login: 6025068

Password: yvstksp

Thank you for taking this important survey, if you would like a hard copy please contact the office @ 372-4791.

PTG STILL NEEDS TREASURER If you are interested or have any questions about the position please contact the office. 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.

PAINLESS FUNDRAISING WAYS THAT YOU CAN HELP EVERYDAY

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/>

RALEY’S QUALITY OF LIFE CARD: We have a limited supply of QOL cards, but are ordering more. 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.

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>