

The Badger

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- 1/11 PTG Meeting – 5:30pm
- 1/12 Collaboration Day – Early Dismissal/Art
- 1/17 MLK Holiday – No School**
- 1/19 Second Ski Day – Tentative
- 1/24 Project Pluton – 6th grade
- 1/24-26th Pigeon Point Field Trip – 3rd-5th graders
- 1/26 Collaboration Day – Early Dismissal/Art
- 2/2 Third Ski Day – Tentative
- 2/9 Collaboration Day – Early Dismissal/Art
- 2/11-12 Project Pluton overnight
- 2/16 Collaboration Day – Early Dismissal/Art
- 2/18 Lincoln's Birthday Holiday – No School
- 2/21 President's Day Holiday – No School
- 2/23 Fourth Ski Day – Tentative
- 3/2 Read Across America Day
Collaboration Day – Early Dismissal/Art
- 3/8 End of Second Trimester
- 3/9 Final Ski Day – Tentative

THANK YOU

✦ All parent/volunteers who helped with our first ski day.

PTG MEETING/POTLUCK TONIGHT

5:30PM The parent-teacher group will be discussing, among other things, the spring fundraiser (formerly Cinco) which will most likely be held on April 21st. Please contact the office or any of your board members for more information.

SKI DAY All reports are that we had a very successful ski day last week. This was good news considering it was almost "called" due to a shortfall of volunteers, we did however have a few extra people we didn't count on come through at the last minute so all was well. Hopefully next week we will all have our schedules lined up and the weather will cooperate. Volunteers please anticipate an email coming from the office at the end of the week to confirm your attendance for next Wednesday. And thank you to all who participated!

AR READING PROGRAM FOR 3RD-

8TH GRADES Last week began a new session of the Accelerated Reader homework program. In an effort to keep students from getting too far behind we have instigated a practice that doesn't allow students to become more than 2 weeks behind on their reading goals

(the timeframe was determined keeping in mind that older students may be reading a book that could be worth more than 1 weeks worth of points and therefore may take a while longer to complete). Students who have found themselves behind also found themselves in "reading recess" foregoing outdoor activities for quiet in-library reading time to help them get caught up.

More often than not students who stayed in for recess found themselves caught up in just a session or two which brings forth the question of just how they managed to land in reading recess to begin with if it was so easy to get caught up... please keep in mind that their personal goals are based on their assigned homework reading. Basically if they are truly completing their homework reading, than they should have no trouble meeting their reading goals.

It is at this time last year that we saw a definite fall off with student reading so please help us remind students not to let things fall behind. Thank you

Note: 1st & 2nd graders who are also quizzing on the AR system are doing great. They have been asked to quiz on a book from their weekly library choices and are doing just fine, we are very proud of them!

AFTER SCHOOL REMINDER Just a reminder that students are supposed to report in at home with their parent or child care provider before returning to school to play as stated in our YVS Handbook. We have recently had a run of students "hanging out" after school. While we know some are waiting for rides, there are others who just seem to be taking their time getting home and while we are pleased that they like school so much it is hard for them to tear themselves away, they need to. Please keep in mind that while the staff remains at school after that 3pm bell, this is time spent on preparing for classes and not monitoring students. Thank you

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 costs \$1.50

Lunch costs \$2.50

If you would like to order meals for your child(ren) Tuesday thru Monday please send a note detailing which meals for which days as well as payment to Ceci by 9 am Friday of the week before, thank you.