

The Badger

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- 1/19 Second Ski Day – 8:30am Departure
- 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 are helping with ski day this week... we all really appreciate your commitment.

MRS. SORIA REPORTS Last week's PTG meeting was not official because not enough regular PTG members attended. There was some informal discussion about our spring fundraiser, the cancellation of the L'uau, and providing scholarships for fieldtrips. PTG meetings are very important to the operation of our school as the PTG budget supports many of the programs that make our school successful, and it is the place where official information can be shared and discussed.

At the last Leadership Council meeting that I attended some worrisome developments about the district budget were presented—not really a surprise considering the state of the state budget. As in past years, Aaron Rosander, the school superintendent, said that district teachers would be laid off to provide for a budget shortfall should one occur. That means, as you know, that all of our teachers will receive layoff notices and we will have to wait to see which teacher will be assigned to our school. In the past this waiting has been almost up to the first day that students return to school in August.

Further complicating the funding issue for our school is that there is a strong doubt that we will receive our federal grant for the upcoming school year. The Omnibus Bill, that contained our grant, did not pass. Phyllis Weber and Michele Staufer both are working to procure the federal funding for the next school year. The park superintendent Don Neubacher is also hoping the funding will become available. However, with no federal money our school may be looking at a staffing model of

the 1.5 teachers the district has allocated to us this year with a four hour aide position—not enough to staff three classrooms.

Coming to PTG meetings can help our school come up with contingency plans in case our funding is stripped to the bare bones. We need everyone's energy working toward keeping our staffing model as near as possible to what we have now! Your contributions at PTG are extremely important.

SKI DAY A "GO" FOR TOMORROW

We are anticipating a fun and exciting day of skiing! And here are some reminders:

- Sunscreen, eye protection and water repellent gloves are a must!
- While conditions appear "spring-like" no child may ski in short sleeves.
- Bus departure – 8:30am, if you are driving your own child up to Badger you must contact the office to let us know.
- Pack healthy lunch for your child – there are simply not enough adults available to help students through the purchase line at BP... keep in mind these adults are also trying to have lunch while being responsible for their "classes".

AR HOMEWORK READING UPDATE

Just a few brief words... for students in 3rd-8th grades the look of the "progress board" has changed a bit, you will be seeing a lot more colorful stickers happening as students are no longer able to "bank" points forward. Instead they are getting more "star" stickers which create a very colorful rainbow of progress but for the weeks where they have actually read.

CELL PHONES AT SCHOOL

Just a reminder that students are not to be using cell phones at school at anytime during the day. If an emergency arises we ask that you contact your student through the office.

HULA CLASSES TO BEGIN

Mrs. Laurie Smith will begin teaching hula on next Tuesday – watch for flyer.

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.