

The Badger



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

1/25 PTG 5:30pm
1/27 SC Crazy Hair Day
2/1 Collaboration Day/Tentative make-up ski day
2/8 Ski Day #3
2/10 Project Pluton
2/15 Collaboration Day
2/16 End 2nd Trimester K-6
2/17 Lincoln's B'day – No School
2/20 President's Day – No School
2/22 Collaboration Day
2/24 SC Face Paint Day
2/27-3/2 Read Across America Week
2/29 Ski Day #4

THANK YOU

- ❖ **Laura Avedisian** who answered our plea for help in the classrooms, she has been so much help.
- ❖ **Yosemite Rotary Club** for a donation to help offset the costs of ski day.

SKI DAY UPDATE – BADGER PASS TO OPEN THURSDAY

The rumor is true, no ski day this week. That brings the missed-ski-day count to two. Our intention is to try to make up these days and hopefully that will be possible but it is really up to our volunteers and we understand in some instances the time off for this program is scheduled weeks if not months in advance. We have sent out an email to our instructor/volunteers to see if it is possible to schedule a make-up for next week, this decision will be made by Friday and we will let you know.

We understand that this also impacts K-1 parents who also need to accompany their children.

At this point it is imperative that if your child has not been pre-fit for rentals at the Yosemite Lodge that happen asap as those forms/equipment will soon be returned to Badger Pass.

Also, we will be sending emails home to those who have not yet sent in the fee for ski day as we will be making that deposit soon. As you read above we are very grateful to the Yosemite Rotary Club for their donation that will help with the added cost of scheduling professional DNC instructors to help fill the volunteer gap.

WE STILL NEED CLASSROOM VOLUNTEERS!

The New Year has brought one big change to YVS and that is that we have had to say goodbye to Mrs. Gabriel. While we are very pleased that Mrs. Smith has been able to "pick-up" those extra hours

the fact remains that we are sorely missing having an extra set of hands in the morning during the time when teachers are working on the "core" subjects with their classes. We really need for parents/volunteers to step up and help fill this void. If you are at all interested or need more information please contact the office or teachers to find out how you can help, any time you can spare would be greatly appreciated.

PTG MEETING TOMORROW,

5:30PM It has been a long time coming, we haven't met since the beginning of November and much has happened since then. We have a new President-elect, Stephanie Hance, and so are looking for a new VP to replace her – if you are interested please contact the office.

Other news, not so new -the district is facing some rather substantial budget cuts and so the race is on for us to fundraise and rebuild our nest egg so that we can once again provide necessary instruction support for our students. This year the parent group really pushed its comfort level by emptying its fund balance to provide \$15K for much needed aide time. We were also able to provide Ms. Fulhorst's position due to left over NPS grant money that we will not have next year. As you can see, even in the best case scenario (no more cuts at YVS) we are going to be in the hole 1 teaching and 1 aide position, so we really need to pick up the fundraising pace and we need everyone's help and commitment to make this happen.

To that end we hope everyone will make this meeting a priority.

Will Fontana will be providing child care for those who need it.

WINTER RECESS Just a reminder that students must come prepared for winter play (boots, water repellent jacket/pants, gloves) as they will be expected to be outside for afternoon recess... students who are not prepared for playing in the snow will need to remain up on the blacktop area where they can remain dry.

SLIPPERS We do allow and encourage students to have slippers to wear at school so that they can leave heavy, snow laden boots outside the classroom however, all slippers must have a rubber sole (like shoes) and some kind of back strap to help keep them on.

CAMPBELLS SOUP - BOXTOP 4 EDUCATION LABELS

It is never too early to bring in your labels, we are ALWAYS collecting them. The monies generated from these efforts are not grand in scale, but put it all together and every little bit brings us closer to our goal. You can turn them into your classroom or the office. Thank you