

The Badger

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- 1/24-26th Pigeon Point Field Trip – 3rd-5th graders
- 1/26 Collaboration Day – Early Dismissal/Art
- 1/31 SITE Council Meeting 8:15am
- 2/2 Third Ski Day – Tentative
- 2/8 PTG Re-launch Meeting – 5:30pm
- 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
- 3/16 Collaboration Day – Early Dismissal/Art

THANK YOU

- ✦ Ms. Mackin for time served on the Pigeon Point field trip, it is no little thing to be in charge.
- ✦ Mrs. Stewart for organizing the Pigeon Point trip.
- ✦ Mrs. Gabriel for the extra effort put into our daily FABB program.
- ✦ Mrs. Smith for her ongoing efforts with our art program.
- ✦ Ms. Osborne for all the extra organization with our classroom libraries.
- ✦ Mrs. DeCecco for taking time away from classroom (we know this is hard for her) to attend a very informative training at the DO this week.
- ✦ Ms. Fulhorst who recently attended training aimed towards strengthening our yoga program.
- ✦ Mr. Munoz for keeping us clean.
- ✦ Mrs. Archer who keeps us "in-line".
- ✦ Mrs. Soria who continues to lead us positively forward in all our efforts.
- ✦ **And most especially thank you to you, our parents, for your continued support and confidence.**

MRS. SORIA – IN RECOVERY If you had been around campus last week you would have seen Mrs. Soria limping around ☺ well, turns out she had a problem with her knee that required surgery. She is home now and on-the-mend, threatening to be back at school

tomorrow, hmmm. We know all your healing wishes join ours as we wish her a collaborative **Get Well Soon!**

PTG RE – LAUNCH MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8th@ 5:30PM

One fall back to "smooth sailing" is that we all get very content and relaxed that things are going along fine. That wouldn't necessarily be a bad thing except that last month we were sooo relaxed, many of us forgot to attend the PTG meeting and so no meeting was able to be held! Oops! So we are going to hold a "re-launch", in two weeks you are all invited to attend as we "re-group" at this mid-point in our year. As always childcare will be provided and this time the potluck is on us.

It is very important that as we move forward to the end of this year and begin the planning for next year that we hear the voices of all our families. We believe there will be some definite changes to programs next year as the state-budget-belt grows ever tighter and our park grant funding is once again in question.

It will no doubt be a challenge, but one we know we can face with a positive outcome if we all work together... please mark you calendar and set aside this date, we would really like to see you here! Thank you

SITE COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY, JANUARY 31ST

SITE Council members please put next Monday morning on your calendars. We will be reviewing and hopefully approving our school Safety Plan. You should all have gotten copies of the revised plan to read. All parents are invited to attend this meeting. It will be held at 8:15 am in the staff room.

MRS. DECECCO TO ATTEND LINDMOOD BELL TRAINING

Mrs. DeCecco is away this week receiving training for intervention in reading acquisition. The MCUSD Resources program has convened special education teachers and other teachers representing all our schools to learn about "practices" to address several areas of intervention for reading problems. We are very excited to have Mrs. DeCecco receive this special training that will add to her expertise as the primary age reading teacher. She is happy to add new skills to her repertoire for teaching children to read. The Lindamood Bell folks have researched reading acquisition stumbling blocks and have recommended certain "practices" to address these problems. The intervention programs designed by the Lindamood Bell folks are highly respected by educators across the country.

SKI DAY – POSITIVELY A TREAT!

After our second day on the slopes we can breath a sigh of relief and prepare to enjoy the rest of the season. The first ski day is always a little unnerving as we have to work though the final fittings, get used to new classes

etc... by the second day, things start to come together smoothly as everyone is more familiar with the process. We are especially grateful to Mrs. Royse who has taken a special interest in finding us extra professional instructors (thanks to you and PTG for funding this) and meeting herself with our volunteers. As always a thank you to all – remember you children are the ones who reap the benefits.

AR PROGRESS Things are moving along in the world of reading progress. All students at YVS are now quizzing (including our Kinders). We have made some adjustments to how we track progress on the hallway chart which is taking some getting used to, however we are very pleased that it shows a more accurate accounting of what kind of progress our students are actually making. Mrs. Archer is working to contact parents should your child end up in reading recess, if you don't hear from her you may assume your child is up-to-date.

HULA & CREATIVE DANCE CLASSES TO BEGIN flyers went home this week, however you may contact the school for more information.

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.