

The Badger

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8TH GRADE PROMOTION CEREMONY

You are all cordially invited to attend the 8th grade promotion ceremony which will be held in the School Field at 5:30 pm this Thursday, June 9. Let's send our one and only Gregory Royce off to high school in style.

PROMOTION CELEBRATION THIS FRIDAY AT 11:45 AM

Parents, families and friends please join us to celebrate the promotion of Yosemite Valley School students to their next grade levels. Following the short promotion ceremony, in our Multi-purpose room, everyone can enjoy wonderful Ahwahnee cake. We'd love to see you all there!

PTG NEWS At last week's PTG Meeting the group pared down our regular budget to free up money to hire a classroom aide for next year. We looked at the expenditures we had for this year and halved some and kept some the same. We were able to free up money to pay for a two-three hour aide. Thanks to all the fundraising efforts of PTG members over the year our ending fund balance is healthier than ever.

STAFFING UPDATE The district superintendent is working on the staffing model for our school. The Opportunity Class teaching position may change so we really do not have a clear picture of how the teaching tasks will be divided up. Please be assured that there will be three classrooms in the same grade configurations we have this year, K-2nd, 3rd-5th and 6th-8th grade classrooms.

SUMMER BADGER Be ready to receive a Summer Badger some time at the beginning of August. Lots of news about the 2011/2012 school year will be forthcoming. Please be sure to contact Mrs. Archer should your email change over the summer so that we have updated contact info for our summer communications. carcher@mariposa.k12.ca.us

PAPER - FREE BADGER We would like to thank all for joining us in shifting to a paper-free Badger this year. We estimate that we saved approximately 12 reams of paper this year by going digital!

NEXT YEARS CALENDAR All we know about the calendar for sure for next year is the starting date, August 22. A calendar for YVS has been submitted for Board Approval but has not yet been voted on. As soon as we know what our next year's calendar will be we will post it on our website.

BOOK FAIR This is a wonderful opportunity to collect some summer reading materials. Students will be visiting the fair this Thursday/Friday to see what is

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- 6/6-8 Book Fair
- 6/7 Exhibit Day & Book Fair 5-6:30pm
- 6/8 NPS Explorers, K-2
6th-8th grades drama performance 10:45am
Collaboration Day – 12:30pm Dismissal
- 6/9 Green Dragon Tour – 10am, K-2
8th Grade Graduation 5:30pm
- 6/10 Last Day – 11:45am Promotion Ceremony
& Cake -12:30 Dismissal All Students

HAVE A WONDERFUL &
SAFE SUMMER VACATION

8/22 First day of the 2011/2012 School Year

THANK YOU

- ✦ To all the amazing staff members of YVS who have worked hard and used their creative energy to make this school year a great success.
- ✦ In advance, Ceci Archer, the seventh grade parent who has graciously offered to make and serve punch and cake at the 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony this coming Thursday evening.
- ✦ PTG for making it possible to hire a part time aide for our multi-graded classrooms. See the PTG News articles below.
- ✦ Patti Carlson, Delissa Fulce, Kelly Osborne and Deb Strazi for their help with the book fair.

EXHIBIT DAY

Parents, families and friends you are invited to attend the biggest event of the school year tonight: **Exhibit Day!** You will have the opportunity to visit the classroom exhibits of the entire student body of YVS. All students have been involved in creating presentations about what they have been learning all year. You should be seeing and hearing the "so what" of all the units of study in all the subject areas taught this year classroom by classroom. The students have been using their critical thinking and problem solving skills to create presentations and speeches so that they can share their learning will all of you. Be ready for a wonderful evening about education in our school.

available. For your convenience the fair will be open during next Tuesday night's Exhibit Day event, other times are as follows:

Tuesday June 7 – 7:45-8:15am, 2-3:30pm &
4:30-6:30pm

Wednesday June 8 – 7:45-8:15am & 12noon-1pm

DRAMA PRESENTATION, ROOM 1

The 6th – 8th graders will be presenting their performance on Wednesday June 8th at 10:45am – snacks provided.

WE HAVE APPLICATIONS FOR YOSEMITE IS OUR BACKYARD

If you are interested give us a call.

WALK FOR WISHES THANK YOU

to everyone who participated in the Make-A-Wish Fundraiser. It was a rainy day but that did not stop the event! We raised \$970. towards wishes. The Smith and Carlson families appreciate your support of our children.