



The Badger

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- 3/1 PTG Meeting – 5:30pm (potluck – 5pm)
- 3/2 Read Across America Day –
Green Eggs & Ham Breakfast
Collaboration Day – Early Dismissal
- 3/8 End of Second Trimester
- 3/9 Final Ski Day & BBQ lunch
- 3/14 Report cards go home
- 3/16 Project Pluton 4th-6th grades
Collaboration Day – Early Dismissal/Art
- 3/23 Collaboration Day – Early Dismissal/Art
- 3/30 Collaboration Day – Early Dismissal/Art
- 4/4th-15th STAR Testing
- 4/6 Collaboration Day – Early Dismissal/Art
- 4/8 Wizard of Oz field trip – K-2
- 4/13 Collaboration Day – Early Dismissal/Art
- 4/18-20th Camp Sea Lab field trip – 6th-8th grades
- 4/20 Collaboration Day – Early Dismissal/Art
- 4/21 John Muir Birthday Lunch Fundraiser
- 4/22 Project Pluton 4th-6th grades
- 4/25-29 Spring Break – No School
- 5/2-6 All District Furlough – No School

READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK We launched the Read Across America week with two days of activities. Tomorrow is the big Green Eggs and Ham breakfast! While students *enjoy* the green eggs, the Cat in the Hat will read *The Cat in the Hat*. The whole day will be spent in reading fun. Parents please come and read to the children if you can. See below for the outline of activities for the rest of the week.

Wednesday: Read Across America

- 8:15-9am Green Eggs & Ham Breakfast
- 9-9:45am Reading in classrooms. Parents are invited to come in as guest readers
- 9:45-10:15 Reading buddies across the classrooms.
- Recess
- 10:35-11:20am School Pattern Book Making Activity
- 11:20-12:30pm Reading in classrooms and grade level activities. Parents are also invited to come in at this time to read.
- 12:30pm Dismissal – all students

Thursday: Book Reports

Friday: Dress as Your Favorite Book Character Day

LES MARSDEN—AN ASSEMBLY ABOUT CLASSICAL MUSIC

Les Marsden, conductor of the Mariposa Symphony Orchestra present YVS children with an over view of theme and variations today. Student heard tunes they already knew that had been transformed into complex, powerful and beautiful orchestral pieces. We now have a CD of the music so we can continue to share classical compositions with the students. Children, aged 8 to 18 are invited to participate in a composition contest. Please ask for an entry form if you think your child would be interested.

MRS SORIA REPORTS It seems like the PTG just met but we wanted to get our meeting schedule back to the first Tuesday of the month so we are meeting tonight. At the meeting I will share information about the park grant carryover and ask that the parent group raise enough money to cover the cost of a part time teacher. State and district funding levels have yet to be announced but plans must be in place to cover costs for the worst case scenario. Some school programs that the PTG currently funds may be covered by some district funding and that will free up more money to be spent on staffing. Leadership for the PTG will be more important than ever next year. I don't think tonight is too early to begin to ask who will serve in PTG board positions for next year.

THANK YOU

✧ To all that turned in Boxtops 4 Education & to Debra Strazi for serving as coordinator and getting all those prepared & mailed off.

FINAL SKI DAY & BBQ BURGER

LUNCH NEXT WEDNESDAY That is correct and hard to believe! Next week will be our final ski day of the season – weather permitting and we invite all students and volunteers to join us for lunch at no charge. The menu will include hamburger (or veggie), chips & salsa, cookies and drinks.

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 \$1.50 Lunch \$2.50

If you would like to order meals for your child(ren...)

- Orders and payment must be received no later than 9am on Friday morning.**
- Orders are placed for Tuesdays thru Mondays.**