



The Badger

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- 3/15 Flu shot clinic @ YVS
- 3/16 Project Pluton 4th-6th grades
Collaboration Day – Early Dismissal/Art
- 3/17 MCUSD Board Meeting – Mariposa 6:25pm
- 3/18 CV Chicken Dinner Fundraiser**
- 3/23 Collaboration Day – Early Dismissal/Art
- 3/30 Collaboration Day – Early Dismissal/Art
- 4/4th-15th STAR Testing
- 4/5 PTG Meeting – 5:30pm
- 4/6 Collaboration Day – Early Dismissal/Art
- 4/8 Wizard of Oz field trip – K-2
- 4/13 Collaboration Day – Early Dismissal/Art
- 4/16 Earth Day Celebrations at the Mall
- 4/17 Premier of John Muir Film @ West Aud.
- 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**

sign up sheet to volunteer – SEE BELOW. Tickets will be \$15-adults and \$5-kids.

OPEN PTG BOARD POSITIONS – WE NEED YOU!

- President
- Vice-President
- Treasurer
- Secretary

We are looking for interested parties to fill any and all positions for the next year. If you or someone you know is interested or has questions about the positions please contact the office asap. Nominees need to be presented at the next meeting on April 5th.

YVS WELCOMED GAY DUCEY—

STORYTELLER Fresh from the Mariposa Storytelling festival Gay Ducey regaled YVS children with stories and her dancing wooden man. As part of an annual event at YVS sponsored by the PTG we get a storyteller for an assembly. Gay works as a children's librarian in Oakland when she is not telling stories. She began her session with asking students about the books they are reading. Once she had them hooked she told them several stories from around the world. At the end they clapped for more.

EARTH DAY PROJECT FOR KIDS

YVS children are invited to help Bonnie Gisel, Le Conte Curator, build a papier-mâché bear at the Earth Day celebration on April 16th at the Mall. The bear will be part of a summer long theme at the Le Conte where visitors will add paper strips to put "fur" on the bear for the winter. Bonnie would love to have some help make this bare bear.

THANK YOU

- ♠ To Everyone for a fantastic ski day season!
- ♠ To the El Portal PTG for organizing the Dean Potter fundraiser for this Friday and to Janis Kunz for heading up the YVS side of things.

FLU SHOT CLINIC TODAY @ YVS

The Mariposa Health Department will be here this afternoon from 2:30-3:30pm in the library. All students and their families are invited to receive a flu shot free of charge.

PARENT TEACHER GROUP NEWS

THIS FRIDAY, MARCH 18TH **FUNDRAISER @ CURRY VILLAGE**

Friday there will be a chicken dinner fundraiser at Curry Village (to replace the Lu'au). Dinner will be from 5:30-7pm with a program presented by climber, Dean Potter, at 7pm. This is a joint fundraiser with work and proceeds to benefit both YVS and the El Portal schools. Please set aside the date and plan to attend as well as look for the

TEACHERS WORK ON NEW REPORT CARD STANDARDS AND CHECK OUT NEW TEXTBOOKS FOR LANGUAGE ARTS

Ms. DeCecco and Ms. Stewart spent the day discussing a revised standards based report card for elementary students with other teacher representatives from district schools today. The afternoon part of their day included presentations from the textbook publishers about two language arts textbook series up for possible adoption this year.

FINAL TWO PARENT GROUP MEETINGS – VERY IMPORTANT

While it is only the beginning of March it is amazing how quickly we are going to come sliding into June... and the end of the school year. It is now that we begin to set up plans for next year and so the input of all families is very important. We will need to get a new Board in place as

well as a new budget (or two) that takes into consideration the varying staffing possibilities that we may face for next year. In a perfect world at the April meeting we are able to vote in a new board so that they have some time to work with the outgoing board and we are also able to put some ideas on the table about next years budget that can then be prepared and voted on at the final meeting in May... if we cannot meet these deadlines then it may be necessary to have a final emergency meeting in June (which is rough as we only have that one week of school).

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.

Curry Village Dinner and Program with Dean Potter

(March 18, 2011)

Sign-up Sheet (YVS and EL PORTAL)

Contacts: EP Barb Armon & YVS Janis Kunz

Ticket Sales & Collection (5:15-6:15pm)

1. EP _____

2. YVS Janis Kunz

Ticket Sales & Collection (6:15-7:00pm)

1. EP _____

2. YVS _____

Food Servers (5:20-6:10pm)

1. EP _____

2. YVS _____

3. EP _____

4. YVS _____

Food Servers (6:10 -7:00pm)

5. EP _____

6. YVS _____

7. EP _____

8. YVS _____

Bussing (5:30 -6:15 pm)

1. EP _____

2. YVS _____

Bussing (6:15 -7:00 pm)

3. EP _____

4. YVS _____

5. EP _____

6. YVS _____

Final Clean Up

Let's ALL make sure we are good guests by bussing any items left on the tables. Thanks in advance for making this a great event!