



The Badger

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- 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**
- 5/11 Indian Taco Fundraiser

constant contact with the park incident team as well as the District office to make decisions about how to proceed.

We would like to acknowledge Mrs. DeCecco, Ms. Fulhorst and Mrs. Archer who “held down the fort” on Thursday and Friday. Also thank you to Ms. Mackin who was also here on Thursday, although very ill. The staff were also in constant communication with Mrs. Soria who had appointments outside of the park at the end of the week and will return tomorrow having attended a District training in Mariposa these past few days.

We would also like to thank the District for sending up a generator to keep us toasty warm – those who could get here...☺

Of course the irony is that now that the storm has passed we have no heat... apparently the boiler pump cracked with the cold and a new one is being hunted down. No word yet on when that will be repaired...however, the district has brought up some space heaters and we are managing to keep the classrooms relatively warm, however we suggest that children dress in layer this week...again, say it with me – “we live in the most beautiful place on earth ☺.”

And finally, to make-up/or-not, that is the question. We have been informed that the District will be asking for a waiver to make up these days, including – we believe the day missed for the boiler room explosion. So as of now we believe our end date will not change – that is good news!

AND MS. STEWART... have you heard this story??? Ms. Stewart and her family vacated their house in El Portal just 30 minutes-ish before several branches of a huge oak came through, not just her roof but the floor... and a couple of walls... Ms. Stewart returned to school today, and reported the family is back in their house (although it is tarped) and is dealing with insurance to move forward with repairs.

NEW AR PROCEEDURE Well, the Hall-Chart-of-Reading is coming down and we are trying something new... Some information is coming home today about Renaissance Home Connect – a way for you to login from home and follow your child’s reading progress from home. You will also be receiving a print out of your child’s latest AR STAR reading test (3rd-8th grades) which has an enormous amount of information about where your child stands and what you can do to help them move forward. We will still be monitoring from school and as we re-assured the students today – they will definitely end up in reading-recess should they fall behind. Mrs. Archer did visit all classrooms to “show-off” the website and so your children should be able to “walk you through” what is available. We have divided up the end of the year to include two 4-week sessions. Thank you and if you have any questions please don’t hesitate to call.

THANK YOU

- ✦ 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.
- ✦ Mrs. DeCecco, Ms. Fulhorst & Ms. Mackin for continuing to “teach” through the storm.
- ✦ Mrs. Archer for all that communication – lots and lots of phone calls.
- ✦ Miss Osborne for being here when she could...
- ✦ Mrs. Soria for leading us through yet another “fit of nature”.
- ✦ District for the generator.
- ✦ DNC & Park Service for taking such good care of the community.

OMG – WHAT A WEEK! Well we would like to begin by congratulating all on making it through this winter adventure... all part of the privilege of living in the most beautiful place on earth! And while we are aware that things have not returned to normal for everyone at least we are seeing progress in those outlying areas and hope that you are all “back on line” soon.

We would like to once again assure parents that if your child was among the 2/3rds of our students who did not return to school until today that all is well... nothing was missed and no make up work is required.

We apologize for any confusion about whether school would happen or not, for a while there things were changing with the hour. During the week the staff were in

STAR TESTING BEGINS NEXT

WEEK Yes, it is very early this year with 8 full education weeks to go but here we are. STAR testing will begin next week, please do everything within your power to ensure your children get lots of rest, are super well nourished and if possible – relaxed about the upcoming testing. And if at all possible, make sure they do not miss any days... it is proven that students who test with the group just do better than students who have to do make-up work. We will be sure to let you know when testing is completed.

PARENT TEACHER GROUP NEWS

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.

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.

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.