

The Badger



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- 3/7 School House Rocks – Assembly @MCHS
Collaboration Day, PTG Meeting-5:30pm
- 3/11 set clocks forward 1 hour
- 3/12 Storyteller Assembly 11am
- 3/13 MSO Assembly 1pm
- 3/14 Project Pluton
- 3/16 End 3rd quarter 7th-8th grades
- 3/21 Final Ski Day & BBQ
- 3/28 Collaboration Day, MCUSD Kinder Round-up Day
- 3/30 SC Favorite Color Day
- 4/4 Collaboration Day
- 4/9-13 Spring Break

attend the MCHS Drama and Chorus Production "School House Rocks LIVE!"

"School House Rocks LIVE!" is an unforgettable musical spectacle that is fun for students of all ages. With its full orchestration, over the top sets, costumes, props, audience interaction, and special effects, this show promises to be entertaining.

YVS students will be departing at 8:30am (with a pick-up in EP). **New permission slips were emailed yesterday** afternoon (to reflect new transportation plan). Please be sure you have returned this form before Wednesday morning departure. Students will return to YVS by 1pm. And don't forget your \$1 donation for the MCHS Drama Program.

MARIPOSA ARTS COUNCIL

STORYTELLER ASSEMBLY On Monday we will be joined by one of the very entertaining storytellers who will be part of this weekend's Mariposa Storytelling Festival. Parents & siblings are welcome to join us for this event at 11am on Monday.

MSO ASSEMBLY Next Tuesday we will be joined by Les Marsden of the Mariposa Symphony Orchestra (just a little shout out to our own Peggy Lyle who plays on the MSO-woo hoo). Each year Mr. Marsden presents a new aspect of Classical music to local students; this year's program is called "The Adventures of a Tune." Mr. Marsden will also be kicking off the annual Mariposa Symphony Orchestra/Mariposa County Arts Council's "Young Master Composers Celebration" - an annual competition which challenges music students in our schools aged 8 - 18 to compose their own "Classical" music. Winners in each of three age groups will be announced at the April 21/22 MSO concerts, and those winning compositions will be performed by the MSO under Mr. Marsden's direction at the June 30 "Independence Day Spectacular" Concert, with cash awards going to the winners as well.

YOSEMITE VALLEY T-BALL &

COACH PITCH Registration forms are now being accepted for children ages 4-3rd grade who are interested in participating this spring. Please contact the school if you would like more information/registration paperwork.

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WONDERFUL SUCCESS A good time was had by all who attended this lively event and we would like to thank all who worked together to make this such a successful evening.

PTG STILL NEEDS NEW

TREASURER If you are interested or have any questions about the position please contact the office. Thank you

THANK YOU

- ❖ **Yosemite Winter Club** for their ski day donation.
- ❖ **DNC & the Ahwahnee** kitchen for our wonderful Green Eggs & Ham Breakfast!
- ❖ **DNC Transportation** for being so accommodating by accepting a last minute request! Thanks
- ❖ **PTG & Mariposa Arts Council** who have sponsored our own Storyteller Assembly.
- ❖ **Les Marsden** who will once again bring his Classical Music presentation to YVS.
- ❖ **MCUSD, MCHS Drama Department & Mariposa Kids First** for giving us the opportunity to enjoy the *School House Rocks* performance.
- ❖ **DNC & Curry Village** for the donation and follow through on the Winterfest Fundraiser.
- ❖ **Mr. Jacobs** – Our very own Cat In The Hat, thanks for being such a good sport, dressing up as the famous Cat and reading to us while we enjoyed our favorite breakfast – Green Eggs & Ham!
- ❖ **Mr. Jacobs** – and one more shout out for the RED & White hair... as promised in support of student's amazing raffle ticket sales.

SCHOOL HOUSE ROCKS

TOMORROW – NEED PERMISSION

SLIPS & \$1 DONATION ☺ *The Mariposa*

County Unified School District with support from Mariposa Kids First Organization is excited to provide the opportunity for all elementary students in the district to

CALIFORNIA HEALTHY KIDS SURVEYS – PARENT CLIMATE SURVEYS

The purpose of the survey is to obtain parent perceptions of student behavior and attitudes, school programs and policies, and the overall school climate as they relate to student well-being and learning. It deals with such issues as truancy, safety, harassment, substance use, school connectedness, and learning supports.

Your participation is voluntary. It is also very important. The information you provide will help guide the district and school efforts to promote safety, enhance learning supports, improve student achievement, and reduce health risks that stand as barriers to learning.

- This is an anonymous survey.
- All questions apply to this school only.
- The results are for the use of your district.

You can access the survey by following URL: <http://www.wested.org/parent>

Login: 6025068

Password: yvstksp

Thank you for taking this important survey, if you would like a hard copy please contact the office @ 372-4791.

COMMUNITY OPINION SURVEY *On Friday night, the following all-call message was sent to all parents in the District:*

This is a message from Mariposa County Superintendent of Schools, Aaron Rosander. As you are no doubt aware, California's public schools are in a fiscal crisis. Our school district is grappling with the very real possibility that our budget will suffer an additional reduction of approximately \$2 million for the next school year. Closing such a significant gap between our income and our expenditures will likely require some very large changes to our current structure, up to and possibly including additional school consolidations.

In consideration of all the various possible changes, the Board of Trustees is very interested in hearing our community's views on which options should be pursued. As such, we would like to invite you to participate in a brief online survey. Please visit our website at www.mariposa.k12.ca.us, and look for the Community Opinion Survey information under News. If you do not have internet access, but want to participate in the survey, a hard copy may be obtained from any school site.

By working together, we are confident that we can design a dynamic and powerful school system, for next year and beyond. Please be a part of this important process by participating in this survey. Thank you.