

The Badger



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- 5/16 Collaboration Day
- 5/17 Valley Power Outage Scheduled 7am-3pm
- 5/23 Collaboration Day
- 5/25 SC Hippie Day
- 5/28 Memorial Day Holiday – No School
- 5/30 Collaboration Day, PTG 5:30pm
- 5/31 Shoreline Concert & BBQ**
- 6/1 SC Dress as Favorite Star Day
- 6/2 8th Grade Graduation 5pm
- 6/4 Exhibit Day 5-6:30pm
- 6/5 K-7 promotion, Last Day of School ☺
- Have a safe and fun Summer Vacation!*
- 8/22 First Day of School – 2012-13

THANK YOU

- ❖ **Mrs. Carlson** for helping in the office.
- ❖ **DNC** for their donation that makes the Cinco event possible.
- ❖ **All Cinco volunteers** including **Bill Fontana & Janis Kunz** who were the “point” people for this event.
- ❖ **Teachers** including **Mrs. Tiner** who worked with students on their Cinco music. And of course a shout out to the **Students** – Good Job!
- ❖ **Mrs. Smith** who worked to get the kids Cinco – Attired.
- ❖ **Yosemite Rotary & Lions Clubs** for once again sponsoring the Shoreline BBQ event.
- ❖ **Deb Strazi** for her continued help with the Boxtops 4 Education.
- ❖ **Stephanie Hance, Julaine Cornforth, Peg Lyle & Ceci Archer** for serving on this year’s PTG Board. We would also like to thank **Cathy DeCecco** who joins us as our staff representative.
- ❖ **Steve Yu** for bringing the CrossFit Tire Flip to our attention and creating an opportunity for both fitness awareness and fundraising to YVS.
- ❖ **All those who helped and participated** in our Flippin’ for Teachers fundraiser.

A BIG SHOUT-OUT TO OUR TEACHERS! Last week was Teacher

Appreciation! And we just wanted to say a public thank you to our spectacular staff. Being a successful teacher in this day and age is no easy task, being a successful teacher of a multi-graded classroom is just shy of being a miracle worker! And we are lucky enough to have a whole staff full of these amazing people who have found a way to juggle the load while making it fun and interesting for your children. Thank you so much Mrs. DeCecco, Mrs. Lyle, Mrs. Soria, Ms Fulhorst and Mrs. Smith for all you do!

SCHEDULED POWER OUTAGE

THURSDAY There will be a PG&E power outage Thursday, May 17th from 7am-3pm and while this poses a slight inconvenience, classes will proceed as scheduled.

EXHIBIT DAY & GRADUATION

HAVE MOVED Just a friendly notice that Exhibit Day has moved to June 4th to give students a bit more time to prepare... Also we have had to adjust the Graduation Day schedule. 8th Grade Graduation will now take place on Saturday the 2nd at 5pm.

AR READING Just a friendly reminder that we are still monitoring AR reading progress and with the extra reading opportunities in the last couple of weeks what with testing there is no reason for anyone to be behind at this point. Having said that there were a handful of students who returned to school today to find that they are going to be reading at recess time, not a fun way to spend the last weeks of school... so ask your child and if possible/necessary help them find the time to reach their goal... we are in week 5.

SUMMER DRESS Yes, indeed it is warming up and it is absolutely lovely outside. However, students need to be reminded that we are still in school and dress code still applies – here at YVS that translates to shoulder straps that are at least two adult finger widths apart – don’t try to grab a kinder... “adult fingers” & closed- toe shoes compete with a strap around the heel. Thank you

PARENT – TEACHER – GROUP

NEXT MEETING DATE: Wednesday, May 30th, 5:30pm

SHORELINE BBQ CONCERT

FUNDRAISER Coming up, on May 31st, is our annual end of the year get together. We are lucky enough to have the Yosemite Rotary & Lions Clubs sponsor this event which allows us to really just sit back and enjoy each others company for an evening while enjoying a wonderful dinner and the music of some JAZZY middle schoolers. The Shoreline Middle School Jazz Band is an award-winning group that we have been

lucky enough to enjoy as we have been added to their "spring tour" for the past many years.

Dinner this year is the same as last year –YUM- tri-tip/chicken (Portabellas are the veggie option – need to be pre-ordered), side salads, dessert and drink all for just \$15 adult, \$7 child, or family of 4 \$40. There will also be a raffle, tickets \$1 each or \$10/12, prizes include dinner at Wawona or \$50 in DNC gift certificates. Pre-sales forms will come home soon, we highly suggest you get your tickets ahead of time, this was a VERY popular event last year.

CINCO WRAP UP Thank you again to all who worked on the Cinco Fundraiser, it looks like it was a success. Over \$2800 was raised, this is \$800 over last year – always our goal – to do just a little bit better. The kids all looked and sounded great! And it was a fantastic day – what more is there☺.

TIRE FLIP WRAP UP Well, the fun and flippin' are over, and it is safe to say a *good/healthy time was had by all*. We would like to thank all who participated, to the PTG for the fantastic T-shirts and to Mr. Yu and his CrossFit team for showing us "how it is done". To date over \$1000 has been raised so far by community members!

Just a couple of reminders as we bring this fundraiser to a close:

- Participants have until May 25th to collect their lap pledges and get them turned in – the sooner the better.
- Please make checks payable to Yosemite Valley PTG.

If you have any questions please contact the office.

FACEBOOK & RAZOO: What follows is part of an email that went home over spring break:

We are very excited to let you know of a few of the wonderful things our PTG have been working on in the past few months/weeks:

<http://www.razoo.com/story/Save-Our-Teachers>

http://www.razoo.com/story/Yosemite-Elementary-School-Parent-Teacher-Group?referral_code=share

This is a new online fundraiser to reach people nationwide! Making it easier for those family members that live out of town, would like to donate, but do not want to send money through the mail... this makes it perfect. We have a goal of 30,000.00 and hoping to break it so please send the link out to as many people that might be interested. Let's try and keep our school K-6! Every little bit helps!

We also have more great news! We have an improved facebook page with some great pictures and video! Come check us out and like us! <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofYosemiteValleySchool>

We would really like to thank Julaine Cornforth and Cathy DeCecco who have taken the "reins" with this project... ultimately we hope that by reaching more people nationwide...webwide... we will not only have the opportunity to raise more funds, but in time take the burden away from our immediate community.

PAINLESS FUNDRAISING

WAYS THAT YOU CAN HELP EVERYDAY

RALEY'S QUALITY OF LIFE CARD:

Basically when you shop at Raley's, Nob Hill, or Bel Air grocery stores a donation is made to our school, 1-4% on a tiered scale...but if you are shopping there anyway, every little bit helps. Let us know if you need more, perhaps to hand out to family.

BOX TOPS 4 EDUCATION:

There are two ways to win with this one. First, collect the little "Box Top" coupons off of your favorite General Mills products and have your children turn them in at school. We get 10 cents per top and that does add up. Second, a percentage of your internet shopping can be designated for YVS. This is a great program especially for those of us who do so much of our shopping on-line. Here are the basics: Go to www.boxtops4education.com Click "sign up for booster club: Enter all required fields and click continue. Enter our zip code (**95389**) and you are officially registered. In order to credit our school when you shop, start at boxtops4education.com, click on "shop", and go to the store where you want to shop. There are over 200 retailers to choose from. You order and pay as you would with any online store, and we get credited for it. It's as simple as that.

TARGET: If you have a Target Visa card you can designate YVS to receive a percentage of all your purchases.

WASHINGTON MUTUAL: We also receive a check annually from Washington Mutual who runs the same kind of program as Target. So if you are banking through them ask about designating YVS as your "beneficiary".

COMPUTER INK CARTRIGES: If you bring your used computer ink cartridges to school, we can recycle them for cash. Please contact school for list of applicable cartridges.

e SCRIP: eScrip is an online service which provides a hassle –free way for schools to raise funds through everyday purchases made at eScrip merchants (go to the website for a complete list). eScrip and merchant partners have created a system that rewards customer loyalty by contributing a percentage of purchases made with eScrip merchants to our school. Simple registration: Log on to www.eScrip.com and go to "sign-up". Designate Yosemite Valley School to receive contributions. Our school ID number is **6590341**. Choose your level of support: Level one- register your Vons Club or Safeway Club cards. Level two- also register your credit and debit cards.

ONE CAUSE: OneCause promises socially-conscious consumers they can support their chosen cause through simple shopping that will result in doing good with every purchase. Cause Something Good.™ Simply go to the following website, register to get a sign-on and then you just go through the website when you do your online shopping. You don't register your credit cards and a percentage of every purchase (varies with each store) is donated to the school. Check it out – every little bit helps. <http://www.onecause.com/>

LABELS FOR EDUCATION: We are also collecting labels – participating products include: Campbell's Soups, Glad, Pop Secret, Dannon Yogurts... check out the website for more products @ <http://www.labelsforeducation.com>