

# The Badger

May 17, 2011



Yosemite National Park Valley School  
A California Distinguished School  
P O Box 485, Yosemite National Park CA 95389  
Catherine Soria, Principal 209.372.4791 Csoria@mariposa.k12.ca.us

Mariposa County Unified School District  
<http://yosemitevalleyschool.weebly.com>

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- 5/18 Collaboration Day – Early Dismissal – All students  
Kinder visit
- 5/19 MCUSD Board Meeting in Mariposa
- 5/20 Le Conte Memorial Program – 1:30pm
- 5/23 Project Pluton
- 5/25 Collaboration Day – Early Dismissal/Art
- 5/26 Shoreline Concert & End of School BBQ Fundraiser
- 5/30 Memorial Day Holiday - No School
- 6/1 Collaboration Day – Early Dismissal/Art Spring Plays
- 6/3 End of Third Trimester  
All Library Books Due
- 6/6-8 Book Fair
- 6/7 Exhibit Day 5-6:30pm
- 6/8 Collaboration Day – 12:30pm Dismissal
- 6/9 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation 5:30pm
- 6/10 Last Day – Promotion Ceremony & Lunch -12:30 Dismissal All Students

everyone to sell tickets to co-workers and neighbors – the family with the most ticket sales will win a prize!

**MRS. SORIA REPORTS** The School Board voted to consolidate the Cathey's Valley and Coulterville Greely Hill schools after four board meetings where parents and community members made impassioned pleas about retaining their schools. The budget crisis has really affected our school district and county. Still no news about the staffing level for our small school. The next School Board meeting is scheduled for this Thursday, June 17, 5:15 pm at the Board Room.

Please contact your state representatives to tell them how important it is to restore funding to our schools.

### Assembly Member Kristin Olsen

#### Capitol Address

State Capitol, 2111  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
**Phone:** 916-319-2025  
**Fax:** 916-319-2125

### Senator Thomas C. 'Tom' Berryhill

#### Capitol Address

State Capitol, Room 3076  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
**Phone:** 916-651-4014  
**Fax:** 916-327-3523

### 12:30PM DISMISSAL TOMORROW –

**ALL STUDENTS** Both Mrs. Soria and Smith are attending an art conference in Sacramento today and tomorrow so there will be no art on Wednesday, all students will be dismissed at 12:30pm.

### LE CONTE MEMORIAL ANNUAL SCHOOL PROGRAM THIS FRIDAY

Students from the K-2 classroom will be performing this Friday at the LeConte Memorial. If you join them you will be treated to *The Conservation Show – The Three Little Pigs Save Water And Energy*. This fun-for-all performance is scheduled to begin at 1:30pm

### BOOK FAIR VOLUNTEERS

We are currently looking for volunteers to help set up and run the upcoming book fair. Set up will probably take place either Wednesday/Thursday the week before and then the book fair will run the 30 minutes before and after school as well as during Exhibit Day. Please contact the office if you are interested.

### INTER / INTRA DISTRICT

**TRANSFERS (THIS IS FOR OUR EL PORTAL PARENTS - - - WAWONA & YOSEMITE**

## THANK YOU

- ✦ **David Pye, Aimee Padua, Peggy Lyle and Catherine Soria** for being elected to serve as the PTG board members for the upcoming school year.
- ✦ **Brett Archer** for agreeing to print tickets and get the Lion's Club involved with our last fundraiser—the *End of School Barbeque*. Also for donating one of his fabulous prints as a prize for the family who sells the most pre-sales tickets for the BBQ.

## **NEXT THURSDAY – MAY 26<sup>TH</sup> END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR BARBEQUE AND CONCERT UNDER THE FALLS.**

Parents please set this date aside, invite all your friends and neighbors to come and enjoy the music and food! With all your enthusiasm and a little bit of extra effort we can make the most out of this opportunity to raise money to perhaps hire more teaching staff for next year.

**PREPARE FOR PRESALES** Pre-sales tickets will come home, hopefully by the end of the week, we encourage

## **WEST ARE CONSIDERED OUR "HOME" AREA)**

"Parents interested in renewing or requesting an interdistrict or intradistrict transfer, please request the required paperwork from Educational Services Department @ 742-0215. Requests will be processed by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month following receipt."

## **WE HAVE APPLICATIONS FOR YOSEMITE IS OUR BACKYARD**

For ages 7-11 and 12-15. Day hikes will begin each day at 8:45 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. plus a cookout and campfire at Crane Flat for the 7-11 year olds and an overnight at the historic Crane Flat campus for the 12-15 year olds! Cost: \$180.00, Dates: June 13-17, 2011. \*To keep the cost of the program as low as we can, one volunteer parent chaperone is needed for each hiking group each day, plus one to spend the night at Crane Flat with the older student group. There is no cost for chaperones. Adults who chaperone 2-5 days can bring one child at 1/2 price for more information & registration forms, call Yosemite Institute at 209-379-9511 or YVS.

## **CAMP TWEETY REGISTRATION**

Mariposa County 4-H Youth Development Program invites all 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade children to come join the fun at Camp Tweety that is scheduled for June 18-June 20, 2011 at Lions Camp Pacifica in Ahwahnee. Youth need to be age 9 by December 31, 2010. 4-H members and friends from Mariposa and surrounding counties are invited. The fee includes two nights lodging, (7) meals, snacks, materials, and a camp souvenir. Registration fees are as follows:

Registration fee postmarked by June 3, 2011 is \$80 for 4-Hers and \$95 (includes \$15 insurance fee) for non-4Hers. After this date, a \$5 late fee will be added on. Registration forms are available at 4-H club meetings, the UCCE Office and on-line at [http://cemariposa.ucdavis.edu/4-H/Program/Camp\\_Tweety.htm](http://cemariposa.ucdavis.edu/4-H/Program/Camp_Tweety.htm) Contact Donna Wice, 4-H Coordinator, at 209 966-4829 for more information or registration form.

**WALK FOR WISHES** The Greater Bay Area Make-A-Wish Foundation® grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength, and joy.

Leah Carlson has been nominated to receive a wish, when her treatments are complete. Zachary Smith, an alumnus of YVS received a wish in 2006.

Make a Wish functions solely on donations; you can help support Leah and honor Zach by making a donation or joining us for the walk on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

Please visit [walkforwishes.org](http://walkforwishes.org) and search for **Team Tutok**. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

Patti & Leah Carlson, as well as, Laurie and Rachel Smith are participating in the Walk for Wishes on June 4th! We have attached a flier with more information. If you wish to donate to our team, please visit the link below.

<http://www.walkforwishesbayarea.org/faf/donorReg/donorPledge.asp?ievent=438019&lis=0&kntae438019=703553D6AE2F4461959D7404C17B17DA>

## **ALL – COMERS TRACK MEET THIS**

**WEEKEND** The All-Comers Track & Field Meet sponsored by the MCHS Track & Field team has been rescheduled for May 21.

The All Comers Meet at Mariposa High is an opportunity for our students to get some exposure to a formal track meet. The students can sign up for a number of events for a fee. Prior to the event the track team will instruct them in proper technique. The can learn about the long jump, triple jump, 1 x 100, and 1x 400 relays, high jump and the one mile and 2 mile runs. It would be nice to have a relay team from the school. The Event is on May 21 at 8am. I will be attending with Leah and will be happy to take students from El Portal to Mariposa if any students want to join us. If I can answer any questions please call me *Patti Carlson at 379-2378*.

**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.**