

The Badger

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- 11/17 Collaboration Day – Early Dismissal/Art
- 11/19 End of First Trimester
- 11/20 Turkey Trot 1K & Fundraiser – see article
- 11/23 **Thanksgiving Day Family Brunch**
Minimum Day - 12:30 pm dismissal
- 11/24 Non-school Day
- 11-25 & 26 Thanksgiving Break
- 11/29 Report Cards come home
- 11/30 PTG Meeting
- 12/1 Collaboration Day – Early Dismissal/Art
- 12/3 Curry Village Craft Bazaar & Village Store Holiday Party
- 12/8 Collaboration Day – Early Dismissal/Art
- 12/15 Collaboration Day – Early Dismissal/Art
- 12/16 Winter Program – 6pm
- 12/17/2010 – 1/2/2011 Winter Break**
- 1/3 School Resumes!
- 1/5 First Ski Day – Tentative
- 1/19 Second Ski Day – Tentative
- 2/2 Third Ski Day – Tentative
- 2/16 Fourth Ski Day – Tentative
- 3/2 Final Ski Day – Tentative

THANK YOU

✦ Dear Parents, YVS Staff and Students,

Thank you for all your help and support for the Fall Frolic this past Saturday. Thanks to all that worked on the pre event preparations, donation items, day of set up, serving, ticket sales, busing tables, clean up and getting the word out.

It would not have been a success without your help. Thank you for caring and participating in our first fundraiser of the school year. You raised just over 5K!!!

If anyone has any comments or suggestions how to improve for next year I would love the feedback.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next PTG meeting on Tuesday, November 30th at 5:30 pm!

*Thank you,
Janis Kunz*

PTG V.P. & Fall Frolic Coordinator

✦ And we would like to thank Janis Kunz for “taking the reins” on this one. Fantastic Job!

FALL FROLIC A HUGE SUCCESS!

The unofficial word on the street is that close to \$5000 was raised on Saturday night. That is meeting our goal and exceeding last year's profit by \$1500. There was quite a difference from last year, most often mentioned was the positive energy felt by our group of volunteers. Can it be that when we all pull together we can not only achieve our goals, but have a fine time as well? We think we have proven this true – without a doubt. Thank you everyone and great job!

END OF TRIMESTER FRIDAY

This Friday, November 19 is the end of the first trimester of school at YVS. Students should have all their work for the first trimester completed by then. Teachers will complete report cards and send them home on Monday, November 29th after our Thanksgiving Break.

YVS report cards will have a different look this year. In an effort to update report cards the district has enabled teachers to use our online attendance program to record grades and progress on standards. The only change from our regular report cards is that they are being generated by computer and will look different. The next step in updating reports cards will be revising the promotions standards, which is scheduled to happen next year.

THANKSGIVING WEEK SCHEDULE

Tuesday will be a minimum day with all students dismissed at 12:30pm. We will not be returning to school until the following Monday, November 29th. We hope you will all enjoy this “extended” holiday schedule.

THANKSGIVING FAMILY BRUNCH

– **11AM TUESDAY** Once again our students will be preparing a brunch for their parents to celebrate this season of thanks. We are asking for donations of juice or sausages to help us along. If you are able to make a donation please contact the office so that we can take this into consideration when we do our shopping. Donations should be delivered to the school no later than Monday. Thank you and please plan to join us next Tuesday, November 23rd at 11am.

1ST ANNUAL TURKEY TROT

1K walk or run on Saturday, November 20th from 2:00 pm - \$10 Registration fee supports school of your choice (pick YVS) and includes a free T-shirt with each registration fee. Meet at 5081 Jones St. (across from county courthouse) in Mariposa. This event sponsored by Mariposa Martial Arts Academy & Mariposa School District. For more information call Angie Bond at 209 742-4501

OLLIE THE OCTOPUS Thanks to the generosity of our Parent Teacher Group YVS children will be using parachutes to “throw” a giant blue octopus into

the air and across the volleyball net. We were all thrilled when Ollie arrived and as he slowly took shape after at least an hour of pumping air into his body. This is the most spectacular of the PE equipment that the PTG has provided for our children to use. Mrs. Gabriel is coaching all the students in volleyball techniques using our new volleyballs. She also does some cross fit weight lifting routines with the new weights we have. Our FABBB program changes every day and we hope that is keeping the program lively and the children engaged and active.

CAN WE WEAR SLIPPERS AT SCHOOL?

You Betcha! And it is getting to be that time of year. Here at YVS we enjoy some rather remarkable things with the change of the seasons... the rutting deer, the falling leaves, the dripping sap, and soon, the rain and inevitable snow which brings with it wet snow gear and boots. So as most of you know we make room in our cubbies for students to bring (and leave) a pair of slippers so that we can leave our wet footwear away from our carpets. We ask that these slippers are the kinds with the rubber soles to protect their feet from possible injury. Students are not allowed to wear just socks or walk around bare-footed.

AND WHILE WE ARE AT IT – WINTER RECESS

Another seasonal event here at YVS is snow play. Outdoor recess is very important to the mental health of students and staff alike... everyone needs a little break... so we have a sun or snow policy.

- If it is raining, we stay indoors – there is just no way to stay dry in that.
- If it is actively snowing, students may be given a choice as to whether they want to play indoors or outdoors, depending on the intensity of the weather – see dress code below.
- Clear days, even if there is 2inches or 2feet of snow on the ground if the weather is clear, students will go outside for recess.

Students should always come to school prepared for outdoor recess because nature has a way of having little windows of clear weather in most storms enabling us to take advantage of some fresh air – outdoor – play.

AND THEN THERE IS... DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER

Already we are reminding students to wear some kind of outergear for recess...it is cold! But wetter weather brings a whole set of guidelines to the “table”. Please keep in mind this is to help keep your children and our school environment warm and dry so we are not distracted from the business of learning when recess time is over.

- Rubber soled slippers – great warm toes fun!
- To play in the snow – no matter how much is on the ground... students must have water repellent snow gear that can be removed for classroom time (pants or bibs, jacket with hood and/or hat), water resistant gloves – no knitted mittens in the snow, water resistant snow boots. Basically students must be covered head to toe in snow gear.
- We do have a small collection of gloves here at school so sometimes we can help with that... we really do try to make sure everyone gets a chance to play out in the snow.

- If it is a clear day and students don't have all appropriate snow gear they are unfortunately limited to standing in our covered porch area in front of the door... it can be very sad and boring and breaks our hearts to see so lets try to all work together to get the kids geared up for winter play.

Maybe stop by the school rummage sale next weekend – see flyer to pick up some extra snow gear!

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 will include one of the following: Deli sandwich & chips, grilled chicken wrap, or taco salad.

Breakfast costs \$1.50

Lunch costs \$2.50

If you would like to order meals for your child(ren) please send a note detailing which meals for which days as well as payment to Ceci by 9 am Friday of the week before, thank you.