

# The Badger

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- 11/23 Thanksgiving Feast, Collaboration Day
- 11/24-25 Thanksgiving Holiday – No School
- 11/30 Collaboration Day
- 12/2 Craft Bazaar @ CV
- 12/7 Collaboration Day  
PTG meeting 5:30pm
- 12/14 Collaboration Day
- 12/21 Collaboration Day, Winter Program
- 12/22 End First Semester 7-8<sup>th</sup> grades
- 12/23-1/6 Winter Break – enjoy
- 1/9 School Resumes
- 1/11 Tentative Ski Day
- 1/16 Martin Luther King Day – No School
- 1/18 Collaboration Day
- 1/25 Tentative Ski Day
- 2/8 Tentative Ski Day
- 2/29 Tentative Ski Day
- 3/21 Tentative Ski Day

## THANK YOU

- ❖ To all who volunteered & supported the Frolic, it was a **FANTASTIC** event.
- ❖ **DNC** for their generous donation of the Frolic meal and venue, as well as many of the raffle/auction prizes, the **Curry Village Staff** – what a wonderful job and meal, and our MC's (who thought it was a good idea to give these men a microphone???) **Mr. Archer & Mr. Jacobs!**
- ❖ And finally a **BIG** thanks to **Janis Kunz** who spearheaded this event.
- ❖ To **Yosemite Institute/Naturebridge** for continuing to put on fantastic field experiences for Yosemite and El Portal students.
- ❖ **Mrs. Archer** for all her efforts toward our AR program
- ❖ **Mrs. Soria** for making our white boards so much whiter.
- ❖ **Joy Small** for volunteering in class.

**THE BADGER COMES HOME** Please see the article below... I decided to send the Badger home this week to be sure everyone receives the ski information as stated in the article below. Keep in mind that I am rather saddened by the tree that had to be sacrificed...*Mrs. Archer*

## STATE OF THE DISTRICT LETTER

You will also find attached to this Badger a message from the Office of the Superintendent. Please take the time to read this as it offers important information about ongoing developments in education. Thank you

## SKI DAYS – WE NEED TO KNOW

**ABOUT VOLUNTEERS!** We were just barely able to keep the program running last year with the amount of volunteers that we had... we need to know asap who will be available to help this year so that we can try to create a program that keeps us "in business" it is for this reason that we are sending home the volunteer portion of our ski packet today. Please look it over and return it asap. Thank you

## A THANKSGIVING MESSAGE

This week at school the teachers and the students have been preparing a meal to share with the families of our school community. This is a time where a special American tradition is enjoyed across our country. Extra efforts are made to join with friends and families to make and enjoy traditional foods. While it is a time to be grateful and acknowledge our abundance it is also a time to remember those in need and a time to honor those who are away from home serving in harm's way.

We are so grateful for such a warm and embracing school community that can come together for a special feast, prepared by our children, for all of us to enjoy.

We hope you will have a wonderful Thanksgiving with your friends and families from all of us at YVS who are so grateful for the opportunity to be part of your children's lives.

**A SUCCESSFUL FROLIC** At first glance it looks like we have made just over \$7800! WOW! We cannot recall coming even close to that number in the past 10 years – Well Done! There were quite a few of our local families there, thank you so much for making this a priority, it is exactly this kind of participation we need to see with all our fundraisers if we are going to meet our goals this year – thank you so much! And keeping that in mind we move on to the next big thing....

## ONE CAUSE – AN EASY WAY TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

Mr. Jacobs has found a timely, painless way to support our school during the upcoming shopping season. 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/>

**PTG NEEDS A NEW VP** We know there were several of you who were really “bummed” not to be able to serve on the PTG board ☺ now is your chance... unfortunately we are going to be saying goodbye to the Gabriel family as they will be relocating to Montana. Stephanie Hance will be stepping into the President position left vacant by Mrs. Gabriel so we are on the lookout for a new Vice President! If you are interested please contact the office or one of the other board members. Thank you

**PROJECT PLUTON** Last Monday was our November Project Pluton trip. We got to go to the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias located at the very south end of our park. After a twisty ride down highway 41 we arrived in the groves parking lot. One cool thing about this grove (the biggest of the three in our park) is that you can see giant trees right away in the parking lot. As we hiked we saw more and more trees, we even saw the Grizzly Giant, the largest tree in Yosemite. This tree is thought to be over 2000 years old! As usual we were divided into hiking groups, my group and one other played a game that taught us adaptations animals use when there is cold weather. After playing games and eating lunch we got to walk through the Californian tunnel tree (cars used to drive through this before they got so big). Lunch was really fun because we got to tell each other about our Halloween costumes and do skits. The November Pluton was one of the best so far. We are certainly grateful to Natural Bridges (YI) for letting us be part of this program! *Submitted by Serra Webber*

**LUNCH PROGRAM** Once again YVS will be offering lunches through the District program, however, this year there will only be a cold option which may include sandwiches, yogurt or salads – there will be no hot meals served.

**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 noon on Thursday.*

*Orders are placed for Tuesday thru the following Monday.*