

The Badger

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- 11/30 RN Visit
PTG Meeting 5:30pm
- 12/1 Collaboration Day – Early Dismissal/Art
- 12/3 Report Cards come home
Curry Village Craft Bazaar &
Village Store Holiday Party &
Scotland Trip Dinner Fundraiser
- 12/8 Collaboration Day – Early Dismissal/Art
- 12/10 Last day for ski day paperwork
- 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
- 2/23 Fourth Ski Day – Tentative
- 3/9 Final Ski Day – Tentative

THANK YOU

- ✦ All the friends and family members who came to our Thanksgiving Brunch and made it such a festive event!
- ✦ All the students (and their teachers) for the wonderful food you prepared for all of us to eat at the Brunch!
- ✦ To the anonymous-whomever-you-are who has “taken up the shovel” to help with clearing and/or widening our snowy path... it is very much appreciated!
- ✦ Laura Avedisian and Allie – first to get the ski-day paperwork in! Woo-hoo!

PTG MEETING TONIGHT – 5:30PM!

We hope you will join us as we prepare for the upcoming holiday events, and make a decision about what to do with our “Cinco” fundraiser (we will not be in school). As always this is a potluck, so please bring a dish to share and childcare will be provided.

REPORT CARDS GO HOME FRIDAY

We had inadvertently published the incorrect date for sending report cards home. Our new electronically produced report cards will be printed and sent home on Friday, December 3. Please feel free to contact your child(ren)’s teacher if you have any questions about report cards.

Cdececco@mariposa.k12.ca.us

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Cmackin@mariposa.k12.ca.us

WELCOME BACK SERRA We are very excited to have Miss Webber back among her friends and schoolmates. She is “testing the waters”, possibly leaving early some days as she continues with her recuperation. She is in a wheelchair as she is still unable to put weight on her leg/pelvis – doctor’s orders, but otherwise looks great and appears to be the same Serra we have all grown accustomed to. Congratulations to her family on getting this far! Our thoughts are with you as always.

SKI DAY PACKETS – MUST RETURN BY FRIDAY

Ski-day packets came home last week. At the beginning of the packet is a list of forms to be returned (there are many). Please take the time to completely and thoroughly read through the packet as well as fill out the paperwork. As always we need volunteers to run this program so please help if you can and also help spread the word. Extra volunteer packets are also available in the office; please let us know if we can send some home for you to pass along. If you have any questions about the program please feel free to contact Mrs. Archer. We are starting the week we get back from break so it is even more important for paperwork and payment to come back no later than December 10th. Thank you

COMPOSTING A SUCCESS AT YVS

We filled up four composting trash bags at our Brunch—that means all the scraps from preparation and all the scraps from the plates. Just think last year all that great compostable trash went straight into the trash. Good job YVS family!

SCOTLAND FUNDRAISER DINNER

There will be a “to-go” dinner provided by the students who are planning a spring trip to visit the birthplace of John Muir this spring. The menu will include shredded chicken, shredded beef or veggie burritos and/or pozole and will be available at the Village Store Holiday Party on Friday, December 3rd from 5-7pm.

FABBB AND INDOOR FOOTWEAR

Isn’t the snow beautiful and isn’t it cold, burrrrr! Lots of children came prepared for the snow today and lots of children brought slippers so they could change out of their snow boots for class. However several children did not have proper footwear for our PE program, FABBB. Slippers that do not have rubber soles are way too slippery. Children who had to wear their snow boots inside couldn’t get to the volley ball fast enough when it came their way. Students need to have either a pair of rubber-soled slippers or sneakers to change into for being inside on these snowy days.

WINTER PROGRAM – THURSDAY

DECEMBER 16TH AT 6PM Everyone is cordially invited to attend our annual Winter Program next Thursday. Bring your friends and neighbors to enjoy the festivities, our children love an audience! The students have been diligently practicing and a good time should be had by all. A short reception with finger foods provided by you, our families, to follow the performance.

WINTER PROGRAM GOODIES It is our tradition to spend just a short bit of time after our program to enjoy each others company over some wonderful holiday treats. We ask all our families to donate a dish of finger foods (no utensils). Look for the sign-up sheet next week. The parent group as always, will provide drinks.

SKI DAY VOLUNTEERS We are on the lookout for ski day volunteers. If you or someone you know can help us out please do not hesitate to call the school (372-4791) so we can have a chat about what is needed. Also DNC has once again graciously offered to give an additional lift ticket to be utilized at a later date for our instructor volunteers –nontransferable.

BOXTOPS 4 EDUCATION We are still collecting Boxtops and will continue to do so throughout the year. Students can bring them into the office for collection. Submissions are made twice a year and it looks like the last submission that was turned in netted the school \$105. We would also like to thank Deb Strazi for collecting and submitting.

HANDICAPPED PARKING We would like to remind you that we now have a “handicapped” student – welcome back Serra! So please be mindful of the handicapped parking space especially during pick-up/drop off times. Keeping that area clear will be helpful to maneuvering that wheelchair around in the snow.

SCHOOL BOARD VACANCY The Mariposa County Unified School District/County Office of Education is seeking candidates to fill the vacancy on the organization’s Board of Trustees, representing District 1. Interested candidates must reside within District 1.

Members of the Board of Trustees are elected at large and are responsible for establishing a long-term vision for the school district; adoption of policy, curriculum, the budget and collective bargaining agreements; ensuring accountability to the public, including personnel, programmatic and fiscal accountability; and providing community leadership and advocacy at the local, state and national levels on behalf of children, district programs and public education. A qualified candidate would be one with a desire to ensure a quality education for all students of Mariposa County. The successful candidate will be selected by the Board of Trustees following an oral interview in an open session meeting.

Regular meetings of the Board of Trustees are normally held the third Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the District Office in Mariposa. Special meetings are called as needed and may be scheduled during the day or evening.

Interested residents of District 1 are encouraged to contact the School District Office at 5082 Old Highway North, P.O. Box 8, Mariposa, CA 95338, (209) 742-0250 for further information. The deadline to submit a letter of interest and resume is Friday, December 10, 2010. In

your letter of interest, please respond to the following two questions:

1. Why do you want to be a Board member?
2. What are the major goals that you would like to work towards accomplishing as a member of the Board?

To clarify, this is the position that will be left empty when Janette Gamble steps down.

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.