

# The Badger

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

10/25 Lifetouch class photo  
10/26 Collaboration Day – 12:30pm dismissal  
10/28 End first Trimester K-6<sup>th</sup> grades  
School Spirit Animal Day  
10/31 Halloween Parade  
11/2 Collaboration Day  
PTG meeting – 5:30pm  
11/9 Collaboration Day  
11/11 Veteran's Day - Holiday  
**11/12 Fall Frolic**  
11/14 Project Pluton 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades  
11/16 Teacher Work Day – No students  
11/18 School Spirit Backwards Day  
11/23 Collaboration Day  
11/24-25 Thanksgiving Holiday  
11/30 Collaboration Day  
12/21 Winter Program  
1/11 Tentative Ski Day  
1/25 Tentative Ski Day  
2/8 Tentative Ski Day  
2/29 Tentative Ski Day

## THANK YOU

- ❖ **MCUSD** for bringing back our music program.
- ❖ The following families for prompt return of the Impact Aid (residential/workplace) surveys: **Small, Fontana, Woods, Carlson, Long, Archer, Blackwell, Yu, Cornforth, Lyle, Levine, Kearns, Lott, Marino & Evans.** If you have completed the survey and your name is not here please remind your child to turn it in ☺.
- ❖ **Moua** family for their "Frolic Family Fun Night donation".
- ❖ **Janis Kunz** for her continued work on the Fall Frolic.

**MRS. TINER IS BACK!** We are very excited to welcome back Mrs. Tiner to the staff line up. We enjoyed 2 sessions with her before the break where she spends the first 15-20 minutes with the K-2 class exploring the nature of music. She is then spending the remainder of her hour with 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> in a combined group. Mrs. Tiner has been teaching music for MCUSD for over 18 years (longer, elsewhere) and has so many wonderful ideas about where our music program will be going this year. Welcome Back!

## **FRIDAY STUDENT COUNCIL SPIRIT DAY – DRESS AS YOUR FAVORITE ANIMAL**

This Friday is the first Student Council Sponsored Spirit Day. The student council invites all to dress as your favorite animal. Please keep in mind costumes must meet dress code guidelines. Thank you and have fun.

**BOXTOPS DEADLINE – FRIDAY** Our fall/winter deadline for sending in General Mills BoxTops4education is this Friday... Please get these turned in ASAP... and then keep on collecting as there will be another turn in date in the spring. Thanks

**HALLOWEEN PARADE** On Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> 2011, we will be having our annual Halloween parade. We will leave school promptly at 12:45pm. Students are allowed to bring in their costume and we will make our rounds around the DNC offices. This has become a fun and treasured tradition. A few things to remember:

- 1.) Please send your child's costume into school that day clearly labeled with your child's name.
- 2.) Please ensure that the costume is not too scary! (No blood please).
- 3.) Don't forget a bag (name labeled, please) to collect all the generous offerings we receive from the offices that we visit.
- 4.) If you would like to come help put your student in their costume, you should be at school around 12:20pm.
- 5.) If you would like your child to be signed out to you – you must meet us at the end of the route to sign paperwork, all other children will return to school for 3pm dismissal.

Thank you for your support in this exciting community event.

**IMPACT AID SURVEYS** Prior to the break every family received a residential/workplace survey. The bottom line is that our district receives compensation for students of families are connected with Federal Properties – that is us to a "T". If we have not received your survey, please return it to the office asap. Second copies will be sent out this week if we don't hear from you. Thank you

**HULA** Once again Mrs. Smith is offering Hawaiian dance (K-3) and Culture (4-8) classes. Flyers went home before break but you can contact Mrs. Smith at 925 787-8477 for more info and to register. Classes will be held at YVS on Tuesdays and at EP on Thursdays beginning today.

**SKI DAYS** We wanted to let you know of our tentative upcoming ski days so that you can get them on your calendar. January 11 & 25, February 8 & 29, and

finally March 21<sup>st</sup>. We hope that folks will start planning for participation this year... This is a wonderful program for our students but it does take a lot of commitment from you, our families. Please plan ahead so that you can help make this year's ski day program a success. Our students depend on you.

## **LIBRARY NEWS – COMPLETION OF**

**1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION** So exciting! We are thrilled to announce that we had 90% of our students (whole school – k-8<sup>th</sup> grades) meet their first session goals. And for those who didn't quite make it – they came very close, we know they will get there this session. And so yes, we have begun the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading session and are really talking to students about not getting behind, doing their assigned reading homework every night and quizzing carefully. We are hoping to beat this session's numbers next time. Congrats to all and Thanks for your participation.

## **PTG MEETING NEXT WEDNESDAY**

– **5:30PM** Hope to see you here!

**FALL FROLIC** Please mark your calendars for Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. This is the date set aside for our biggest fundraiser of the year, The Fall Frolic. This is a dinner (generously provided by DNC) at Curry Village. This event usually incorporates a silent auction & raffle.

At this point the most important thing you can do is to set aside that weekend, we hold this event at a time when we can get more-bang-for-our-buck as this is a high visitation time for the park...however, if we don't have folks to staff the event we are out of luck. The sign-up sheet will be coming home soon.

## **FALL FROLIC FAMILY FUN**

**BASKET** in years past we have collected items from our families with a family fun night theme to be packaged as an item (s) for the silent auction, and these have proven to be very popular. New items may include: games, DVD's, movie passes, popcorn/snacks, & cards...get creative – what do you and your family like to do together? Donations may be dropped off at the office... Thanks

## **SLIPPERS AT SCHOOL**

- Only for snowy weather – the basic reason for allowing this change to dress code is to keep snowy boots from dropping puddles in the classroom.
- Slippers must have an actual rubber sole.
- Students need to be able to perform recess activities – so tennis shoes can be sent instead or should be left at school so students can change into them for recess activities.

## **SITE COUNCIL FORMING – WE NEED VOLUNTEERS**

The SITE Council at YVS is an important group as it reviews and revises our School Plan. Our School Plan covers topics like academic achievement goals, school climate and all the extra programs that are in place for students. State and Federal money for various programs is budgeted by the SITE Council. Even though our school receives a small amount of these monies we still needs goals in place in order to budget our allotments. The council consists of three staff members and three parents. If you are interested and would like to serve please call the school and let us know. If more than three parents want to serve we will have elections. *All parents are invited to attend meetings (3-5/year) even if they are not official SITE Council members.*

**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.***