



The Badger

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- 9/19 Collaboration Day – 12:30 dismissal
Constitution Day Activities
- 9/26 Facelift participation day
- 9/26-30 Facelift bake sale fundraiser
- 10/3 Picture Day
- 10/10 Collaboration Day – 12:30 dismissal
- 10/19 End of first grading period
- 10/24 Collaboration Day – 12:30 dismissal
- 10/31 Halloween Parade

- Board – in our vacant positions Steve Yu has been nominated for Treasurer & Heather Foster was nominated as VP. Thank you both!

FACELIFT BAKE SALE

VOLUNTEERS Please check out the sign-up sheets posted in the hallway by the office... we really need everyone's help to make this a success!

NEW OFFICE HOURS 7:30AM-

1:30PM Please be aware that after 1:30pm, the phone system will give you the option to leave a message for the office (to be answered the following day), or to be transferred to your teacher's classroom.

VOLUNTEERS Information went home in the handbooks about volunteering. The bottom line is...we need volunteers. It all starts with a TB test, once you have confirmation of a negative test you can bring that paperwork to Mrs. Archer with \$16 cash and exact change and we will get paperwork for you to get fingerprinted...

NEED LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS We could really use some help in the library shelving books, and keeping things generally tidy. If you can donate some time, please contact the office.

PICTURE DAY MOVED Lifetouch has re-scheduled our picture day for October 3rd. You can expect order forms to come home in a couple of weeks.

NPS INSPECTION TEAM We just wanted to let you know that at the direction of the Park Superintendent the NPS abatement team has been to the school to perform a pest management inspection and assessment of our building. And today we had a crew from the MCUSD maintenance department performing some rodent-proofing safeguarding...foam/sealing cracks and that sort of thing.

THANK YOU KIDS FIRST! Yosemite Valley teachers Cathy DeCecco, Patsy Fulhorst, and Peggy Lyle all received \$100 from Mariposa County Schools Foundation (Kids First) in order to purchase classroom materials and supplies. Thank you Kids First for your continued generous support!

THANK YOU

- **Parents** for your attendance at our Back-To-School night function.
- **Parents** who have begun the process of volunteer clearance – we really need you.
- **Parents** for returning all 1st day paperwork...we are good to go!
- **Steve Yu & Heather Foster** for volunteering to serve on PTG Board.
- **Jim Devlin** for helping to monitor children during PTG meeting.
- **Deb Strazi** for continuing as our BoxTops coordinator!

PROJECT PLUTON Unfortunately, we have been told that Project Pluton outings have been put on hold due to cut backs with the NatureBridge staff. We hope this set back will be short lived and we will be able to once again enjoy these trips.

PTG If you missed Wednesday's meeting, here are the highlights:

- Fundraising – There is a lot happening this year, next on the calendar is a bake sale that will happen during the Facelift. This raised over \$800 last year and we hope to do better. We need baked/savory items 9/26-30, please contact us if you can donate time or food for those mornings.

There is also a possibility of a food sales event on the 29th...we will let you know when we find out.

Next in line will be the Fall Frolic in November.

- Facebook – Do you know you can find us at *Friends of Yosemite Valley School...*

PAINLESS FUNDRAISING WAYS THAT YOU CAN HELP EVERYDAY

BOX TOPS 4 EDUCATION: There are two ways to win with this one. First, collect the little "Box Top" coupons off of your favorite General Mills products and have your children turn them in at school. We get 10 cents per top and that does add up. Second, a percentage of your internet shopping can be designated for YVS. This is a great program especially for those of us who do so much of our shopping on-line. Here are the basics: Go to www.boxtops4education.com Click "sign up for booster club: Enter all required fields and click continue. Enter our zip code (**95389**) and you are officially registered. In order to credit our school when you shop, start at boxtops4education.com, click on "shop", and go to the store where you want to shop. There are over 200 retailers to choose from. You order and pay as you would with any online store, and we get credited for it. It's as simple as that.

RECYCLING: Do you know that if you bring your recycling to the bins in the school parking lot DNC will donate the monies generated by those bins back to the school? It is true, every year Mark Gallagher presents a check to our student body. Please consider a weekly visit to our recycling bins.

TARGET: If you have a Target Visa card you can designate YVS to receive a percentage of all your purchases. [Just received a check for \\$91!](#)

WASHINGTON MUTUAL: We also receive a check annually from Washington Mutual who runs the same kind of program as Target. So if you are banking through them ask about designating YVS as your "beneficiary".

COMPUTER INK CARTRIGES: If you bring your used computer ink cartridges to school, we can recycle them for cash. Please contact school for list of applicable cartridges.

INNISBROOK.COM: These folks have everything from gift wrap to chocolates to socks and our school will receive a check each year for 50% of all sales made on-line. All you do is go to the website, www.innisbrook.com and enter our school number **116890**, It just doesn't get any easier than that!

e SCRIP: eScrip is an online service which provides a hassle -free way for schools to raise funds through everyday purchases made at eScrip merchants (go to the website for a complete list). eScrip and merchant partners have created a system that rewards customer loyalty by contributing a percentage of purchases made with eScrip merchants to our school. Simple registration: Log on to www.eScrip.com and go to "sign-up". Designate Yosemite Valley School to receive contributions. Our school ID number is **6590341**. Choose your level of support: Level one- register your Vons Club or Safeway Club cards. Level two- also register your credit and debit cards.

ONE CAUSE: 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/> [Just received check for \\$37](#)

RALEY'S QUALITY OF LIFE CARD: We have a limited supply of QOL cards, but are ordering more. Basically when you shop at Raley's, Nob Hill, or Bel Air grocery stores a donation is made to our school, 1-4% on a tiered scale...but if you are shopping there anyway, every little bit helps. [Just received check for \\$140.](#)

LABELS FOR EDUCATION: We are also collecting labels – participating products include: Campbell's Soups, Glad, Pop Secret, Dannon Yogurts... check out the website for more products @ <http://www.labelsforeducation.com>