



The Summer Badger

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<http://yosemitevalleyschool.weebly.com>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- 8/23 First Day of School, Tobishima School Visit and Lunch provided for all students.
- 8/25 Minimum Day for all Students, 12:30 pm dismissal
- 8/31 PTG Meeting 5:30pm
- 9/6 Labor Day Holiday—No School
- 9/8 Back to School Night
- 10/4-7 Minimum Days, Conferences
- 10/18-22 Fall Break
- 4/25-May/6 Spring Break and Furlough Days

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

We hope you had a fun and restful summer break and that you are all eager to resume or begin school this year. We are happy to announce that our fantastic, experienced staff will all be returning.

- . Mrs. DeCecco will be teaching the K-2 combination.
- . Ms. Stewart and a teacher, not yet hired, will partner teach the 3rd-5th grades.
- . Ms. Fulhorst will be the 6th-8th grade teacher.

TOBISHIMA SCHOOL VISIT—LUNCH PROVIDED FOR ALL STUDENTS

Our students can expect to have a very exciting first day of school when the Tobishima students come for a visit. This annual event allows our students to mingle and make friends with Japanese middle school students and share a lunch together. Thanks to a generous donation, we will provide lunch for all students on Monday, Aug. 23.

SCHOOL DISTRICT TAKES A FIVE DAY FURLOUGH IN MAY

In order to balance the dwindling district budget there will be a five day "district shutdown from May 2 to May 6. This adds a second week to the spring break which begins on April 25. See the attached revised school calendar for other holidays and breaks during the school year. Please remember that as the school year progresses dates may change... we work really hard to keep the weekly Badger calendar updated so always refer back to the Badger for the most current updated information.

STATE ADOPTS COMMON CORE STANDARDS

The Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) and the National Governors Center for Best Practices (NGA Center) are pleased to present the final Kindergarten-12 Common Core State Standards documents that our organizations have produced on behalf of 48 states, two territories, and the District of Columbia. These English language arts and mathematics standards represent a set of expectations for student knowledge and skills that high school graduates need to master to succeed in college and careers. The district will

be examining the standards to determine changes in curriculum. Please look at this link for a list of all the standards: <http://www.scoe.net/castandards> Look for more information in subsequent Badgers.

EARLY DISMISSAL WEDNESDAY (MOST OF THE TIME)

Wednesday's are our Professional Development days so all students will be released at 12:30 pm. For the first two weeks of school there will be no afternoon art classes for the 6th-8th grade students. Once art classes begin the 6th-8th grade students will be expected to stay at school until 2:30 pm. Please check the calendar in the box above for changes in the weekly schedule. We'll make an announcement in the body of the Badger as well. We try to keep that calendar current for at least the next few weeks.

THE BADGER IS GOING GREEN!

We are very excited that our new website is so easy to keep updated. The updated Badger will be added to our website no later than noon on Tuesdays, so we are keeping the same timeframe. We hope you will join us in embracing this new way of accessing the Badger. It takes time, paper and \$ per/copy to send the Badger home. Our web site is <http://yosemitevalleyschool.weebly.com> Look for other important information on that site as well. We are also open for suggestions about how the web site might be more useful to you. Please contact the office if you do not have access to the internet. Thank you

SUPPLIES FOR SCHOOL

Mrs. DeCecco submitted this list for her students:

1. Schoolbag
2. Lunchbox
3. Water Bottle
4. Pencil box with the following items: 5 sharpened pencils (please do not send mechanical pencils—they do not work very well!), one pair of scissors, 2 glue sticks, crayons and/or colored pencils, eraser.
5. Folder
6. Box of tissues (These do not need to be labeled, they will be shared throughout the year.)
7. A spare set of pants, shirt, and undergarments (These will be kept in cubby in case of emergency and will be returned at the end of the year.)

For the 3rd-8th grade students:

- pencils, scissors, pens, colored markers and/or pencils, post its, folders.

LUNCH GUIDELINES FOR ALL STUDENTS

We are finding it necessary to reevaluate our kitchen rules. For the time being we request that student bring bag lunches with items that do not require warming in the microwaves. No one will be allowed to use the microwave for heating lunch items. We need to establish guidelines for the use of the microwaves and the clean up in the kitchen before students will be allowed to heat lunch items. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.