



The Summer Badger

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<http://yosemitevalleyschool.weebly.com>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

8/22 First Day of School
8/31 Non School Day
9/3 Labor Day Holiday—No School
9/5 Collaboration Day – 12:30 dismissal,
Back to School Night
9/12 PTG Meeting 5:30pm
9/18 Lifetouch Picture Day
9/19 Collaboration Day – 12:30 dismissal
9/26-30 Yosemite Facelift
10/10 Collaboration Day – 12:30 dismissal
10/24 Collaboration Day – 12:30 dismissal
10/31 Halloween Parade

THANK YOU

- We would like to offer a **SPECIAL** thank you to **Delaware North Parks and Resorts at Yosemite (DNC)**! They have graciously donated the funds to provide YVS with half of a classroom teaching position for this year.

It is because of this donation that we are able to maintain the 3 classroom positions that we believe are a key factor to the success of the Yosemite Valley School.

*Over the years **DNC** has remained our most consistent and generous supporter, and it is with true heartfelt gratitude that we offer our thanks. And with that a promise... to serve the children of Yosemite by continuing to offer the strong academic program that time and time again finds YVS listed as one of the (if not the) top ranking schools in the District.*
- We would also like to thank the **District** and our own **PTG**, who are sharing the funding donation for the rest of that classroom position.
- **TONY** – our custodian – who has worked through the summer to bring a little shine and polish back to YVS!
- **Mr. Jacobs** who has worked relentlessly through the summer with the District office to secure our staffing positions.

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 very excited to welcome back the core of our staffing. Mrs. DeCecco will once again be welcoming back the Kinder-2nd grade students. Ms. Fulhorst will be returning serving as the primary 3rd-6th grade teacher. While Mrs. Lyle will also be returning to her classroom with the EOC position - her primary focus being on the 3rd-4th grades.

We are working towards filling our aide positions and will let you know soon who else we are welcoming to YVS.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE I am looking forward to another year at YVS, a school known for the achievement of students and the commitment of the staff and community.

I am very proud at how our community has come together to meet and continue this strong level of achievement in spite of the challenges presented by California's ongoing school budget woes, and I look forward to that continued positive movement for the upcoming school year. . . it is going to be AWESOME!

SOMETHING NEW IN THE OFFICE

...Well, new again... Some of you were aware that Mrs. Archer at the end of last year was facing a fun summer full of medical visits... Shortest version: cancer recurrence, think we got it all this time, prognosis as always most positive outcome possible, all done! But with this comes a noticeable lack of hair, kids who have been around have seen it before but for the new ones it might help them to know that Mrs. Archer had to take some medicine that made her hair fall out. Parents, not to worry, she is not the least bit "tossed" by small inquiring minds, it is expected.

CALENDAR You will find attached a District/YVS calendar... they are now one and the same. This includes the every other week Professional Development/Collaboration Days at which time ALL students will be dismissed at 12:30pm.

CLASSROOM HOURS – NEW RELEASE TIME

All classes begin promptly at 8:15am. The Kinder day is done at noon but students are welcome to bring lunch, remain for the lunch recess and are to be picked up at 12:40pm. 1st – 6th graders are released at 2:30pm.

The overall instructional minutes will remain roughly the same as last year because we have cut back on our collaboration days to every other Wednesday. As always you can check the Badger calendar for any updated changes.

THE BADGER IS GREEN! We will continue the practice of sending our bi-weekly newsletter home via email (please be sure to let us know of any changes to your email address). The newsletter can also be accessed at our website [Http://yosemitevalleyschool.weebly.com](http://yosemitevalleyschool.weebly.com) We hope that you will continue to check the *Badger* for the most recent information and calendar of events.

Please contact the office if you do not have access to the internet so that we can be sure you receive this very important information. Thank you

NEW WEBSITE Over the summer a new website addressed was launched...well, we are working on it...So please give us a couple of weeks before you add us to your "favorites".

LUNCH & HEALTHY SNACK Here at YVS we are all about the healthy homemade sack lunch. Please be sure to send your child to school every day with both lunch and a healthy snack (first recess). Please be sure to include all necessary utensils. Thanks

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT –

PARENTS ONLY Parents, you are cordially invited to come to Back To School Night. This is the evening where you will receive important information about your child's class, meet your child's teacher and get questions answered about school schedules and programs. We hope to see you there! The tentative schedule follows: K-2nd grades 5:30-6:00 pm. 3rd-4th grades from 6:00-6:30 pm and 5th - 6th grades from 6:30-7:00 pm. Please keep in mind that this is our one non-child event so please be sure to arrange for child care early. 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 (no mechanical pencils-they do not work and are TOO distracting), one pair of scissors, glue sticks, crayons and/or colored pencils, eraser.
5. Folder
6. 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-6th grade students:

1. Schoolbag
 2. Lunchbox
 3. Water Bottle
-and 6 notebooks, 6 folders, pencils (no mechanical – see above), scissors, pens, colored markers and/or pencils.

All students need to be sure to have shoes appropriate for PE (FABBB). If necessary we will happily make room at school for these to assure they are always available.

EMAILS If you have received this *Badger* via email that is because Mrs. Archer has collected email for you from somewhere... and in some instances multiple email addresses... if there is an address you prefer please let us know...thanks.

FIRST DAY PACKETS Just wanted to give you the heads-up that there is a lot of information coming home on the first day... please do your best to work through it and return completed paperwork as soon as possible. We will be contacting you to help fill in any gaps that we come across... Thank you

PARENT TEACHER GROUP As always we really hope all our families will make a concerted effort to attend and participate in our Parent-Teacher-Group meetings. The meetings are held monthly and we really do try to make an effort to have them run no longer than 90 minutes...

Our first meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 12th at 5:30pm. Over the summer Mrs. Cornforth has resigned her position as VP so we are looking for someone to fill this position. Other board members are as follows:

- President – Stephanie Hance
- VP – Open
- Secretary – Peggy Lyle
- Treasurer – Ceci Archer (could resign if someone is interested)

Please let the office know if you are interested in an open position. Thank you

U10 SOCCER Brian Fulce and Alan Kunz are coaching a Yosemite U10 team this year. It would be great to have your child join us if they can play U10. Players need to be at least 8 and under 10 by July. Practice will start Wednesday after Labor Day. Practices will be Wednesday and Friday evenings from 5:45 to 6:45, with games on Saturdays.

We are happy to provide transportation to practices and games. If you cannot make it to every practice, please still consider joining the team and play at games. It is time to register now, so please take a moment:

Check out their website: www.mariposasoccer.clubspaces.com. You can register online but have to mail a check in to Mariposa AYSO PO Box 1000, Mariposa, CA 95338.