



# The Badger

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- 10/26 PTG Meeting – 5:30pm
- 10/27 Collaboration Day – Early dismissal/Art
- 10/29 **SCARECROW CONTEST JUDGING - 10AM**  
**HALLOWEEN PARADE - 12:45PM**
- 11/1 Project Pluton 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades
- 11/3 Collaboration Day – Early dismissal/Art
- 11/7 Time Changes—set your clocks back one hour at 2 am.
- 11/10 Collaboration Day – Early dismissal/Art
- 11/11 **Veterans Day Holiday – No School**
- 11/13 **PTG Fall Frolic Fundraiser**
- 11/19 End of First Trimester
- 11/24 Non-school Day
- 11-25 & 26 Thanksgiving Break
- 11/29 Report Cards come home

## THANK YOU

- ↪ All for your support of the Webber family fundraiser... we were able to raise over \$5500 to help with Serra's recovery!
- ↪ Tony for all of his work shoveling the crushed granite for our garden pathway. The windy path looks fabulous!
- ↪ Thanks to Park Service Rangers, the Yosemite Volunteer Fire people and the DNC utilities for coming to check out our "explosion" on Sunday night. Thanks to their thorough response the school was safely shut down until the school district repair crew arrived on Monday morning to begin repairs.

**FALL FROLIC** Plans for the Fall Frolic are well underway. Be looking for information about collecting auction items to be attached to the Badger! With all parents participating we plan to have the best Fall Frolic ever! Please set aside the November 13<sup>th</sup> date so that you may attend the event.

### PTG MEETING/POTLUCK TONIGHT

Our next PTG meeting is scheduled for tonight. This is a very important meeting to finalize plans for the Fall Frolic event. *We really need full parent participation at both the Frolic on November 13<sup>th</sup> and this meeting so we hope someone from your household can attend.*

**YVS BROILER ROOM INCIDENT** At about 10 pm on Sunday night residents near the school were shocked to hear what sounded like a giant rock or tree falling. The boom brought everyone out of their houses to see that the school fire alarms were all going off. After an inspection inside by the rangers and volunteer fire people no damage was detected inside the school. It was then that a ranger saw the vent to the broiler room lying on the cement patio and it was discovered that the broiler room door was ajar. Upon opening the door we saw the venting pipe lying askew in the doorway. Park Service and DNC utilities people examined the boiler and then turned off all power and gas until the system could be checked more thoroughly. The theory is that a gas leak built up fumes in the boiler room and they were ignited in an explosion that blew the vent off, popped the roof up and pushed the outside wall out. Luckily the school building is protected by cement fire walls and so the office and room one were not damaged. District crews are replacing gas lines and thoroughly checking the boiler before getting our heating system back on line. Hopefully this will not take too long—we will hold school as long as we can keep the inside temperatures warm enough (above 50°).

**BOX TOPS SUBMISSIONS** We need to send in all our box tops by Friday to make this submission deadline, if possible send what you have collected to the office by Thursday, Thank you.

**COOL MORNINGS » JACKETS** As the weather is changing we are finding more and more students shivering in the morning hours. One of the easiest things we can do to keep ourselves healthy is to keep our cores warm – it is true! And as we our outside first thing in the morning hours with our FABB program it would certainly be more comfortable for our students to come prepared for the cooler mornings by having either a heavy hoodie (summer weight is just not making it) or a light jacket that could be "zipped-up". We know it is hard to make this change as we are all enjoying the end of this warm weather...but it is time to own it... we have definitely flipped into fall.

**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.*

**IMPACT AIDE SURVEYS** It is Impact Aid Survey time again. We encourage everyone to read the letter located on reverse side of the survey for detailed information regarding the Impact Aid purpose. These surveys are essential to receive additional funding for our District. Please return them to the office asap, that would ensure not getting a call from the office as we have to account for each and every family...there is no getting away from it. ☺ Thank you

**SCARECROW CONTEST** YVS families, you are invited to submit a scarecrow for our Scarecrow Contest. Scarecrows can be erected in the school yard from Monday, October 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup> and will be judged at 10am on Friday. We will leave the Scarecrows up for display until Halloween proper, Sunday the 31<sup>st</sup>.

**HALLOWEEN PARADE** On Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009, 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. We want to make sure you have all costume parts for the big day on Sunday.
- 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.

Thank you for your support in this exciting community event.

### **DISTRICT BENCHMARKS TESTS**

This week YVS students will take district made benchmark tests in Language Arts and Math. The tests are designed to give teachers information about which CA state standards have been mastered by students. Because this is the first year the tests will be administered the results of the tests will be correlated with the STAR test results to see if the benchmarks are good predictors of student achievement. It will be interesting to see if YVS student benchmark scores predict their level of achievement on the STAR tests. STAR tests are given in April 2011 and results are available in August. At that time the benchmark tests will be evaluated to see if they are good predictors of student achievement.