



# The Badger

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- 9/21 S'mores and Stars School House Sleep-Over  
Hula classes begin
- 9/22 Yosemite Facelift  
Collaboration Day – 12:30pm dismissal – no Art
- 9/24 Lifetouch Picture Day
- 9/27 Project Pluton
- 9/28 PTG meeting 5:30pm
- 9/29 Collaboration Day – 12:30pm dismissal/Art
- 10/4, 5 & 7 Minimum Days, Conferences
- 10/6 Collaboration Day – Early dismissal/Art
- 10/13 Collaboration Day – Early dismissal/Art
- 10/18-22 Fall Break
- 10/27 Collaboration Day – Early dismissal/Art
- 11/3 Collaboration Day – Early dismissal/Art
- 11/10 Collaboration Day – Early dismissal/Art
- 11/11 Veterans Day Holiday – No School
- 11/13 Fall Frolic

## THANK YOU S

- ✦ Debra Strazi for stepping forward as our new Box Tops coordinator.
- ✦ Ms. Macken for bringing music to the whole school every Thursday morning.
- ✦ Mrs. Soria and Mrs. Archer for diligently working to fix the printers in rooms one and two. We couldn't have made it without you!
- ✦ Mrs. Dececco for her ever present dedication, specifically for all her prep work for the S'mores and Stars Sleepover.
- ✦ Mrs. Fulce for her donation of S'mores supplies.

**PICTURE DAY THIS FRIDAY** Due to circumstances outside of our control, picture day will take place this Friday. Order forms went home with students yesterday and must be returned if a picture package is going to be printed for you. Thank you

**FALL FROLIC DATE CHANGE** Please note that our most profitable fundraiser, the Fall Frolic has moved from the original date to the following Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. While planning is in the beginning stages for this fundraiser we hope for participation from the majority of our 27 school families to help make this a success. Please hold the date on your calendar and plan to be in attendance. Also keep an eye on the *Badger* as we will begin to send info on how you can help. Thank you

**S'MORES AND STARS SLEEPOVER TONIGHT!** Students, please remember you are all invited to meet at the school at 6 pm for our sleepover. We'll all sleep out under the stars after enjoying an

evening of S'mores, Star Talks and neighborhood history tales. Come and get to know the school house meadow neighborhood a little better. We'll all get up together in the morning and have breakfast together. All students who sleepover need to be ready for the Facelift clean-up day that follows on Wednesday so appropriate clothing – YVS T-shirts if you have them.

**NO ART TOMORROW** We are changing things up just a little due to the sleepover and busy clean-up day... all students will be released at 12:30pm. So that means if you have not brought in a white t-shirt for art you have one more week. Thanks

**SCOTLAND TRIP UPDATE** Last week a notice was sent out requesting that parents interested in fundraising please send their contact information in to the school. Two responses were received. If there are other parents who would like to fundraise please send in the bottom portion of the notice or call the school with your contact information, 372-4791. Any parents wishing to set up a pre payment schedule may call Ceci, also at 372-4791.

**PROJECT PLUTON BEGINS MONDAY** Students in 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grades will begin the Project Pluton program on Monday.

**STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS** Congratulations to all the candidates who worked so hard in last weeks student council elections, everyone did a fantastic job. Our new secretary is Serra Webber, our new treasurer is Zoe Evens, our new vice-president is Will Fontana, and finally the new president is Georgie Royse. We look forward to reaping the rewards of electing such a creative, dedicated, and intelligent student government.

**PTG MEETING NEXT TUESDAY** WE hope you will join us next Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm for our 2<sup>nd</sup> parent group meeting of this new school year. We are looking for new "babysitters", so if there is someone you know of and are comfortable with please contact the office asap. As always, you may bring a potluck item to share and somehow childcare will be provided.

**LIBRARY DAY SCHEDULE & READING PROGRAM** This is just to remind you that your child's scheduled library day is below...please help them to remember their library materials.

- K-2 Classroom – Fridays
- 3-8<sup>th</sup> Classrooms – Thursdays

We also wanted to congratulate *Kiersten Baker* for reaching her 6-week reading goals a few weeks early. We are in week 4 of the program and our boar is looking rather barren, especially for those students in the 3-5<sup>th</sup>

classroom. Parents, please be sure that your children are reading nightly at a level where they can understand – it is the only way they can then quiz and be successful readers. Other students who have quizzed successfully enough to have made it on the board are *Serra W., Aiden, Helen, Zoe, Jill, Gregory, Georgie, Nate and Alex*. All others in the 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades need to really step up if they are going to be successful as there are only 2 weeks left for this session.

**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.***

**PAPER TOWEL ROLLS** Once again there is a holiday art/recycling project in the works spearheaded by DNC. This year we need students to bring cardboard paper towel rolls to help with this project. If you are able to donate, please have your child drop them off in the office. Thank you

## **SEVENTH ANNUAL “YOSEMITE FACELIFT” VOLUNTEER EVENT TO BE HELD IN YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK SEPTEMBER 22-26, 2010**

Yosemite National Park and the Yosemite Climbing Association invite the public to participate in the “Yosemite Facelift” being held on Wednesday, September 22 through Sunday, September 26, 2010. This annual event is organized by the Yosemite Climbing Association to help clean up the park after the busy summer season. Volunteers are needed to help pick up litter at various locations in the park, including roadways, in the river corridor, on trails, near climbing routes, and in parking, camping, and lodging areas.

Events and presentations honoring Yosemite’s climbing history will be held throughout the weekend. Last year, over 1,207 Yosemite Facelift volunteers donated 16,488 hours and collected 60,437 pounds of trash. More than 100 miles of roadway were cleaned, as well as over 120 miles of trails.

Interested volunteers should sign up at the booth in front of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. In addition, two more booths will be open to register for participation on Friday, September 24th, Saturday, September 25th, and Sunday, September 26th. They will be located at the Tuolumne Meadows Lemberg Dome parking area and at the Tuolumne Grove parking area in Crane Flat. All registration booths will open at 8:00 a.m. Crew leaders will be at the booths to organize work groups and hand out trash bags, gloves, and litter sticks. Trash must be returned to the booths each day by 5:00 p.m. to be weighed and sorted.

Each participant will receive a raffle ticket for every day they volunteer. There will be a raffle held each day of the event at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center booth at 5:00 p.m. An end of event reception will be held on Sunday, September 26, and will include complimentary food and beverages, and live music by Dan Wilson and the Chinquapin All Stars.

For more information and a complete schedule of events, please contact Ken Yager at [YCA@inreach.com](mailto:YCA@inreach.com) or visit the Yosemite Climbing Association website at [www.yosemiteclimbing.org](http://www.yosemiteclimbing.org).