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The newsletter of the Yuba River Charter School

"Receive the children in reverence, educate them in love, send them forth in freedom." - Rudolf Steiner

February 9th 2012

Approved!

The Nevada County Board of Education has approved our school charter for another 5 years.

The Board voted 5-0 in support of YRCS as a "county-wide benefit" charter.

A note from Shana Maziarz:

To the Yuba River Charter School community,

I will be substituting for Caleb Buckley a couple of days a week throughout the spring semester, and wanted to take a moment to introduce myself. I have worked in a number of different education environments over the past decade, including a few years as the Head of School at the Woolman Semester in Nevada City. I also spent a couple of years teaching education courses at Prescott College in Arizona. Most recently I was the Creative Director for SYRCL's Wild & Scenic Film Festival. I am thrilled for the opportunity to be a part of the YRCS community for this short while. Thanks to all of you for being so welcoming. If I haven't had the opportunity to meet you yet, please stop by and introduce yourself.





YRCS Calendar of Events

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Thurs	2/9	1:15 – 2:45 pm 10:00 am 7:00 pm	Minimum Day Drama Guild Grade 8 Play
Fri	2/10	8:15 am 10:00 am 7:00 pm	4 th Grade Coffee House Grade 4 to Donner Ski Ranch Grade 8 Play
Sat	2/11	7:00 pm	Grade 8 Play
Wed	2/15	9:00 am	Grade 3 Play
Thurs	2/16	1:15 – 2:45 pm 9:00 am	Minimum Day Drama Guild Grade 3 Play
Fri	2/17	8:15 – 10:30 am	Minimum Day Parent Appreciation Day
Mon-Fri	2/20-2/24		February Break
Mon	2/27	1:30 pm 6:00 pm	March Lunch Orders Due LK Parent Meeting
Mon-Fri	2/27-3/2	0.00 pm	Last Call for Lost and Found Items
Thurs	3/1	1:15 – 2:45 5:30 pm	Minimum Day Drama Guild Grade 3 Full Belly Farm Meeting
Fri	3/2	8:15 am	4 TH Grade Coffee House Newsletter Deadline Grade 2 to Auburn Ski Club
Mon	3/5	1:30 pm	RK Parent Meeting Grade 7 to Woolman Garden
Wed	3/7	8:15 – 10:00	Fingerprinting for parent volunteers-Auditorium
		2:15 pm	Safety Presentation by NCPD for Grades 4-8-Auditorium
Fri	3/9	8:15 am	4 th Grade Coffee House



Kindergarten is hosting this month's virtue.

Love is at the center of our being.

It is the vital force that gives us energy and direction.

It connects one heart with another

Love is irresistible attraction and affection for a person, a place an idea or even for life itself.

Love is cherishing others, treating them with tenderness.

Love thrives on acceptance and appreciation.

It has the power to heal.

It calls us to continually hone ourselves,
while releasing the need to control or make someone in our image.

Nurtured by commitment and seasoned by kindness, love is our greatest gift.

Adapted from the Virtues Project Reflection Cards

"Love has no awareness of merit or demerit; it has no scale...

Love loves; this is its nature."

Howard Thurman

"Love consists in this, that two solitudes protect and touch and greet each other."

Rainer Maria Rilke

"Love is more than three words mumbled before bedtime.

Love is sustained by action, a pattern of devotion in the things we do for each other every day."

Nicholas Sparks

"Love doesn't make the world go round; love is what makes the ride worthwhile."

Elizabeth Browning

I am thankful for the gift of Love, It is my treasury.

Educational Foundation Treasurer Position Open-

The YRCS Educational Foundation would like to acknowledge kindergarten and 3rd grade parent, Denise Reynolds. Denise is stepping down as treasurer of the YRCS Educational Foundation after over four years of exceptional dedication and leadership on our board. Over the years she has played crucial roles on the board in supporting Moondance, developing our Capital Campaign, and being a great visionary in guiding our boards' many successes. The list goes on and on! We will miss you greatly. Thank You for your Commitment & Service, Denise!

Responsibilities:

On a regular basis, the Treasurer shall make a report at each Board meeting, prepare an annual budget, make deposits and write checks as needed, and make financial information available to Board members and the public upon request. The Treasurer will serve as the Chief Financial Officer of the organization and manage action related to the Board's financial responsibilities. The Treasurer will work with the bookkeeper to maintain updated financial records and analyze discrepancies.

Expectations:

- Attendance at monthly meetings fourth Wednesday of each month, from 3:30 to 5:30, childcare provided.
- Supporting and communicating Ed Foundation goals in the school community
- Joining a committee or taking a board position: Grants, Alumni outreach, Annual Drive, Matching Grant, Bylaws/Admin, Newsletter Communications, Moondance
- Participation in Ed Foundation activities: Moondance, Annual Fund Drive, Concert Series

Benefits:

- Gaining a deep understanding of what is happening throughout the school: direct reports from parent council, faculty, business manager and director
- Meaningful contribution to the school's objectives and your child's education
- · Getting to know a wider circle of people within the school community
- We have fun!

If interested, please contact: The Office

LAMPOST

PIZZA Lunch Order Form

March

Monday Pizza Lunch Dates: 3/5, 3/12, 3/19 & 3/26

NOTES: We are not offering a drink with this lunch, it is pizza, pizza and only pizza. Questions: Jennifer Knapp letloveradiate@yahoo.com

Parent's Nam	ne	Phone:
First Child'	s full name:	Second Child's full name
Grade		Grade
Circle eithe	r cheese or pepperoni:	Circle either cheese or pepperoni:
1 slice:	Cheese/Pepperoni \$10.00	1 slice: Cheese/Pepperoni \$10.00
2 slices:	Cheese/Pepperoni \$16.50	2 slices: Cheese/Pepperoni \$16.50
	Total:	



TWELFTH NIGHT

A COMEDY BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

Directed by Dinah Smith & Sandra Rockman

PRESENTED BY YRCS 8TH GRADE

Thursday, February 9, 2012: 10am & 7pm Friday, February 10, 2012: 10am & 7pm Saturday, February 11, 2012: 7pm

\$5 STUDENTS

\$7 ADULTS

Important Information for YRCS Parents: In order to volunteer for YRCS Events or in the classroom, you must have a Livescan (fingerprint) performed and a current TB Test.

Fingerprinting - The Michelle Montoya School Safety Act requires that people having contact with children on a K-12 school site undergo a criminal background check in order to be "cleared" to be in contact with children. This background check is done through the submission of computerized (digitized) fingerprints via a process called "Livescan." The clearance goes through the California Department of Justice (DOJ).

TB Testing- The California State Board of Education requires that all school volunteers and employees be tested for exposure to tuberculosis <u>every four years</u>.

If you volunteer at the school and need either of these services please attend our Fingerprint Event on Wednesday March 7th 8:15 am (after drop off) in the Auditorium

Please RSVP to the Office no later than Friday March 2nd so we can:

□ Provide the paperwork required for fingerprinting – cost \$50.00 paid in advance to YRCS*
□ Update you on our TB Test event progress and/or give you info on where to obtain one
We will have a Livescan service on site to take your fingerprints. You must have already purchased the paperwork in the YRCS office to have this service performed. The Livescan vendor's charge is an additional \$15.00.

We are in the process of trying to arrange TB Testing on this day as well. Details were not available at press time; look for a special flier and a call from Mr. Buckley with info soon.

Payment by Cash or Check at time of service(s).

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These procedures are required for you to participate in the classroom, to go on field trips, and help ensure the safety of your children.
TB Tests need to be performed every four years.
Fingerprinting is not transferable. If you are printed with another school or business, it will not transfer. You need to be printed with YRCS. <u>One Time Fee</u> . The service is in effect as long as your child is a student with us.
The parent volunteers are what help make YRCS a special place. Your involvement as a

I he parent volunteers are what help make YRCS a special place. Your involvement as a volunteer is a key element to the school community and is an important part of your child's school experience. Parent Council will be hosting the Wednesday event with refreshments as a thank you. Please take this opportunity to get your Livescan test and TB test/info, and visit with your fellow parents.

^{*}This \$50.00 collected by the school is necessary to cover <u>part</u> of the cost from the Department of Justice for the service.

From the Educational Foundation Annual Fund Drive

Phone-a-Thon Next Week!

The Annual Fund Drive Phone-a-Thon will take place next Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, February 13, 15, & 16. All school families will receive a phone call from our Educational Foundation board volunteers. The volunteers make call to ask for a financial contribution from you in support of our school's operating budget. They are also available to answer any questions you may have about the Annual Fund Drive. If your family makes their pledge or gift contribution in advance of the Phone-a-Thon, you will not receive a phone solicitation.

The fund drive is an opportunity for us to demonstrate how much we are invested in our students' futures. If everyone contributes what they can afford, we close the gap between what the state provides and what this education costs. Waldorf education is a tremendous gift to our children, our community, the whole world.

Most of you already know that our school receives less money for student enrollment than traditional public schools--a \$10,000 deficit per grade--before we pay rent and add in the extras that make a Waldorf school: cello and violin, highest quality materials (beeswax, wool, silk, imported art pencils, etc), swing dancing and foreign language. Not to mention our teachers are some of the most qualified in the county, holding both CA and Steiner teacher training certifications.

Pledging is easy. You do not have to pay immediately. In order to write the budget for next year Susan Egan (business manager) needs the pledges by the end of February. You can pay by check, cash, credit card; all at once or in installments. Just fill out the form that arrived in your mailbox last week. You can drop the form off in-person or mail it in. It's easy!



"YRCS gave me the opportunity to learn from
more than just books, but to be able to use my imagination
and creative thinking. It guided me to follow my passions in life."

Angela Van Valkenburg ~ Class of 2003

I first came upon Mariposa Waldorf School in 1993 when I attend their Winter Faire at the Miners' Foundry. (The following year Yuba River Charter School emerged from the closing of Mariposa.) The magical faire was filled with families, crafts and Waldorf beauty. Their community event was an unbelievable and unforgettable experience. The people at that faire were so warm and friendly and inviting. When I learned that a school had put on the event a smile that came across my face. A light went on for me. At that moment I looked at my 6 year old daughter, Angela, and she was smiling hugely, too. I'll never forget that moment. I knew this was the school, and the education, I wanted for my children.

My love of this school compelled me to sit on our parent council for over 17 years, hosting our beloved festivals year after year. My proudest work was being part of the extensive and inspiring Strategic Planning Committee last school year. We put together an outstanding plan, a road map, for the future of our school; the school my first grandchild, arriving this July, will get to attend.

Eighteen years, and four children later, I am now filling out high school applications for my 8th grade girls, Reyna and Sofia. I can't believe that my youngest children will be leaving Yuba River Charter School. Their teacher, Doris Dunning, has prepared them well; as did Larry Pittman, Karen Geisler and Leila Barber, for Angela and Vince.

As I end my time as a YRCS parent, I want to ask you to remember that our school cannot be successful and thrive without your continued volunteerism and support. As I look back I am so I am so proud of what we have accomplished through the commitment and hard work of parents, faculty and staff. As you are asked to make a financial contribution to this year's Annual Fund Drive, please consider how YRCS has contributed, and will continue to contribute, to the life of your child and your family. Please consider a financial contribution that is meaningful to you for your child's future.

In Gratitude,

Veronica Morales, YRCS Parent 1994-2012

-Help Raise Funds for YRCS by Grocery ShoppingHere is a way to financially contribute to your child's education without spending an extra dime. Just shop for

Here is a way to financially contribute to your child's education without spending an extra dime. Just shop for groceries as you normally would and use your grocery card or coupons. So simple and easy. We will earn up to 4% of your qualified purchases; the annual potential is thousands of dollars!

Your out of town friends and relatives can help too if THEY SHOP THE BIG "CHAIN STORES". SEE DETAILS BELOW.

Please provide us with your name and address if requesting a card, coupons or a card linked to the school.

Your Name:
Your Address:Phone #
BRIAR PATCH SHOPPERS
Send me Briar Patch Coupons. (The coupons are also located on the bookshelf in the school rotunda.)
SPD SHOPPERS
Ask for a card at your next shopping trip. They will give you a form to fill out where you are asked to indicate which non-profit(s) you are supporting.
SAFEWAY SHOPPERS
Link my Safeway card to the school.
My Safeway card #: (not my phone #)
Did you know that out of town friends and relatives can contribute by having their Safeway cards registered with us? All we need is their name, address and card number:
Link additional Safeway card to the school. (Friends, grandparents etc. Local or OUT OF TOWN)
Their Name:
Their Address:
Phone #
Their Safeway card #: (not phone #)
RALEY'S SHOPPERS
Send me a Raley's card. (You will need to register the card on line. It takes about 2 minutes. Instructions are on the card.)
Yes I want more cards for friends and family. (Local or out of town. We are happy to send them to you. They can be used at Bel-Air and Nob Hill stores as well.) Indicate how many extra cards you need here: Users will need to register on line, or you can do it for them.

Return this form to the Office and Thank You for Supporting YRCS!



Burrito Lunch Wednesdays March 2012

Burritos are served on Wednesdays: March 7, 14, 21, 28 Orders are due by Wednesday Feb 29, 2012

Burritos are offered by the 7th grade and are provided by Emily's Catering and Cakes of Nevada City. Burritos contain organic ingredients, and are guaranteed to be delicious! They come with chips, and a 100% juice drink, if you choose. Make checks out to YRCSFF.

All lunches must be paid for separately. Late orders are accepted on a case by case basis, please do not leave late orders in envelopes.

Parents Name: Pho	ne #:
First Child's Name:	Grade:
Bean, Cheese, & Rice Burrito —\$16.00Bean & Cheese Burrito — \$16.00Bean & Rice Burrito — \$16.00Chicken, Bean, Cheese, & Rice Burrito — \$20.0Juice box for the month - \$4.00	0
Second Child's Name:	Grade:
Bean, Cheese, & Rice Burrito —\$16.00 Bean & Cheese Burrito — \$16.00 Bean & Rice Burrito — \$16.00 Chicken, Bean, Cheese, & Rice Burrito — \$20.0 Juice box for the month - \$4.00	0
	AL DUE: any months in advance or have other questions 913-4342 or kdronningen@aol.com
Offered By the 6th Grade and Emily's Cater Orders are due by Monday Februa	en Free Rice Bowl ing - Rice Bowl lunch dates: Friday, Mar 2, 9, 23, 30 ary 27th. Make Checks Payable to: YRCS FF wallisfamily@sbcglobal.net
Parent's Name:	
Phone#	Email Grade:
The bowl comes with cilantro lime rice with self. [] Veggie – Steamed cabbage, carrots, be [] Chicken – Same ingredients as above	roccoli and green onions with sauce - \$18.00
2nd Child's full name: The bowl comes with cilantro lime rice with : [] Veggie – Steamed cabbage, carrots, b	Grade: sweet soy sesame glaze sauce. roccoli and green onions with sauce - \$18.00
[] Chicken – Same ingredients as above	plus Grilled chicken - \$20.00
3rd Child's full name:	Grade:
The bowl comes with cilantro lime rice with	
	roccoli and green onions with sauce - \$18.00

Total

AT THE FARM

Yuba River Charter School Home Study Farm Program





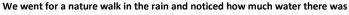
We made a Biodynamic preparation for the farm and put it in a pit to cure





We started cabbage seeds in trays







We planted fruit and nut trees in the Permaculture garden

Our Home Study Farm Program is for Grades 1, 2 & 3 (ages 6-9). Classes meet on Mondays and Wednesdays at the Sierra Friends Center from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

To schedule a "Day in the Life of the Farm Program" visit call Yuba River Charter School at 530.265.6060 ext. 110 or email us at raelynnnoel@gmail.com

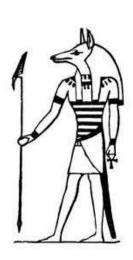
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Fifth Grade Play
The Light of Osiris
and Isis

















The Nurtured Heart Approach

By Doris Rainville

I was fortunate enough to have been supported by the school to attend the "Advanced Training of the Nurtured Heart Approach" in Tucson, last month. The first book the founder put out was "Transforming the Difficult Child, the Nurtured Heart Approach." The author and founder Howard Glasser, was he himself an extremely intense child. As the approach is very powerful for those intense, difficult children, I see its value for all. The approach is rather simple in theory. Howard says our kids behave well most of the time and the small percentage of time when they are misbehaving is when they get our presence, our undivided attention. When using this approach you invest 30 seconds here and there when things are going well and describe what you see, "look at how you two are cooperating, you're sharing and not arguing". This helps to build their inner wealth and when we feel great it transfers to how we express ourselves in the world. This approach does not give energy to negativity and holds high expectations for the child. When our children's behaviors are not what we would prefer, you look with a different lens trying to create something positive. I have used it with children who were on the verge of having a pretty good fit by saying, "I see you are very

frustrated right now but you are really being in control of your power; you're not saying bad words, you're not hitting anyone," and the child calmed down and the behavior improved. So much of this approach involves being present, seeing and acknowledging the other. So much misbehavior comes from calling out for attention, and when met with anger it is like fuel on the fire. Challenging children are drawn to more intense reactions. Many therapist and counselors are incorporating the Nurtured Heart Approach in their practices. The website is www.ChildrensSuccessFoundation.com

Starting in March, I am interested in hosting a Monday afternoon parent support tea for those parents who are interested. If there were a large enough group who needed it to be in the evening, we could work that out as well. It is very exciting work. Call me at 477-7429 if interested in working together. More Nurtured Heart tidbits to come.

The Basics of the Love and Logic Weekly Tip from the Love and Logic® Experts

When you tell people you use Love and Logic techniques in your home or classroom, do they really know what "Love and Logic" means?

Do some think it is a cult you joined?

Do some say that "Love AND Logic" is an oxymoron?

Do you sometimes find it difficult to explain?

With a flexible menu of skills in our approach, and common sense at work, adults using Love and Logic skills may come across quite differently at times. Nevertheless, the "Love and Logic" approach should always look like the following:

- A loving attitude toward the young person. A key principle of the Love and Logic approach is that we
 preserve the dignity of the child AND the adult. Does yelling and threatening preserve kids' dignity? How
 about ours?
- Shared thinking and control. Adults using Love and Logic techniques resist the urge to come up with all the answers and solve all the problems. Instead, they give kids the gift of thinking about and solving problems. They ask lots of questions and give lots of choices so kids stay in on the action.
- **Empathy before consequences and bad news.** We are sad for kids and we hurt for them when they struggle. Our sadness (instead of our anger and frustration) helps them own problems and learn from the consequences. None of this works without empathy.
- Relationships are paramount. If we are not preserving or enhancing relationships, we are not really
 using Love and Logic techniques.



Calzone Lunch Thursdays
Calzones are offered by the 4th grade and are provided by Miner Moe's, and served with marinara dipping sauce.
Calzones are served on Thursdays: March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 Orders are due by afternoon of Monday, February 27

- Please return form to child's class
- Please make checks payable to: YRCS Field Fund

Parent's Name:	Phone #:	
First Child's Full Name:	Grade:	_
Veggie Calzone (Cheese, mushroor Canadian Bacon & Cheese Calzon		
Second Child's Full Name:	Grade:	
Veggie Calzone (Cheese, mushroon Canadian Bacon & Cheese Calzon		
Third Child's Full Name:	Grade:	
Veggie Calzone (Cheese, mushroon Canadian Bacon & Cheese Calzon		
If you are interested in paying	g for many months in advance or have other questions just	ask Anna Reischman @ 272-1397
Pastie Iu Questions	Sday Pastie Lunch Orde Happily offered by the 5th grade unch dates: Tuesday, 3/6, 3/13, Orders are due by 2/27 S? Ask Jenn Knapp: letloveradiate	e 3/20 & 3/27 @yahoo.com
First Child's full name		Grade
Check one:Veggie Pa	astie - \$20Beef Pastie - \$20 _	Chicken Pastie - \$20
Second Child's full na	me	_Grade
Check one:Veggie Pa	astie - \$20Beef Pastie - \$20	Chicken Pastie - \$20
	Total	: \$

<u>Parents Please Note:</u> New Lost and Found Policy posted in January:

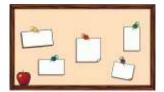
Unclaimed items will be donated to a charity after a "Last Call" week at the end of each month. Please mark your student's clothing with their name so we can return items to the classroom instead of donating them. Only two articles of clothing in this pile were labeled. The rest were donated.



Articles and/or pictures for the newsletter are always welcome. Please note deadline dates on the newsletter calendar. All submissions are subject to space constraints and Director's approval.

Email to info@yubariverschool.net

If you have a flier that you would like to see posted at the school, please turn it in to the Office for approval. We will gladly post approved fliers and include them in the newsletter if space permits. Fliers posted without approval will be taken down. Thanks for your understanding.



The Bulletin Board is Back~ Email your postings to info@yubariverschool.org

Please note newsletter deadlines posted on calendar. Postings subject to Director's approval and space constraints.

Hi Folks,

The estate where we have been living for the last 8 years on Cement Hill Rd. is being sold. My 2 sons (12 and 16 yrs.) and I and one cat are looking for a new home. We are clean and quiet non-smoking tenants with excellent references and I can fix just about anything around the house/property. We are looking for something rural and quiet, peaceful and beautiful around the Nevada City/Grass Valley area. If you happen to hear of something, please keep us in mind.

Thanks, Mark Janzaruk mjanz@hotmail.com

We have tons of Bionicles, some recent, some old, and a fair amount of Legos. All the Lego would like to be sold to the same person, but we can be flexible. The Bionicles will be sold by figurine or all together for a smaller fee, and there are lots of loose parts that will be included in the larger bundle of Bionicles,

or sold separately if it is so desired.

The prices for these items are not set, so one can make and offer and it will be considered.

Thanks, Mark Janzaruk mjanz@hotmail.com



with Astrid Schmitt-Stegmann and Doug Morkner Brown

Saturday, February 11, 2012 8:30am-4:15pm For Parents, Teachers, Administrators, and Board Members



- Learn how the Waldorf curriculum and method meet the developing shild from kindergarten through adolescence
- Gain a better understanding of the philosophical basis of Waldorf Education
- Learn how Waldorf is healing education for children
- Learn how the arts further academic progress, emotional tolance, and strength of character
- . Explore ways Waldorf develops critical, creative thinkers
- Hear about Waldorf's disciplined and imaginative approach to mathematics and science
- Experience the Waldorf curriculum first-hand through artistic activities

Workshop Fee: \$45, Registration: Visit www.steinercollege.edu or call 916-864-4864.

ASTRID SCHWITT-STEGMANN, MA, directs our Weldorf Teacher Education Program, Recognized Informationally as a leading Weldorf educator, she lectures and mentions teachers in Weldorf schools in the United States, as well as in Garmany, Russie, Thelland, Modice, and the Philippines.

DOUG MORKHER BROWN, eighth grade teacher at the Secremento Waldorf School, has enjoyed being a Waldorf class teacher for the limit thiritien years.

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