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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

### FROM OUR DIRECTOR



YRCS is back in the construction business! We are in escrow again on the property across from the new Hospice on Rough and Ready Hwy. At this time, we would like to touch base with parents and community members who can help us to reduce our costs for the upcoming site work. On this new site we will need heavy equipment to prepare the site, traffic studies, land surveys, landscaping design, water treatment, civil engineering, public planning, etc. We will have a sign up sheet in the office for parents to refer themselves or others in the county. We'd love to receive volunteer help first and be able to keep money local when we have to spend it. At this time we are not hiring people for general labor; that is still two years away, and will be done through the school construction contractor. It will be posted when the time comes.

Let's make this a true YRCS community project and lend all of our talents to the initial effort.

- Caleb Buckley

Lunches are now being offered every day of the week! See page 9 for hot Pastie options.  
ALL LUNCH ORDERS ARE DUE  
1 WEEK FROM TODAY

### LOVE

Kindergarten is hosting this month's virtue.

Love is a special feeling that fills your heart. You show love in a smile, a pleasant way of speaking, a thoughtful act or a hug. Love is treating people and things with special care and kindness because they mean so much to you. Love is treating other people just as you would like them to treat you - with care and respect.

You can even be loving to people you don't know, just by caring about what happens to them and sending loving thoughts. Sharing is a way to show love. Share your belongings, your time and yourself.

Everyone wants to be liked. Everyone likes to be loved. When you are being loving, you help others to feel important. They become gentler and kinder. Love is contagious. It keeps spreading.

Reprinted from [The Virtues Guide](#)  
by Linda Kavelin Popov

"Love is everything it's cracked up to be. That's why people are so cynical about it... It really is worth fighting for, risking everything for. And the trouble is, if you don't risk everything, you risk even more."  
Erica Jong

"Love is the master key that opens the gates of happiness."  
Oliver Wendell Holmes

"Love stretches your heart and makes you big inside."  
Margaret Walker

"Love is the only sane and satisfactory answer to the problem of human existence."  
Erich Fromm

Bulletin Board

🕒 **UNCOVER YOUR VOICE!** An Evening of Beautiful Singing with Christiaan Boele. Tuesday, February 22, 2011 at 7:00pm. \$10 Unitarian Universalist Community of the Mountains. 246 S. Church Street, Grass Valley Info: Thea Blair 470-8646

🕒 For more information about Summerfield's Summer Camps, Santa Rosa, visit [www.summerfieldwaldorf.org](http://www.summerfieldwaldorf.org). For more information about Camp Glen Brook visit [www.glenbrook.org](http://www.glenbrook.org). Camp Glen Brook is a co-ed, overnight camp for 9-15 year olds in New Hampshire. For more information about Coyote Camp@OceanSong visit [www.oceansong.org](http://www.oceansong.org). For more information about Earth Camp visit [www.earthcampcollective.org](http://www.earthcampcollective.org).

🕒 **SINGERS WANTED** for The TRINITY COMMUNITY CHORUS, a family-friendly chorus. Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at Trinity Church, Nevada City. \$70 for the first family member, \$35 for the next two family members and no fees for additional family members. Fees will be reduced or waived on request. Stan Thomas-Rose, director. Info: 273-4904 or cedarose@theunion.net.

🕒 **Missing** - 2 hammers from Victorian Christmas, including my husband's long time favorite (with a wooden handle). If you ended up with them, please return them to the office. Thanks, Lisa Hooper.

**OFFICE NOTES**

Please join the staff and faculty in welcoming our new attendance clerk, Debra Engebretson. Debra comes to us after working for eight years at Nevada Union High School. While she is new to attendance, she is happy to work in a school once again. Debra looks forward to getting to know the children and parents. Stop in and introduce yourself!

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- The Library could ALWAYS use your help!!!

Even 10 minutes while you are waiting for pick up!

Thank You,  
Catherine



# Pizza Night

Yuba River Charter School's  
Class of 2011 8th Grade Field Trip Fundraiser

Northridge Pizza  
will generously donate 10% of their  
proceeds from the night of

Monday  
March 7th  
5:00 - 8:30 p.m.

to YRCS 8th grade class.

773 Nevada St.  
Nevada City

530-478-0470



Join us and tell your family and friends. "To Go" orders count too.

*William Shakespeare's*  
*Much Ado About Nothing*

**February 10, 6 pm**  
**February 11, 10 am & 6 pm**  
**February 12, 12 noon**



Ticket Price: \$7

Tickets available at Book Seller, Briar Patch  
and Yuba River Charter School

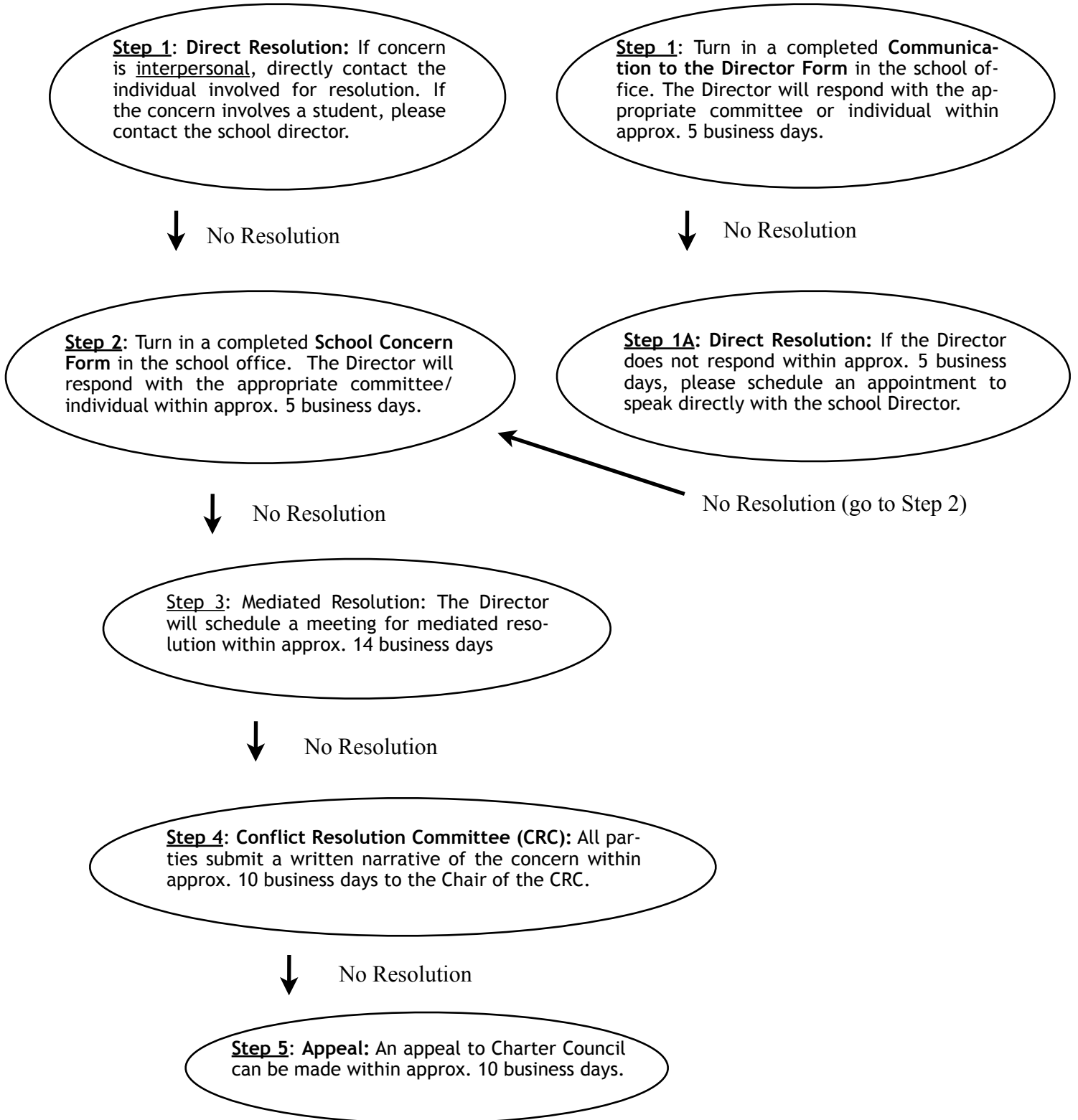
Call 272-8078 for more information

**OFF** **CENTER**  
**STAGE**

# School Concern Flow Chart

## Procedure for Interpersonal School Concerns

## Procedure for General School Concerns





## YRCS Educational Foundation News

### YRCS ANNUAL FUND DRIVE ~ GIVING CAMPAIGN

Our YRCS Annual Fund Drive giving campaign will begin during the week of February 14<sup>th</sup>. We encourage all families to participate in supporting our wonderful school with a financial contribution. Each year we are funded less and less money to provide this quality Waldorf education for the children. Give from your heart and consider what YRCS means to you and your family and their future.

We would also like to reach out to extended families and friends who cherish and support Waldorf education. If you have someone in mind who can help your family contribute or someone whom you know loves our school as much as we all do, please let us know! We will be glad to send them information about YRCS.

### Moondance 2010

Additionally, Moondance 2010 FINAL totals are in! **Moon-dance raised a gross total of \$36,482.02, with a net total of over \$27,000!** That is up from 2009. The money raised at our annual Moondance community celebration will go toward mitigating faculty and staff pay cuts taken in 2010, along with supporting their Health Saving Accounts (HSAs) benefits. From the net total of \$27,000, the \$3,950 raised during the "ALL TOGETHER NOW" global auction that same evening will help fund and support playground equipment at our school.

Thank you ALL once again for an INCREDIBLE event in support of our teachers and school! Our teachers feel very appreciated and loved!

### New Educational Foundation Rep! Welcome!

Thank you Kiya Rios for offering to be the Lavender Kindergarten Educational Foundation representative and participant! It is so crucial that our community members understand the importance, and the needed function, that the YRCS Educational Foundation provides in assisting with funding and fundraising for our school and the health of our school curriculum.

### Bitney College Prep High School Info Night

Come to a Bitney Information Night and learn why you should consider Bitney as a viable option for your student.

Thursday, March 3rd  
6:00 - 7:30 pm

On the Bitney campus in the Brunswick Basin  
135 Joerschke Drive  
Grass Valley, CA 95945

For more info, visit our site [bitneyprep.net](http://bitneyprep.net)

### Small Schools?

Studies have shown that students do better in smaller high schools, which can offer more personal attention. Smaller schools are also a place where we know your name!

### Investigate Bitney

Recently we visited the 8th grade class to present Bitney College Prep High School as an option for 9th grade. Bitney is a small charter high school located in Grass Valley that has facilitated the learning and development of high school students for the past 11 years. The message that your student received is that:

we do stuff,  
we learn things,  
we go places,  
you can be yourself here,  
we graduate,  
and then we move on to do exciting things

Bitney is truly a place where your student can grow and learn. We are a college preparatory school, but the range of abilities and aspirations of our students varies widely. Our students move on to attend 4-year schools, 2-year schools, work, apprentice, travel, etc. We value the choices and abilities of all of our students because Bitney is a place where students are

Known, Respected and Educated

Give me a call, visit our website, come to our Information Night on March 3rd, schedule a day to have your student shadow one of our students... just check us out!

Dave Peterson  
Dean of Academics  
Bitney College Prep High School

## Tuesday Sushi Lunch Order Form

Happily offered by the 6<sup>th</sup> grade  
and Way Yum Sushi.

Sushi Lunch Dates:  
Tuesdays: March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29.

Orders are due by Thursday, February 17.

Choices:  
6 piece Vegetarian Roll  
(carrot, cucumber and avocado)  
or  
6 piece California Roll  
(crab, cucumber and avocado)

Questions? Ask Deanna Ronningen 913-4342  
or [kdronningen@aol.com](mailto:kdronningen@aol.com)

Thank you for supporting  
the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade class!

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

First Child's full name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Check one please

- \_\_\_ Vegetarian Roll, no drink – \$23.75
- \_\_\_ Vegetarian Roll, with 100% juice drink – \$28.75
- \_\_\_ California Roll, no drink – \$23.75
- \_\_\_ California Roll, with 100% juice drink – \$28.75

Second Child's full name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Check one please

- \_\_\_ Vegetarian Roll, no drink – \$23.75
- \_\_\_ Vegetarian Roll, with 100% juice drink – \$28.75
- \_\_\_ California Roll, no drink – \$23.75
- \_\_\_ California Roll, with 100% juice drink – \$28.75

TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_

## Friday Burrito Lunch Order Form

Burritos are offered by the 7th grade, contain organic  
ingredients, and are guaranteed to be delicious!  
They come with chips, but no drink.

Burrito Lunch Dates:  
Fridays: March 4, 11, 18, & 25

Orders are due by Thursday, February 17.

Questions? Ask Jenn Knapp @ 292-3501 or  
[letloveradiate@yahoo.com](mailto:letloveradiate@yahoo.com)

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

First Child's full name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:

- \_\_\_ Bean, Cheese, & Rice Burrito – \$18.00
- \_\_\_ Bean & Cheese Burrito – \$18.00
- \_\_\_ Bean & Rice Burrito – \$18.00
- \_\_\_ Chicken, Bean, Cheese, & Rice Burrito – \$20.00

Second Child's full name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:

- \_\_\_ Bean, Cheese, & Rice Burrito – \$18.00
- \_\_\_ Bean & Cheese Burrito – \$18.00
- \_\_\_ Bean & Rice Burrito – \$18.00
- \_\_\_ Chicken, Bean, Cheese, & Rice Burrito – \$20.00



Emily's  
Catering & Cakes

Emily Scott, Owner/Chef  
530.409.3716

TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Lunches are now being offered EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK! See page 9 for pasties!!!!

### ORDER INFO FOR ALL LUNCHES

Due date for all orders  
is the last Thursday  
of the month that we  
have school.

**ORDERS DUE 2/17!**

Orders are for one month at a time.  
**IF YOU WANT TO PAY FOR SEVERAL  
MONTHS, contact the info person.**  
Envelopes are in each classroom and in  
the office.

Orders accepted from faculty, staff  
and Grades 1 - 8.

Payments are due, in full, with your  
order form. If paying in cash,  
please pay the exact amount. You  
may pay for both pizza and sand-  
wiches with one check. Sushi,  
pasty, and burrito checks each need  
to be paid separately. Make checks  
payable to: YRCS Field Fund.

## Monday Pizza Lunch Order Form

Happily offered by the 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Pizza Lunch Dates:**  
Mondays: March 7, 14, 21, & 28

**Orders are due by Thursday, February 17.**

Questions? Contact Lisa Hooper @ 272-1182 or  
Lisa@ObjectiveInsights.com.

**Thank you for supporting  
the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade class!**

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

First Child's full name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Circle either cheese or pepperoni. Circle the price.

|           |                       |         |
|-----------|-----------------------|---------|
| 1 slice:  | Cheese/pepperoni      | \$10.00 |
|           | With 100% Juice Drink | \$14.00 |
| 2 slices: | Cheese/pepperoni      | \$19.00 |
|           | With 100% Juice Drink | \$23.00 |

Second Child's full name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Circle either cheese or pepperoni. Circle the price.

|           |                       |         |
|-----------|-----------------------|---------|
| 1 slice:  | Cheese/pepperoni      | \$10.00 |
|           | With 100% Juice Drink | \$14.00 |
| 2 slices: | Cheese/pepperoni      | \$19.00 |
|           | With 100% Juice Drink | \$23.00 |

**TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GLUTEN FREE PIZZA CRUST  
IS NOW AVAILABLE**  
Yummy!

Please check the box below if you want  
your order on gluten free dough.



Yes, I want gluten free crust!

## Wednesday Sandwich Lunch Order Form

Happily offered by the 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Sandwich lunch dates:**  
Wednesdays: March 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30

**Orders are due by Thursday, February 17.**

Sandwiches are provided by the  
Nevada City Classic Cafe.

Questions? Contact Lisa Hooper @ 272-1182 or  
Lisa@ObjectiveInsights.com.

**~The 8th Grade Thanks You For Your Support~**

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

First Child's full name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Circle your choices

Choose one sandwich:  
cheese      tuna      turkey

Choose one type of bread: multi-grain    sourdough

Choose from the following 4 condiments:

mayo      mustard      lettuce      tomato

Check any desired additions, add the price and total.

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| _____ Sandwich                         | \$17.50 |
| _____ with cheese add \$2.50           | _____   |
| _____ with 100% juice drink add \$5.00 | _____   |
| _____ with apple add \$2.50            | _____   |

**First Child lunch total:** \_\_\_\_\_

Second Child's full name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Circle your choices

Choose one sandwich:  
cheese      tuna      turkey

Choose one type of bread: multi-grain    sourdough

Choose from the following 4 condiments:

mayo      mustard      lettuce      tomato

Check any desired additions, add the price and total.

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| _____ Sandwich                         | \$17.50 |
| _____ with cheese add \$2.50           | _____   |
| _____ with 100% juice drink add \$5.00 | _____   |
| _____ with apple add \$2.50            | _____   |

**Second Child lunch total:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

“My heart and the world are one.”  
Rudolf Steiner

## SHINE (Social Health Inclusion Network for Everyone)

We are a group of school staff and parents dedicated to improving social relationships in our community. By recognizing the humanity in each person we can work together to strengthen communication through reflection, respect, and responsibility.

Dear YRCS Family,

In Waldorf education we strive to develop the whole child: the head, heart and hands. Our goal is to help create healthy, balanced, free thinking individuals who, as adults, can improve our world. This idea can be applied to our school community as well. Currently we have some exciting things happening. The Strategic Planning Committee has been busy thinking about our future and setting goals (head). Having received the first installment of 1.5 million dollars, we are ready to acquire the land for our new school, and soon the work will begin as the building and moving occurs (hands). The intersection between these poles is the most important, as it is the connector (heart). Our school already does some wonderful work to strengthen the heart, such as the winter/spring performances, festivals, Moondance, the Virtues Project, and Friday assemblies. SHINE's mission is to further develop the heart realm of our school.

This work is inspired by master Waldorf teacher and author Kim John Payne. One and a half years ago we began learning his program, which focused on the social health of our adult community. He suggested we start with the adults, as we are all the models and influences for the children. We also have the intention of giving greater attention to the social health of our student body.

Currently fourth grade students are learning about how to find common denominators. The common denominator for social health in our community, adults and children, is respectful behavior and communication. The SHINE committee would like to inform every adult about our first community agreement: **Go to the source.** That means that if you have a need, an upset or a concern, we urge you to speak directly to the party or parties involved. Our goal with this first guideline is to create an honest and direct line of communication, which will have the benefit of avoiding gossip and resolving issues in a clear manner. If a friend should complain to you about another adult in our community, please encourage that friend to speak directly with that other person. The SHINE group believes that compliance with this guideline will strengthen the heart of our school and set a good example for our children.

Please look to the next newsletter for our second Community Agreement.

Yours in-service,  
SHINE

|                |                  |
|----------------|------------------|
| Erik Bell      | Elise Hierman    |
| Baruch Simon   | Suzanne Scirpo   |
| Shea Smith     | Krissa Connelley |
| Danielle Perry |                  |



### SPORTS UPDATE

The Rapids basketball team continued their winning ways through late January and early February with a 5-0 record since the last newsletter. Over those five games, the Rapids had an average winning margin of around 40 points, as the team displayed great teamwork and love for the game. Now, with only a couple games left in the season, the boys are ready to finish the regular season strong, and make a statement in the approaching playoffs. Come out and support the team before the chance to watch some great basketball has passed. Go Rapids!!!

Assistant Coach,  
Josiah Barber

### 2011 NCAL Small Schools Basketball Schedule

| Date   | Time    | Home         | Away | Location |
|--------|---------|--------------|------|----------|
| 15-Feb | 5:00 PM | Chicago Park | YRC  | UHMPR    |

Playoffs to be held Saturday, 19 February

UHMPR - Union Hill School's multi-purpose room (NOT the big gym)



## SCHOOL STORE

Stop by the School Store  
and see what we have!

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday

2:00 - 3:15 pm

We are located  
Outside of the library

This is an all-school fundraiser.

## WONDERFUL WATERCOLORS A YRCS Parent as Student

by Kimberley Carville  
mother of Aurora in 1<sup>st</sup> grade  
and Cooper in Little Creek

My children are first year students at YRCS, so experiencing Patricia Montijo's wet on wet painting class was a tactile and visually stimulating treat. I left feeling like a successful painter, and very much at peace.

Large pieces of watercolor paper are first soaked and then placed onto individual boards. First we learned how to keep the colors separate, and then we overlapped, mixed and removed color using two different brushes. Color is the primary component which drives the experience. Form is secondary, so that children are motivated to pull from their internal resources, and not to replicate a still life. Yes, color, color, and more color is used, but not all colors – just three. Three colors with varying hues are separated into five small jars, and from this simple assortment we coax out yellow, blue, red, purple, orange, green, and brown. There is no double dipping to keep the colors true, so we learn how to clean our brushes which also gives us another tool. We can use a clean brush to lift color off the page and create another color: white.

"I clean my brush, so tried and true, so now it's ready for red, yellow, and blue."

Songs and stories are used to pull forms from each child's imagination, and then transport those forms onto paper. Concentration and care are essential, but technical mastery is never demanded; as the colors dance, and often meet, each piece is individual, and yet creates a complementary counterpart to the story. Wet paint is sometimes crafty, and the drama is often seen in the looseness of the paint. It is when you allow the paint to dry in between steps that gradations and new colors appear, making your painting something much more than you could have ever expected.

And finally, the most integral element is the teacher. Patricia Montijo uses simple explanations and demonstrations, so that each student is successful. I am certain of this because she continually walks the room expressing joy at the beauty created. Ego was freed, and for those three short hours I felt like a glee-filled, wonder-full child. Perhaps much like our children do each day at YRCS.

## Thursday Pastie Lunch Order Form

Happily offered by the 4th grade.

Pastie lunch dates:  
Thursdays: March 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31

Orders are due by Thursday, February 17.

Questions? Ask Jenn Knapp @ 292-3501 or  
letloveradiate@yahoo.com

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

First Child's full name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:

\_\_\_\_\_ Veggie Pastie – \$25.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Beef Pastie – \$25.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Pastie – \$25.00

Second Child's full name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:

\_\_\_\_\_ Veggie Pastie – \$25.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Beef Pastie – \$25.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Pastie – \$25.00

TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

See page 6 for full order details.

## Yuba River Charter School CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| DAY            | DATE             | TIME                | EVENT  |
|----------------|------------------|---------------------|--|
| Thurs          | 10 Feb           | 10:00 am<br>6:00 pm | Grade 4 & 5 to see the dress rehearsal of<br><i>Much Ado About Nothing</i><br><i>Much Ado About Nothing</i> at the Off Center Stage* |
| Fri            | 11 Feb           | 10:00 am<br>6:00 pm | Grade 4 to Donner<br>Grades 6 & 7 to see <i>Much Ado About Nothing</i><br><i>Much Ado About Nothing</i> at the Off Center Stage*     |
| Sat            | 12 Feb           | 12 noon             | <i>Much Ado About Nothing</i> at the Off Center Stage*   |
| Mon            | 14 Feb           | 3:30 pm             | Ed Foundation Meeting  |
| Wed            | 16 Feb           | 3:30 - 5:30 pm      | Parent Council meeting in library  |
| <b>Thurs</b>   | <b>17 Feb</b>    |                     | <b>ALL LUNCH ORDERS DUE*</b>   |
| Fri            | 18 Feb           | Minimum Day         | Last day before February Break<br>End of Second Trimester upper grades   |
| <b>Mon-Fri</b> | <b>21-25 Feb</b> | <b>No school</b>    | <b>President's Day and February Break</b>  |
| Mon            | 28 Feb           | 8:15 am<br>6:00 pm  | Back to school<br>Sweetpea & Little Creek Parent Meeting*  |
| Tues           | 1 March          | 1:30 & 6:30 pm      | Rose Kindergarten Parent Meeting   |
| Wed-Thurs      | 2-3 March        |                     | Grade 6 to San Francisco   |
| Fri            | 4 March          |                     | Grade 4 to Donner  |
| Mon            | 7 March          |                     | Grade 8 fundraiser at Northridge Restaurant, NC*   |
| Tues, Wed, Fri | 8, 9, 11 March   | Minimum Days        | Parent Conferences*  |
| Wed            | 9 March          | 3:30 pm             | Charter Council Meeting*   |
| Thurs          | 10 March         |                     | Staff/Teacher Appreciation Tea   |
| Mon            | 14 March         | 3:30 pm             | Ed Foundation Meeting*   |
| Wed            | 16 March         | 3:30 pm<br>5:45 pm  | Parent Council Meeting*<br>Grade 2 Parent Meeting*   |
| Thurs          | 17 March         | 6:00 pm             | Lavender Kindergarten Parent Meeting*  |
| Fri            | 25 March         | 9:00 am             | Grades 7 & 8 to see <i>The King &amp; I</i> *  |
| Thurs          | 31 March         | 6:30 pm             | Grade 4 play*  |
| Fri            | 1 April          | 9:00 am             | Grade 4 play*  |

\* new item

The next newsletter will be delivered Thursday 10 March. Submissions are due by the previous Monday at 5:00 pm. The Bulletin Board is free and contains free items, items of interest to children and families, and occasional items for sale. It is printed monthly. The limit is 50 words. No anonymous submissions please. Paid advertisements are not accepted. Contact Lisa Hooper, 272-1182, Lisa@ObjectivelyInsights.com for more information.