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The newsletter of the Yuba River Charter School
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Yuba River Charter School CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Fri.	26 Feb.	1:00 pm	Kindergarten tea & crafting
Sun.-Tues.	28 Feb. - 2 Mar.		Grade 4 to Fort Ross
Tues.-Wed.	2-3 March		STAR Writing, Grade 4 & 7
Wed.	3 March	3:30 pm	Parent Council Meeting
T, W, F	9, 10, 12 March	Minimum Days	Parent-Teacher Conferences
Wed.	10 March	4:00 pm	Charter Council Meeting
Thurs.	11 March		Teacher/Staff Appreciation Lunch
Fri.	12 March	7:00 pm	Grade 8 Dance*
Mon.-Tues.	15-16 March		Grade 6 to UC Berkeley and SF
Wed.	17 March	6:00 pm	Grade 3 Parent Meeting
Fri.	19 March	No School	Teacher In-Service Day
Wed.	24 March	5:30 pm 6:00 pm	Grade 1 Parent Evening* Grade 3 play in Building 2*
Thurs.	25 March		Grade 4 to Kids' Concert*
Fri.	26 March	1:00 pm	Kindergarten tea & crafting
Wed.	31 March	6:30 pm	Grade 1 to Senior Center* Grade 8 Parent Meeting*

*new item

The next newsletter will be delivered 11 March. Submissions are due by the previous Monday. The Bulletin Board is free and contains free items, items of interest to children and families, and occasional items for sale. The limit is 50 words. No anonymous submissions please. Paid advertisements are not accepted. Contact Lisa Hooper, 272-1182, Lisa@ObjectiveInsights.com for more information,

OFFICE NOTES

~Parent conferences will be held Tuesday, 9 March; Wednesday, 10 March; and Friday, 12 March. These conferences are optional. If you wish to discuss your child's progress with their teacher, please sign up outside of the classrooms. These are also minimum days.

~ Lunch orders are due **TODAY**. Forms can be found outside the office.

~ **Lost and found** is building up in the hallway. Come by to check it out.

~ **Costumes are missing from the costume closet.** Parents, please look to see if you returned your Medieval Games costumes and your children's play costumes. Return them to the office . Thank you!

~The library needs help!!! A few minutes here and there are great help!
Thank you.
- Catherine

KIDSPACE

Hi everyone,

Things are colorful in Kidspace as spring approaches. Tulips planted by the children earlier are getting ready to open. Valentine's were a recent favorite project, but now bright florals are being created.

Just a reminder that Parent-Teacher Conferences are March 9, 10, and 12. If you would like to have your child in Kidspace during your conference, just call Kid-space at 272-2640 by 10:00 am that morning for a spot.

Here are the upcoming Thursday projects:

March 11 - Tissue Paper Flowers
March 18 - Acrylic Spin Art
March 25 - Pom-pom Bunnies

Thanks,
Karen and Lisa



Info on Car inspections/driving on fieldtrips:

Car inspections are good for 4 months.

When you get your car inspected **please have the following:**

- Car insurance policy with liability amounts, **not proof of insurance** that you carry with the car. (you can have your insurance company fax your policy directly to our office @ 272-1952)
- A current car registration
- A current California driver's license

Please do not assume that the paperwork you turned in with your last inspection is still valid. Many car policies expire after 6 months and registrations expire every year.

You can call or stop in the office to check on your paperwork. The office also has a list of inspectors.

COMPUTER NEEDED

The science program and the 8th grade need a computer with DVD or laptop with DVD. We just got a new digital projector with the science money from the auction, but the 8th grade computer doesn't have a DVD drive. We could use either a desktop or laptop or BOTH. Please contact Susan 272-8078 ext. 106 if you have a computer you can donate to the school.

We purchased some other incredible science equipment with the auction money. The teachers are excited to get the skeleton out.

MATH TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to the 6th grade participants in the Nevada County Math Tournament: Eva Caisse, Logan Ericson, and Megan Gallager. All participated in problem solving, geometry, and computation.

Eva placed 5th in problem solving. Congratulations to Eva and good job all!

HEAD LICE

Head lice is going around the school, especially in the lower grades. Parents, please check your child's head regularly so we can stop this problem.

IDEALLY, parents will check every child that has come in contact with someone with lice EVERY DAY this week.

How to check for head lice:

Examine the head under bright natural light. Head lice may be hard to detect because they move quickly and are very small (sesame seed-size).

Part the hair and closely examine the scalp, especially the nape of the neck and behind the ears. Move the head around to see at different angles. Examine the entire head.

To find the eggs and nits (egg shells), look for small white or yellowish-brown specks that are about the size of a poppy seed. You may see lice quickly moving away from the sunlight. You may also see red marks where the lice have attached to the scalp. Eggs are not easily removed from the hair shaft, dandruff is.

What to do if your child has head lice

Keep your child home until no nits are detected.

Treat all family members with a lice killing product. Comb out eggs and nits with a fine tooth or nit comb. Any eggs that have not been killed will hatch within 10 days. Products such as Rid will kill all eggs that are developed enough to have a central nervous system. After 10 days, re-treat with a lice/egg killing product. Using products that smother the lice will kill the lice. Eggs will continue to hatch, so treatments should continue until no lice, eggs or nits are found. Heat may also be effective for killing lice.

Wash all clothes, towels, washable hats, scarves, coats and ALL bed linens in hot water. Dry in high heat for at least 20 minutes. When gathering linens, carefully fold inward to prevent lice from spreading.

Dry clean non-washables. Place stuffed toys in plastic bags and seal them for 2 weeks. Combs and brushes may be disinfected by soaking in hot water (boil, then remove from heat) for 10 minutes.

Consider spraying mattresses, car seats, couches, etc. with a lice control spray. Vacuum.

CHECK ALL FAMILY MEMBERS DAILY FOR 2 WEEKS. Remove any eggs or nits.

Continue checking until the infected person is free of lice, eggs, and nits for 14 days.

Thanks to Rid and Rite Aid for information.

SCIENCE FAIR

The Nevada County Superintendent of Schools office will again be hosting "The Al Jennings Nevada County Science Fair." This event honoring Nevada County youth will be held April 19th-21st at the Grass Valley Elks Lodge #538.

The purpose of the Nevada County Science Fair is to stimulate an active interest in science in young people, to give public recognition to students for novel research and investigation, and to support the California State standards for science. Students will be eligible for \$1,700 in prize money and the opportunity to represent Nevada County in the California State Science Fair held annually in Los Angeles.

If you and your child are interested in the Science Fair, email Lisa Hooper at Lisa@ObjectiveInsights.com for more information.

"YOUNG AT ART" EXHIBITION

FAMILIES, GO SEE THE ART AT THE ROOD CENTER. It is amazing to see what all of the children in this county are doing and how beautiful Yuba River's art is. The Rood Center is located at the Nevada County Government Building on Maidu Avenue off of Hwy. 49. It is open 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

Thanks to Amy Cassidy, Brion Dunbar, Chelsea Baum, Colleen Ericson, Jacquie Durham, Janice Polucha, Julie Templeton, Jo Paden, Kenneth Bernhardt, Laurie Chamberlin, Mary Love, and Marguerite Tinker for hanging our school's art at the Rood Center. We rocked and were out of there by 9:00 am!

WALDORF PARENT CONFERENCE

The annual Waldorf conference is taking place April 24 & 25 in Fair Oaks. The conference is put on by Rahima Baldwin Dancy, midwife, educator, and author of *You are Your Child's First Teacher*.

I have been attending for the last four years and always come home renewed and inspired by the workshops and grateful for the sweet time spent with friends. This year's theme is *Mothering and Spirituality: Resourcing Feminine Wisdom*. One of the four keynote speakers is Carol Lee Flinders, author of *Laurel's Kitchen* and *At the Root of this Longing* and the others are distinguished as well. The workshops address educational, spiritual, and parenting topics, and there are wonderful craft workshops that fill up quickly. Early registration is \$170 by March 1. Register soon if you are interested in the childcare option! Plan to carpool with friends and share hotel expenses! There is a brochure in the office or you can view it on-line at www.waldorfinthehome.org. Please feel free to contact me if I can answer questions about being a participant denisemreynolds@yahoo.com.

- Denise Reynolds
Mother of Timmy, 1st grade & Ryan, 4.



Policy & Procedures

There has been interest in knowing the policies in place for communicating with YRCS Administration. Here is some information for those inquiring minds:

1. Parent Concern Forms are located at the front desk of the YRCS office (with Barbara). Once filled out, they are also turned in to the front desk and then passed on to Caleb.

All concerns are addressed.

2. Charter Council keeps the first 10 minutes of their meeting open for public comment. Please note: "This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the council on non-agendized items. Note the council cannot discuss or take action on non-agendized items at this meeting, but such items may be agendized for a later council meeting for discussion and/or action. Agendized items may either be addressed at this time or when the items come up for discussion and/or action."
3. Class Parent Council members, chair and co-chair are always available to assist with any concern or idea. Parent Council is created "as a forum for the discussion of matters of interest and concern to the parents of the school".

All Parent Council members have a mailbox in the mailroom across from the main office.

4. All administration representatives are available to meet with any member of our YRCS community. Please feel free to set-up a time to meet with them.

Charter Council, Ed Foundation and Parent Council keep their doors to meetings open for any YRCS parent to sit-in and observe. There are times when a closed door session might be held to protect the privacy of a matter being discussed. This will be noted on the agenda that is usually posted before meetings.

**YRCS Teacher & Staff Appreciation Luncheon
Thursday, March 11**

Every year, parents give a heart-felt appreciation luncheon to teachers and staff of YRCS. This year the luncheon will be held on Thursday, March 11. Each class has a specific responsibility to fulfill for the event. Please contact your class' parent council representative to volunteer.

Class	Class Rep	Luncheon Responsibility
Kindergarten	Melissa Seibold	Rose: 5 Desserts Lavender: Clean Up
1st Grade	Jennifer Iams-McGuire	5 Desserts
2nd Grade	Mark Dahlstrom	6 Main Dishes
3rd Grade	Lisa Gorbet	Drinks, Bread & Spreads
4th Grade	Mark Fogiel	6 Main Dishes
5th Grade	Jeremy Laurin	Clean Up & Distribution of Leftovers
6th Grade	Veronica Combs	Luncheon Set-Up
7th Grade	Jo Paden	Luncheon Set-Up
8th Grade	Teri Polcene	Salad, Finger Foods and Dressings

**Volleyball Coach Needed for
6th Grade Girls Team**

6th grade girls are waiting for someone to step-up and volunteer to coach them to a successful 2010 year. If you are interested, please notify me and I will assist you in getting the ball rolling - or spiked (more appropriate, yes?).

Sincerely,
Greg Wilker
Parent Council Chair