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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

March 8, 2012

YRCS Calendar of Events

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Thurs	3/8		Minimum Day
Fri	3/9	8:15 am 2:30 pm	4 th Grade Coffee House Rhythmic Movement Training YRCS Auditorium
Mon-Wed	3/12-3/14		Parent Conference Minimum Day
Tues	3/13		G8 to SF
Wed	3/14		G8 to SF
Thurs	3/15		Teacher/Staff Appreciation Day Minimum Day
Fri	3/16		No School – Teacher In-Service Day
Mon	3/19		Newsletter Deadline
Wed	3/21	5:45 pm	G8 Parent Evening 5:45
Thurs	3/22		Farm Program Play Minimum Day
Fri	3/23		4 th Grade Coffee House Farm Program Play Kindergarten Gardening Day
Sat	3/24		Day In The Life
Mon-Fri	3/26-3/30		"Last Call" for Lost and Found Items
Tues	3/27	5:30 pm	G4 to Maidu Museum G3 Parent Evening
Thurs	3/29		Minimum Day G7 Play G3 Alpaca Field Trip NEW DATE
Fri	3/30		4 th Grade Coffee House Minimum Day G7 Play
Sat	3/31		G7 Play
Mon-Fri	4/2-4/6		Spring Break No School

Charter Council News

Hello YRCS Families:

The Charter Council has a full plate of policy updates right now, based on recent events and the results of various charter renewal reviews. One that has been frequently discussed, but has been tabled for a few months, involves the priority enrollment status for Little Creek families. We're also in the middle of performing the Director evaluation and hearing teacher evaluations.

Recently, the financial updates have been mostly good: enrollment is as strong as it has ever been, with a very large interest by new Kindergarten families, and we just received our non-profit status. Administration routinely updates us on other business matters and has been doing a great job handling many things at once.

Many thanks to the 8th grade families and others who have done so much to improve the stage area in the auditorium! We've been looking into what else is possible to upgrade at the NCE facility, and are coming to the understanding that because the campus has been officially approved by the California State Architect, whose job it is to keep our kids safe, making some changes are going to be much more difficult than we hoped. Stay tuned for creative ideas. The two big limits are that the auditorium has been approved as an auditorium, not a gym, and that we cannot build anything that is a "structure". We would have to get approval from the state for either change. We are not ready to face that cost and effort for a short term lease and neither is our landlord. Which brings us right to the exciting news that we should be hearing a lot more soon about our new building project as it kicks back into high gear.

Denise Reynolds from the Ed Foundation presented YRCS with the report of the funds that will soon be transferred to the YRCS general account. Many thanks to the Ed Foundation and to all you generous families for your support of our school! This money will make a big difference in the programs and teacher benefits we can offer. And most especially a huge thank you to Denise who is moving on from the Ed Foundation after four years of exceptional service. We wish her all the best in her new pursuits.

We also continue to plan for the future, including handbook reviews, prioritizing policy reviews, defining STAR testing oversight, and tracking progress on our Strategic Plan.

More details about happenings are available in the full minutes available on the website: <http://www.yubariverschool.org/parents.html>.

Respectfully yours,
Mariana Nielsen, CC Secretary

YRCS Educational Foundation 2011-2012 Annual Fund Drive

The Yuba River Charter School Administration and Faculty are filled with gratitude for everyone who has contribute a pledge or gift to the 2011-2012 Annual Fund Giving Campaign. Community financial support is crucial to the success and longevity of our school and our Waldorf curriculum.

Why do we ask our community members to make a financial contribution to our school?

We ask in order to help better sustain our school and Waldorf curriculum. We do it for our children. There is never a shortage of financial needs in public education. Each year our school, and school business office, are in need of balancing the budget and to pay for overhead, expenses, salaries and bills and planning for the ever-looming shortfalls the Governor's office constantly juggles and predicts. We ask families to give so we can have a more successful program. While some families may have the means to do more than others, we do encourage ALL families to participate in supporting this education, which is so rich and generous, in itself, towards our families and children.

If the YRCS Educational Foundation has received a written confirmation of a gift or pledge, we would like to thank and acknowledge you for your consideration and support at this time.

Our current fundraising statistics:

\$70,646 raised and 58% participation as of Monday, March 5th at 1:15p.m.

(Apologies for any unintentional omissions or corrections. Please contact Melissa at x.102)

Renee Marshall & David Swanson

Susan Perko & Robin Miller

Jessica & Pat Druding

Marisha & Theodore Finkler

Joleen & Jason Giuliani

Kim & Jeff Mees

Lori & Pascal Glenn-Rose

Elizabeth Soderstrom & Steve Rotherth

Lisa Reinhardt & Shawn Blue

Carly Brush

Sheryl Brown & Gerald Dion

Jennifer & Michael Hane

Sasha & Trevor Hughes

Kevin Ide

Carlyle & Christopher Miller

Cristina & Seth Rosmarin

Tatiana Vatury

Karen Wahl & John Inman

Amrita O'Leary

Robert Godar

Karin Meadows

Rachel & Dylan McConnell

Julia Alperovich & Stefano Petruzzo

Matt Williams

Meri Knadjian & Estevan Abila

Kimberley & Mike Carville

Amy & Bryan Cassidy

Melissa Seibold & Courtney Cook

Hanna Zeisel & Logan Edwards

Sandra Saettone-Fleisher & James
Fleisher

Julie Franklin & Mark Follansbe

Nikiya Swatz & Kevin Pachman

Alicia Lacoste & Eric Sturgeon

Indira Basnet & Bishnu Subedi

Heather Peery

Jake Vculek

Rebeca Green

Keith Walley

Shannon & Ed Welch

Aya & Shahar Caspi

Hillary Ellis-LaVigne

Kimberly Lombard

Crispian Mudd

Tim Smith

Cindy Zuelsdorf & Gary Upton

Roger Blair

Thea Blair

Robyn Caywood

Keri & Mark Dahlstrom

Sally & Gary Gardner

Grazia & Evangelos Moschovas

Darryl Quinn

Mariana Nielsen & Fred Tilton

Jenny Gray

Mark Goehring

Julie Hunn

Cathy & Doug Harmon

Lisa Gorbet & Joe Hash

Andi & Graham Krause

Casey & Michael McCormick

Michael Rice

Julie & Tom Templeton

Trish McPhee

Genevieve & Caleb Buckley

Jada Faye & Frank Armstrong

Karen Chabot & Danny Avila

Blue Reid

Benjie & Robert Wallis

Sharon & Dave Yonenaka

Matt Sweigert

Anne & Steve Berreman

Eve Stefani

David Clouse

Joiex Duncan & Ingo Zirpins

Natalie & Nichols Baughman

Martha Chung

Corine Laruijsen & Joep Jilesen

Mary & Ryan Love

Adriana Kelly

Raelynn & Matt Noel

Suzan Lang

Martee & Doug Suess

Louise Renehan & Michael Skoyles

Andrea & Scott Weeks

Catherine Janicke

Chad York

Barbara & James Armstrong

BJ Schmitt & David Brownstein

Laurie Chamberlin

Colleen & Myles Ericson

Laurence & Mark Fogiel

Joe & Jilan Glorfield

Elise & Larry Hierman

Jean Remley & Chris Hofland

Mark Keeling

Karri Knowles

Torrie & Bill

Nancy & Robbert Trice

Susan Schreiber & Jerome Verhasselt

Susan Egan

Catherine Ardagh

Leila Barber

Jerilee & Dan Martinez

Mike & Jean Casey

Douglas & LaVerne Leach

G.E. & Margaret Goehring

Fred Forsman

Karen Geilser

Carrie Reuther

Doris Rainville

Annette Fuchs & Sean Duggan

Nicholas Cravotta & Rebecca Bleau

Oak & Naomi McCann

Anya Tuton & Ian Childs

Stephen Van Valkenberg

Adam & Alma Rowe

Denise Reynolds & Brad Reynolds

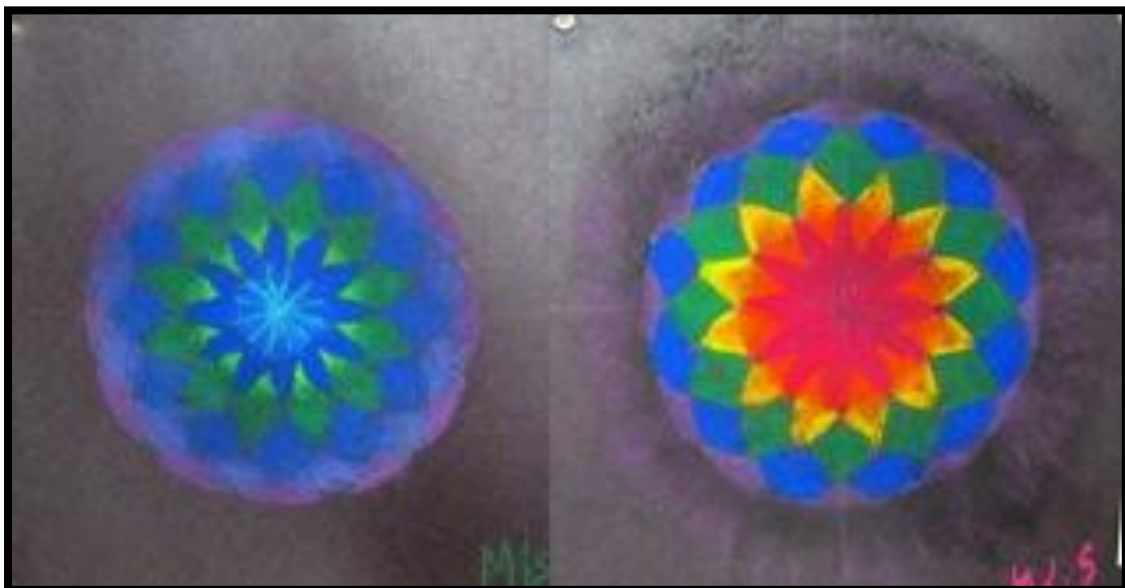
Alison & Todd Gjertsen

*As I gaze into the distance;
And run my fingers through my hair
I think of the existence
Of a rectangle or a square.
Thoughts of shapes fill my mind
Like pentagons and hexagons,
But lines and angles I leave behind,
And I let them fall like rocks in ponds;
Now I think parallelograms,
And circumference of that sort;
Then I measure in my mind,
The knowledge I've gained, in a short time.*

By Sol Rios

5th Grade

Free-hand Geometry Block



LAMPOST

PIZZA Lunch Order Form **April**

Monday Pizza Lunch Dates: April 16, 23, 30
Orders Due March 26 2012

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 Name _____ Phone: _____

First Child's full name: _____ Second Child's full name _____

Grade _____ Grade _____

Circle either cheese or pepperoni: Circle either cheese or pepperoni:

1 slice:	Cheese/Pepperoni \$7.50	1 slice:	Cheese/Pepperoni \$7.50
2 slices:	Cheese/Pepperoni \$12.00	2 slices:	Cheese/Pepperoni \$12.00

Total: _____

Burrito Lunch Wednesdays April 2012 Burritos are served on Wednesdays: April 11, 18, 25 Orders are due by Thursday March 23, 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: _____ Phone #: _____

First Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____

- _____ Bean, Cheese, & Rice Burrito —\$12.00
- _____ Bean & Cheese Burrito — \$12.00
- _____ Bean & Rice Burrito — \$12.00
- _____ Chicken, Bean, Cheese, & Rice Burrito — \$15.00
- _____ **Juice box for the month - \$3.00**

Second Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____

- _____ Bean, Cheese, & Rice Burrito —\$12.00
- _____ Bean & Cheese Burrito — \$12.00
- _____ Bean & Rice Burrito — \$12.00
- _____ Chicken, Bean, Cheese, & Rice Burrito — \$15.00
- _____ **Juice box for the month - \$3.00**

Burrito Cost: _____ Juice Cost: _____ TOTAL DUE: _____

If you are interested in paying for many months in advance or have other questions
Call Deanna Ronningen @ 913-4342 or kdronningen@aol.com

YRCS Rapids
Girls' Volleyball Game Schedule
2012 – REVISED 2/26/12

7th grade team:

Kyra Leach
Haven Masters
Holly McQuade
Autumn McQuade
Ellerie Smith
Alyssa Yonenaka
Unity Casey
Lilith Gjertsen
Crystal Prima Lang
Emia York

8th grade team:

Summer Laurin
Olivia Ronningen
Zoe Favour
Reyna Van
Valkenberg
Megan Gallagher
Jenica Hierman
Joy Castro-Wehr
Olivia Chamberlin
KK Mudd

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time(s)</u>	<u>Vs.</u>	<u>Place</u>
Game	Thurs, 3/1	4pm – 8 th gr. 7 th to follow	Clear Creek	Ready Springs Sch.
Game	Tues, 3/6	4pm – 7 th gr. 8 th to follow	Chicago Park	Chicago Park
Game	Thurs, 3/8	4pm – 8 th gr. 7 th to follow	Mt. St. Mary's	Mt. St. Mary's
Game – YRCS Home Team	Tues, 3/13	<i>Need to reschedule (8th grade only)</i>	Grass Valley Ch.	Ready Springs Sch.
Game – YRCS Home Team	Thurs, 3/15	4pm – 8th gr. 7th to follow	Ready Springs	Ready Springs Sch.
Game – YRCS Home Team	Tues, 3/20	4pm – 7 th gr. 8 th to follow	Chicago Park	Chicago Park
Game – YRCS Home Team	Thurs, 3/22	4pm – 8 th gr. 7 th to follow	Clear Creek	Ready Springs
Game – YRCS Home Team	Tues, 3/27	4pm – 7 th gr. 8 th to follow	Mt. St. Mary's	Mt. St. Mary's
Game	Thurs, 3/29	4pm – 8th grade only	Grass Valley Charter	Union Hill MPR
Game FINAL	Tues, 4/10	4pm – 8th gr. 7th to follow	Ready Springs	Ready Springs Sch.

**Please come out and support
our girls!**

Tuesday Pastie Lunch Order Form

Happily offered by the 5th grade

Pastie lunch dates: April, 2/10, 2/17, 2/24

Orders are due by March 27

Questions? Ask Jenn Knapp: letloveradiate@yahoo.com

Parent's Name _____ Phone # _____

First Child's full name _____ Grade _____

Check one: _____ Veggie Pastie - \$15 _____ Beef Pastie - \$15 _____ Chicken Pastie - \$15

Second Child's full name _____ Grade _____

Check one: _____ Veggie Pastie - \$15 _____ Beef Pastie - \$15 _____ Chicken Pastie - \$15

Total: \$ _____

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: 4/12, 4/19, 4/26

Orders are due by 3/30

- 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, mushrooms, black olives) —\$14.25

_____ Canadian Bacon & Cheese Calzone —\$14.25

Second Child's Full Name: _____ Grade: _____

_____ Veggie Calzone (Cheese, mushrooms, black olives) —\$14.25

_____ Canadian Bacon & Cheese Calzone —\$14.25

Third Child's Full Name: _____ Grade: _____

_____ Veggie Calzone (Cheese, mushrooms, black olives) —\$14.25

_____ Canadian Bacon & Cheese Calzone —\$14.25

TOTAL DUE: _____

If you are interested in paying for many months in advance or have other questions just ask Anna Reischman @ 272-1397

Educational Foundation Treasurer Position *Still Open-*

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

The Nurtured Heart Approach With Doris Rainville

Anyone interested in learning more about the Nurtured heart approach is invited to Lavender Kindergarten on Mondays, 1:30 – 3:00, starting March 5th. We will have tea, learn about the Nurtured Heart Approach and share stories of how it is being used. Childcare is available at \$5 per child and \$3 for each extra sibling. There will be a sign up sheet for childcare posted on the bulletin board outside of Lavender Kindergarten. Space is limited, so be sure to sign up in advance.

When Kids Interrupt *Weekly Tip from the Love and Logic® Experts*

Kids should not be allowed to interrupt their parents.

When children are allowed to control whether or not their parents converse, they're at great risk for developing the notion that they have more importance and power in the family than their parents. While we believe that children should be given plenty of love and attention, we know that kids who believe that the world revolves around them...well...grow up to be adults who believe that the world revolves around them.

Part of the solution involves being very careful to avoid interrupting them when it's their turn to speak. In my book, [Parenting Kids To Become the People Employers Really Want and America Desperately Needs!](#) I discuss the immense power of modeling. Kids who learn these skills via example enjoy far happier lives as adults.

Another piece of the puzzle involves setting and enforcing clear limits. Some parents experiment by calmly yet firmly saying, "I will listen to you when I am done talking with Dad."

When children continue to interrupt anyway, there must be a consequence delivered with loving empathy. Many possibilities exist. Perhaps the simplest involves doing your best to finish the conversation...then calmly saying, "This is so sad. You interrupted us when we were trying to talk. Now we don't have the energy to do the things you wanted us to do today."

One couple commented on their unique strategy:

Our kids had gotten so bad about interrupting us that we decided to hire a baby sitter...at their expense. We said to them, "This is such a bummer. You guys haven't been letting us talk. Now we need to go out and get all of our talking done. You'll be staying with Mrs. B. She's going to ask you how you plan to pay her for her time." After we did this one time, our kids were far more careful when we said, "We'll listen when we are done talking."

Rhythmic Movement Training

An informational session on Rhythmic Movement Training will be offered by Christine Washburn and Sheri Haas (occupational therapists) at the Yuba River Charter School auditorium (505 Main Street Nevada City) on Friday, March 9th at 2:30. All interested parents and staff are welcome to come to this free presentation.

Rhythmic Movement Training (RMT) is dedicated to bring integration and balance to children and adults with specific learning challenges (including ADD/ADHD, dyslexia, autism), motor problems, postural imbalances, emotional and behavioral problems and general life overwhelm. RMT works at integrating infant reflex patterns through replicating developmental movements, gentle isometric pressure and self awareness. For more information see the following website:

http://www.rhythmicmovement.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=11&Itemid=18

While sensory diet benefits many students for increasing their body comfort and attention; RMT may offer similar or improved benefits for some students. Christine and Sheri have found this to be an effective treatment for some clients in their occupational therapy service and have offered to share their experience.

Warm regards,
Patti Howard MS, CF-SLP
Speech-Language Pathologist
Nevada County Charter Services
pwardslp@gmail.com

-Help Raise Funds for YRCS by Grocery Shopping-

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.

SAFEMART SHOPPERS

Link my Safeway card to the school.

My Safeway card #: (not my phone #) _____

Note if you no longer have your card and use your phone number at check out please call Safeway @ 1-877-723-3929 and they will provide the card number.

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.

8th Grade Boys Clinch the Championship!



Yuba River Rapids close season with championship!

Yuba River Charter School alumni, Samuel and Josiah Barber, recently returned to coach the school's Boys' Basketball team to a 16-2 season and a first place Nevada County Small Schools League Tournament Championship.

Of the four tournaments in which the school has participated, the Boys' teams have taken first place honors on three occasions.

This year's group of eighth graders, most of whom had played together for several years in the Recreational League, called upon their unwavering trust in one another and exceptional teamwork to pull out the first place win with a shot in the final seconds against a previously undefeated Ready Springs team to clinch the victory at NU's Ali Gym in front of a record number Yuba River Charter School crowd!

Pictured are, back row, left to right, Miles Geenty, Randy Svoboda, coach Josiah Barber, coach Samuel Barber, Kyle Hofland and Dylan Moreno, and front row, left to right, Jaccob McQuade, Jackson Glorfield, Chili Kopp, Logan Ericson, Dylan Brownstein and Adam Verhasselt.

AT THE FARM

Yuba River Charter School Home Study Farm Program



Weeding the spinach bed



Raking up the chard we pruned to feed the compost



Preparing a over crop bed



Fertilizing and mulching the raspberry bed.



Hoolahoop in the field



A local hen

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. You can visit us at <http://www.yubariverschool.org/homestudy.html>. See our new blog at <http://yrcshomestudyfarmprogram.blogspot.com/>

CHECK OUT THE NEW OPTIONS BELOW

Friday's Gluten Free Rice Bowl

Offered By the 6th Grade and Emily's Catering - Rice Bowl lunch dates: April 6,13,20,27

Orders are due by Friday March 30th Make Checks Payable to: YRCS FF

Contact Benjie at wallisfamily@sbcglobal.net

Parent's Name: _____

Phone# _____

Email _____

1st Child's full name: _____ Grade: _____

The bowl comes with white rice with sweet soy sesame glaze sauce.

Veggie – Steamed cabbage, carrots, broccoli and green onions with sauce - \$18.00

Chicken – Grilled chicken with sauce - \$20.00

Chicken and Veggie – Grilled chicken with veggies above - \$20.00

2nd Child's full name: _____ Grade: _____

The bowl comes with white rice with sweet soy sesame glaze sauce.

Veggie – Steamed cabbage, carrots, broccoli and green onions with sauce - \$18.00

Chicken – Grilled chicken with sauce - \$20.00

Chicken and Veggie – Grilled chicken with veggies above - \$20.00

Please pack your child a fork

TOTAL DUE: _____



Greetings YRCS,

My name is Karin Meadows and my daughter Liliana is in Sweet Pea Kindergarten. I'm happy to say that I'll be working for the school in a small way as Volunteerism Coordinator.

This role is part of a larger effort to better appreciate and support the parents as we give of our time and energy in this wonderful place. I'll also be doing other random tasks, including art displays and exhibitions.

Comments, suggestions, requests, or anything are welcome. This job will most likely include volunteer hours as well, but I'll be sure to log them on the clip board outside of Suzanne's class room. ;)

Well wishes, see you at school.

From the Nevada City Little League President -

With snow on the ground and sun in the sky, that can only mean one thing -- baseball season! Here are some news and notes on goings-on in the NCLL:

- **Next Saturday, 3/10, starting at 9:00 AM is our annual Field Maintenance Day.** Bring yard and garden tools – lawn rakes, edgers, wheelbarrows, and hoes – and help us get our diamonds sparkling. We'll have separate crews at both Pioneer Park fields, both 7-Hills fields, and Deer Creek. Start out at the upper Pioneer Park field, sign in with your team name so we know you're there, and pick a job...any job. We'll have lists of things that need doing, along with folks heading up crews for some of the bigger tasks. There will be coffee and donuts for everyone helping out. ***There will also be a PIZZA PARTY at MINER MOE'S for the team with the highest percentage turnout, so make sure you sign in.***

- Also on Saturday, 3/10, following the Field Maintenance activities, **NCLL is co-hosting a District 11 Umpire Mechanics Clinic at the upper Pioneer Park field.** This will run from 1-5 PM and is open to all new and experienced umpires. We always need umpires -- this is a great way to get started.

- **Our official OPENING DAY and PANCAKE BREAKFAST is coming up on Saturday, 4/14. This is also Picture Day** and there will be a full slate of games with most teams scheduled to play, from Tee on up to Juniors. We're hoping to make this a big event -- stay tuned for more information.

- If you can't wait for Opening Day on 4/14, our Major and Junior teams will actually be playing games starting the week of 3/19. The first game at Pioneer Park is scheduled for 3/19, with the Major Red Sox taking on the Penn Valley Padres at 7:00 PM under the lights. Come on out, get a dog at our freshly painted Snack Shack, and root for NCLL!

- Finally, one last call for SPONSORS! Time is getting tight, but there are still a few teams without sponsors. If you are interested in sponsoring a team (or putting up an outfield fence sign), check out the attached form and contact our Sponsorship Coordinator, Sherry Wray, at wraynbowacres@yahoo.com. Every sponsorship dollar we receive goes right back into the program, helping us improve equipment and facilities and keep registration costs low.

I hope you're all as excited for the upcoming season as I am. I was at my daughter's Farm practice at 7-Hills today and there were three teams on the blacktop, firing it up wherever the snow was cleared. That's great -- can't wait for what's shaping up to be a stellar season!

- Sid Heaton
NCLL President, 2012

BOOK FAIRE!?

We are talking about having another use book faire here at the school.

Sometime in April or May.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Miss Catherine.

library@yubariverschool.org

If you have books to donate, please bring them to the office.

We are taking any books in good shape for kids and parents.

Start cleaning up your shelves!

Thank You,

Catherine Ardagh

Librarian / Handwork teacher



Valentine's



Day!



Parent Appreciation



Charter Renewal Celebration

We were heard all over town, thanks to Melissa's noisemaker idea. 😊



SHINE Mission Statement: 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.

The SHINE group is happy to announce that we have added two new members, Colleen Ericson and Karen Chabot. Colleen is the mother of Logan in the 8th grade and Karen is the mother of three students at our school; Kolena in 1st grade, Jeremiah in 4th grade and Adrianna in 6th grade. The addition of these parent representatives will prove very helpful in creating a balance of teachers and parents to represent our group. Additionally, with the help of faculty member Paula Barber, we have begun a student council comprised of two student representatives from the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades each. The student council meets once monthly with the intention to encourage more student involvement in social issues and needs, thus creating a greater sense of social empowerment of their school. This will, we hope, bridge greater social harmony amongst the students.

Nevada County is also in the process of implementing a pro social health/anti-bullying program called "Steps-to-Success." This is being offered to all schools in our County. Here at YRCS, our school psychologist, Paul DeSilva will be presenting the program to our teachers and staff during our March in service on the 16th. We're excited to be hosting Paul's presentation and eager to learn about the, "Steps-to-Success," strategies.

Last year, SHINE presented a few community agreements in hopes of bringing improved communication in a healthy and harmonious way. These agreements were: 1) Go to the Source for Direct Communication. 2) Speak the truth with positive intentions. And, 3) Listen to understand, being open to other's perspectives and reflections.

In our modern school culture we are at the confluence of technology and Waldorf education. The fact that we are a Waldorf Charter school entails our curriculum unfolds through a seemingly low-tech environment for the children to blossom. Where does this confluence of technology and Waldorf education connect? Our view is that our school is a unique environment that is striving to be media free in order to bring the essence of this education freely to our students. Yet, we beg the question, what are the media/computer cultures like in our homes? Do they align with the social values we are striving for as a school community?

Over the past several months, SHINE has noticed a social pattern of how e-mail communication has caused some ripples of misinformation to spread throughout various

grades at the school. While e-mail and social media is a great tool for communication information to large groups of people, this can also at times be destructive to the social fabric of a group. Thus, we have offered a few reflections when using email to help better serve our school.

First, remember that e-mail is not private.

Do not use e-mail to discuss confidential information. Never put in an e-mail message anything that you wouldn't put on a postcard. Remember that e-mail can be forwarded, so unintended audiences may see what you've written. You might also inadvertently send something to the wrong party.

Take Another Look Before You Send a Message.

Reread and reconsider the email, possibly from the recipient's perspective. Allow messages to sit for a few minutes before pressing the, "Send," button, especially when written in a hurry or fused with emotion.

Do not write in ALL CAPITALS.

IF YOU WRITE IN CAPITALS IT SEEMS AS IF YOU ARE SHOUTING. This can be irritating to read and might trigger an unwanted response in the form of a flame mail. Therefore, try to avoid sending any email text in capitals.

Don't forward virus hoaxes and chain letters.

If you receive an email message warning you of a new unstoppable virus, that will immediately delete everything from your computer, this is most probably a hoax. By forwarding hoaxes you may be forwarding viruses themselves. The same goes for chain letters that promise incredible riches or ask your help for a charitable cause. If you must forward an email warning, always check a reputable website for accuracy, such as snopes.com.

Be sparing with group e-mail.

Send group email only when it is useful to every recipient.

SHINE is also striving to improve its own communication loop. Thus, we are trying to make ourselves more accessible! If you are interested in help resolving a social concern, **please** feel free to fill out a Parent Concern Form in the office. Additionally, you can talk with any of the SHINE faculty members. If it is a student council issue, our student council representative, Paula Barber, is available to bring concerns forth at their student council meetings. Thank you!

Sincerely,

SHINE - Erik Bell, Baruch Simon, Colleen Ericson, Elise Heirman, Krissa Connelley, Paula Barber, and Karen Chabot.



Some of Little Creek's Little Ones



School Store

A 6th grade fundraiser

We have

Crayons and crayon holders	Wool yarn
Colored pencils	Handmade jewelry
Beeswax	School shirt

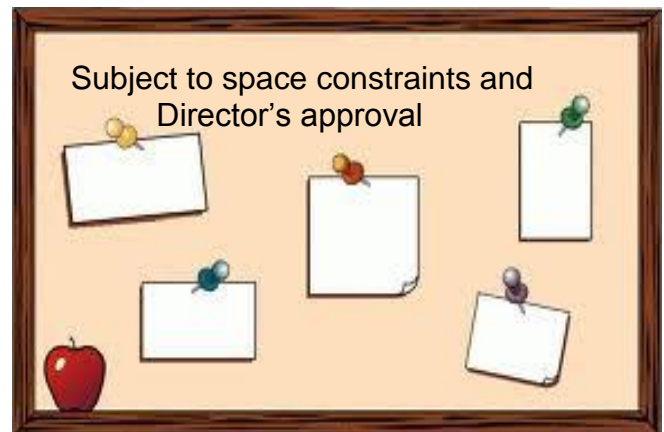
And lots more!

Open Tuesdays and Fridays 1:45-3:00

Now in the school entrance!

Stop by and check it out!

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



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Parents Please Note:

New Lost and Found Policy

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. .

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.

Snow Day??

Every attempt is made to notify parents via phone. In the event you do not receive a call, check with the Office to make sure we have your latest contact info.

You can tune in to either KVMR 89.5 fm or KNCO 830 am for school closure info. If Nevada Union High is closed so are we.