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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

### Yuba River Charter School CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Fri	25 March	9:00 am	Grades 7 & 8 to see <i>The King &amp; I</i>
Sat	26 March		Day in the Life of the Kindergarten – by invitation only
Thurs	31 March	1:30 pm 6:30 pm	Staff/Teacher Appreciation Tea Grade 4 play
Fri	1 April	9:00 am	Grade 4 play
Mon	4 April	6:00 pm	Grade 6 Parent Meeting
Tues	5 April	1:30 & 6:00 pm	Rose Kindergarten Parent Meeting
Wed	6 April	3:30 pm	Charter Council Meeting*
Thurs	7 April	noon - 1:00 pm 6:00 pm	May Fair Festival meeting* Grade 5 play
Fri	8 April	9:00 am	Grade 5 play Grade 8 to Track Meet at Sac Waldorf
Sat	9 April		Day in the Life of the Kindergarten – by invitation only
Mon-Fri	11-15 April		STAR testing
Mon	11 April	3:30 pm	Ed Foundation Meeting
Wed	13 April	3:30 pm	Grade 4 Parent Meeting
Thurs	14 April		Evening Spring Assembly
Fri	15 April	Minimum Day	
Mon-Fri	18-22 April	No School	Spring Break

\* new item

**PLEASE NOTE THAT WE HAVE USED OUR SNOW DAYS. THIS CALENDAR IS CURRENT.**

**LUNCH ORDERS ARE DUE TODAY.**

## YRCS STUDENTS WIN local 3 on 3 tournament



Recently, former YRCS students Jesse Dunbar and I joined YRCS 8th grader Owen Smith to form a team for the Shoot for Christian 3 on 3 Tournament. The competition took place at Union Hill, and we, The Brochachos, were the first team to take the court. The story of how we got our team name is not that exciting, for it was a

last minute choice, but I was quoted as saying, "Whatever name we choose, we will make it famous, and people will remember it. But after the first game of the tournament, the future of the Brochachos did not look too bright, for our match up, a team from Tahoe, could not make it in time, so we ended up playing, and barely losing to arguably one of the best teams in the tournament. There was a huge break until our next game, so we left the gym and headed for our homes, knowing full well that if we lost another game, we would be leaving the gym for good. We did not lose again.

Maybe it was because I ate a couple thin mint Girl Scout cookies back at my house, but The Brochachos played like a beast unleashed. Our chemistry flourished and our teamwork was phenomenal. We sent team after team out the door as if the gym was Noah's ark and we were unloading the animals two by two. Okay, that is a little exaggeration on my part. All I know, is that the Brochachos advanced all the way to the championship game, and there waiting, at 7:30 pm, was a solid team that had beaten some very talented opponents, including the team that beat us in the first game. But The Brochachos still stood in their way.

The Championship game was low scoring and close the whole time, but we had a small lead when it really mattered. The final minute. The opposing team had to foul us intentionally so they could get the ball back, but that meant that we shot free throws. It wasn't the smoothest road to the ending of the game, but at around 8:00 pm on that Sunday night, The Brochachos hoisted first place trophies, as the fans that were still in the stands chanted the now famous name.

- by Josiah Barber

## "YOUNG AT ART" EXHIBITION

### 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. The exhibition runs through May.

## OFFICE NOTES

Cleaning your bookshelves?

Lower grades are looking for "An I Can Read Book" level 2 or 3.

Please bring your donations to the library or the office!

Thank you,  
- Catherine

There are a lots of prescription &/or reading glasses on the office window sill lost and found. Children and adult. Also gloves and misc. Come look and claim your stuff.

HELP!!!

The library really needs your help!

Bring a friend, sit and chat while covering books. Great fun!

Shelving books is also available.

Thank You!  
- Catherine



## Take the Stress and Conflict out of parenting and in your lives with the work of Byron Katie

Learn how to identify and question the judgments that close our hearts  
as parents

Discover you own natural Loving-Honest Communication  
without your judgments

On-going practice group on Fridays  
starting April 29th

8:30 - 9:45 am

at NCSA home study room/l

Call Colleen Ericson 478-5788 or [colleenlovingwhatis@gmail.com](mailto:colleenlovingwhatis@gmail.com)

The next newsletter will be delivered Thursday 7 April. It will be the only newsletter in April. 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@ObjectiveInsights.com](mailto:Lisa@ObjectiveInsights.com) for more information.



Hello YRCS community,

Like our broader school, the Parent Council (PC) has been busy evaluating finances and re-prioritizing funding requests. At times, it seems that the broader YRCS community isn't aware of the role PC plays in providing funding of programs that benefit both parents and students. So, I wanted to take the time to summarize the program funding that PC has provided so far this school year:

Parent Education and Hospitality	\$1,030
Assemblies/Opening Ceremony/Harvest Festival	\$ 165
Loan for School Store (to be repaid in three installments)	\$ 565
Volleyball and Basketball Teams (gym and tournament fees)	\$ 360
YRCS Strategic Planning (childcare provided for participants)	\$ 300
Total	\$2,420

Hopefully you have taken advantage of the programs PC has funded. In addition to serving as the ears and voice of the school parents, PC seeks to sponsor clubs and other activities that contribute to the life of the school. Unfortunately, PC income from fundraising is a limitation on what we can do. So, please continue to support PC fundraising through rebate programs we have with BriarPatch, Raleys, SPD, Holiday Market of Lake Wildwood and Amazon.com (<http://astore.amazon.com/yracs-store-20>). If you need to get set up for these programs, please see note below\*. And, if you have a break-through idea on a fundraiser, please reach out to your local PC rep listed below, or contact me directly at [mdahlstrom@hotmail.com](mailto:mdahlstrom@hotmail.com).

Class/Position	Representative	Class/Position	Representative
Lavender Kindergarten		4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Lisa Gorbet
Rose Kindergarten	Robert Wallis	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Makio Terrell
Sweet Pea Kindergarten	Chelsea Baum	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Catherine Janicke
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Hanna Ziesel	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Veronica Morales-Combs
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Joe Fajen	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Kristin Welch
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Mark Dahlstrom		

Thank you for your support!

Mark Dahlstrom, on behalf of PC

\*For Briar Patch and SPD, you can pick up rebate coupons in the school office hallway to be used when you shop. For Raleys, Melissa Seibold has cards in the office to get you started. Holiday also uses a card that you can set up in the store. Kristin Welch is the PC Fundraising chair and can assist you if needed.

**Did you know?**

The YRCS parent/family pledge includes the commitment for parents to volunteer at the school a minimum of two hours per month for first child, and one additional hour per month for each additional child? In addition to classroom hours, there are plenty of volunteer opportunities at festivals/fairs and other school events. Work with your class PC or festival rep for details.

**Quote to Quote**

“You cannot catch a child's spirit by running after it; you must stand still and for love it will soon itself return.”  
- Arthur Miller

## “YOU CAN TALK TO ME”

### Family Life Education Classes for Parents and Their Pre-Teens (10-12 year olds)

Do you want to be the person your son or daughter comes to with tough questions about puberty, peer pressure, sexual harassment, “the birds and the bees” and teen pregnancy prevention? Most parents do, but don’t know where to begin.

“You Can Talk to Me” is a unique 6-week series that allows you and your pre-teen to attend family life education classes *together*.

#### Free Parent Preview Night\*

You’re invited to come and find out what the classes will cover and have your questions answered.

When: March 29, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. (Parents only please)  
(Remaining classes: 4/5, 4/12, 4/26, 5/3, 5/10)

Where: CORE Charter School: 650 Gold Flat Rd. Suite C,  
Nevada City, CA

RSVP: Marlene Mahurin, Family Life Educator  
(530) 575-6582 or mmahurin@yahoo.com

To ensure the most effective class size, space is limited.

\*Tuition for the 6 sessions is \$120 per family

Toby Thomas-Rose, in fulfilling his 8th grade student project, has invited Lineage Dance to perform in fundraising for the Kellermann Foundation’s Batwa Pygmy Development Fund. He hopes to raise \$500 towards support of their educational goals for the Pygmy children. Lineage Dance celebrates the company’s 11th year with a return to Grass Valley. Lineage is dedicated to raising support and awareness for worthy causes, as well as to making the arts accessible to all. Described as a combination of powerful athleticism combined with graceful lyricism, the Los Angeles based dance company has received acclaim across the country.

In support of Toby’s educational fundraising goals, Lineage Dance will present “The Brain in Motion”, a dance exploration into the art and science of the mind. Through narration and contemporary dance, the audience will see an interpretation of the right and left brain, and see firing neurons. The dance also takes a humorous look at what happens to our brains when we sleep. With a healthy dose of science, and a sprinkling of humor, the “Brain in Motion” leaves an indelible impression on viewers of all ages. Choreography by Hilary Thomas (who happens to be Toby’s auntie) and original music by John Guth.

Please join us on Friday evening, April 1, 2011 at 7:30 pm at St. Joseph’s Cultural Center. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. Advance purchase available through the YRCS office, The Booksellers, or by contacting Toby at 273-4904.

## Lineage Dance

Friday April 1



A benefit performance for the  
Kellermann Foundation Batwa Pygmy Development Fund

7:30 pm, Saint Josephs Cultural Center

Tickets \$12 at Door/\$10 Advance  
Tickets available at the YRCS office, The Booksellers or  
by contacting Toby at 273-4904

## *Thank You Families for Your Giving!*

**\$67,500 pledged and raised and 64% participation, so far!**

Sarah & Jacob Griscom Sorch Mulick & Moussa Camara Paul Frederickson Shannon Frederickson  
Naomi & Oak McCann Darryl Quinn Kiya & Temoc Rios Karen Chabot & Dan Avila Carrie & Keith  
Monohan Aya & Caspi Rebecca & Richard Myers Jessica & Pat Druding Julia Alperovich & Stefano  
Petrizzo Amanda Noakes & Jeff Kenney Amy & Ken Jorgensen Heather Peterman & Tony Gonzales  
Baruch Simon Keri & Mark Dahlstrom Amy & Randall Bouck Sheri & Jerry Dion Karen Meadows  
Benji & Robert Wallis Nancy Cattaneo Shannon Rojko & Steven Searls Jilan & Joe Glorfield Kerri  
Kuelpers Julie Hunn & Mark Goehring Shannon & Ed Casey-Welch Julie Franklin & Mark Follansbee  
Jen Sheffield & PJ Kolackovsky Meri Knadjian & Esteban Abila Indira Basnet & Bishnu Subedi Hannah  
Ziesel & Logan Edwards Laura & Michael Ramirez Caleb Buckley Amy & Bryan Cassidy Keith Walley  
Sandra & James Fleischer Nikiya Schwarz & Kevin Pachman Melissa Seibold Shirlene Stewart Joe  
Fajen Lori Valvo & William Parks Doug & Cathy Harmon Christopher King Andreea Federspiel-Otelea  
Andreea Federspiel-Otelea Julie & Tom Templeton Betsey & Kyle Leach Hilary Ellis-Lavigne Sara &  
Jeromy Laurin Nataliya & Alfred Comminoto Alicia Lacoste & Eric Sturgeon Amy & Shane Franssen  
Jen & Mark Iams-McGuire Catherine Scholz Cindy & Gary Upton Evangelos & Grazia Moschovas  
Greg & Heather Deutschmann Jessa Krissovich Crispian Mudd Denise & Brad Reynolds Steven  
Schommer Tim Smith Kat & Matty O'Connell Sharon & Dave Yonenaka Heather & Eric Jacobsen  
Rebecca Bleau & Nicholas Cravotta Andrea & Scott Weeks Corine Laurijsen & Joep Jilesen Mark  
Keeling Sally & Gary Gardner Angela Brzoza & Ryan Ackles Justin Napier Rachel Noble & Salvatore  
Capuano Gary & Katrina Reedy-Schneider Mariana Nielsen & Fred Tilton Meg Gallant Jen Scott-  
Lifland & Kerin Lifland Richard Winters Emily & Ranger Adams Martee & Doug Suess Kristin &  
James Welch Elise & Larry Hierman Darcy & Laddy Barnett Jon Lee Trish McPhee Zachary Collins  
Annette Fuchs & Sean Duggan Jacquie & Holt Durham Savannah Hanson & Georg Kickinger Jenny  
Gray Lisa Gorbet & Joe Hash Alma & Adam Rowe Laurence & Mark Fogiel Sparrow Masker Louise  
Renehan & Michael Skoyles Shea & Brandon Smith Natalie & Nichols Baughman Anne & Steven Ber-  
reman Genevieve Gartin Eve Stefani Martha Chung Chuck & Kateri Harrison Joiex Duncan & Ingo  
Zirpins Catherine Janicke Adriana Kelly Ryan & Mary Love Matthew Sweigert Josiah Masker Jo  
Anna & Mark Mortensen Deanna & Keith Ronningen Pam & Doug Caldwell Laura Svoboda Myles &  
Colleen Ericson Paul Geenty Torrie & Bill Mudd Cristine Kelly Janet & Alan Caisse Sheri & George  
Cutter Dyann & Frank Castro-Wehr BJ Schmitt & David Brownstein Nancy & Robbert Trice Lisa &  
Charley Hooper Elizabeth & Howard Cowles Donna McGlaughlin & Rodney Haack Carrie Reuther  
Keri & Tai Travis Fred Foresman Ellen Millbourn Don & Penny Terrell Francis Corbitt Kathlyn &  
Dwain Keeling Dotty & Donald Klein Michelle Carroll & Robert Wolaver Bertha & Worth Shaw Mary  
Wolaver Carol Harrison Susan Egan Krissa & Brian Connelley Leila Barber Jerilee & Dan Martinez  
Paula Barber Natasha Vinson & Erik Bell Doris Rainville Jacquie Weills Dawn & Gary Cecil Shirley &  
James Anderson Shirley & R.J. Bramlett Linda & Thomas Cox Linda & Joseph Remley Delores &  
Rodney Reynolds Kenneth & Donna Ronningen Catherine Ardagh Ronald McGarry



# *Annual Fund Drive Giving Campaign: 2010-2011*

Last year the YRCS Educational Foundation raised over \$76,000 with 85% participation. We have been reaching our and engaging our community members to educate and discuss the importance of giving. The State of California no longer fully funds public education. Waldorf education is the choice we have made for our children. We urge you to please make your child's exquisite public, Waldorf education a priority, and the charity of choice, for your family. It is so important that we come together as a community to rally around this school, in the midst of state and federal financial turmoil, which is affecting our school, our teachers, curriculum and your child's education.

## **Imagine for a Moment**

If each family at YRCS would commit an on-going gift to their school of \$10 per week/per child, over the course of the entire year, YRCS could raise \$156,000 to directly support the continued excellence of our school. Is \$10 a week an investment you are willing to make for your child and their future? Can you imagine cutting out your morning coffee or evening dessert? Could you imagine letting go of one extra expenditure per month to have that \$40 for YRCS?

**Just imagine.**

### *AFD Stats*

*Participation: 64%*

*Pledges & Gifts: \$67,500*

*(as of 3-23-2011)*

## **Another Fund-Raising Fact:**

***Do you realize that attendance income from the state makes up 81% of entire school budget?***

Simply having your child in class, and on time, provides the greatest opportunity for your children to receive the full benefit of a Waldorf inspired education and is the easiest way to keep money in our school.



We can replace lost income by raising our attendance record and making certain children are in school, if they are not ill. If YRCS increased attendance another 2% we would generate approximately \$25,400. A 4% increase equals \$50,700!!

***One more way to help the YRCS financially!***

*More YRCS Parent Education:*

*Chalkboard Drawing with Mr. Ron Charles*

**Thursday Evening ~ April 7<sup>th</sup> at YRCS**

**Call the YRCS Office to reserve you space today! Limit 20 participants.**