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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**

Welcome to Spring. While local school districts are deciding which schools to close, YRCS remains open for business. However, we will receive \$90,000 less funding for next year and so look for communications from our educational foundation about how parents can support our school for next year. In the charter council meeting this week the council heard input from kindergarten parents on the development around an early childhood discipline policy. The council also is pleased to announce Marguerite Vulfs as our new preschool teacher with Little Creek to re-open again in August. In other hiring news, the school will be posting several positions for classroom aides for next year with one position for just the first 8 weeks of school. The council is also voting on a proposal to keep Karen Geisler on as a 4<sup>th</sup> grade co-teacher next year and increase the class size from 29 to 32. This was discussed in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade parent meeting with Mr. Bell and parents can send me any comments they might have about the proposal.

I enjoyed skiing this month with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students almost as much as I have enjoyed the 6<sup>th</sup> grade feeding me snacks towards their knighly virtues. Our track and field team is getting ready for their first meet and the volleyball teams finished a wonderful season. Special thanks to Deanna Ronningen for coaching! One of our favorite days of the year is Grandparents Day so be sure to RSVP in the office. Please enjoy the many class plays and festivals that will bring us together soon.

Sincerely,  
Caleb Buckley, Director

## Yuba River Charter School

Proudly invites you to our

### 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Grandparent's Day

Date: April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Time: 8:15 am - Noon

At Yuba River Charter School  
13026 Bitney Springs Road  
Nevada City, CA

Enjoy a day with your Grandchild in their classroom.

Meet their teachers.

Experience their education first hand.

There will be student performances followed by a reception with Caleb Buckley, our school director.

Please RSVP and let us know that you are joining us!  
530-272-8078.

## OFFICE NOTES

- The lost and found items have not yet been donated. It is free shopping time! Beautiful jackets etc. are available to whomever wants them.

“Young at Art”  
K- 12 Exhibition

at the Rood Center  
950 Maidu Avenue off of Hwy. 49

8:00 am - 5:00 pm weekdays

Exhibit continues through May

## Bulletin Board

• Beautifully designed round home on serene setting; landscaped yard overlooking the Sierras. 2 bedroom/1 bath, bonus loft; all wood floors. Near downtown Nevada City. Wonderful family nearby with pool for summer fun. \$1500/month. Call Colleen and Myles 478-5788.

• **Understanding Bird Song.** A presentation with naturalist and author David Lukas, Saturday, April 17, 2010, 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm. The APPLE Center for Sustainable Living, [www.applecenter.org/contact/mapdirections/](http://www.applecenter.org/contact/mapdirections/) 412 Commercial Street, downtown Nevada City. Come open your ears and learn how to understand what the birds are saying. \$7 General - \$5 Yuba Watershed Institute and APPLE members.

• **Bridgeport Bird Walk** with David Lukas, Sunday, April 18, 2010, 9:00 to 11:00 am. South Yuba State Park, Bridgeport. Meet at the Buttermilk Bend Trailhead parking lot. \$10 General - \$7 Yuba Watershed Institute Members.

• **Tapas, Wine & Music** by Mr. Ron Charles and company at The Classic Cafe, NC. Saturday, May 8 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Proceeds benefit the 7<sup>th</sup> grade for their 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip.

## Yuba River Charter School Gets New Science Equipment!

The Yuba River Charter School Educational Foundation raised over \$4,000 last November during the “All Together Now!” live auction program at Moondance 2009. This money was earmarked for science equipment and laboratory needs for YRCS. We are excited to say our school has upgraded its science program to include these items, and much more.

YRCS have purchased a digital projector, to-scale human skeleton mannequin, to-scale human torso model, utility cart, balancing scales, rock and mineral kits, microscopes, pyrex tumblers-beakers-test tubes, and many various samples of rocks, minerals, chemicals and compounds for the students to experiment with and use.

Thank you YRCS Community for your support of this program and for your donations that made it all happen! We will do it all again in the fall. See you there!

# Moondance



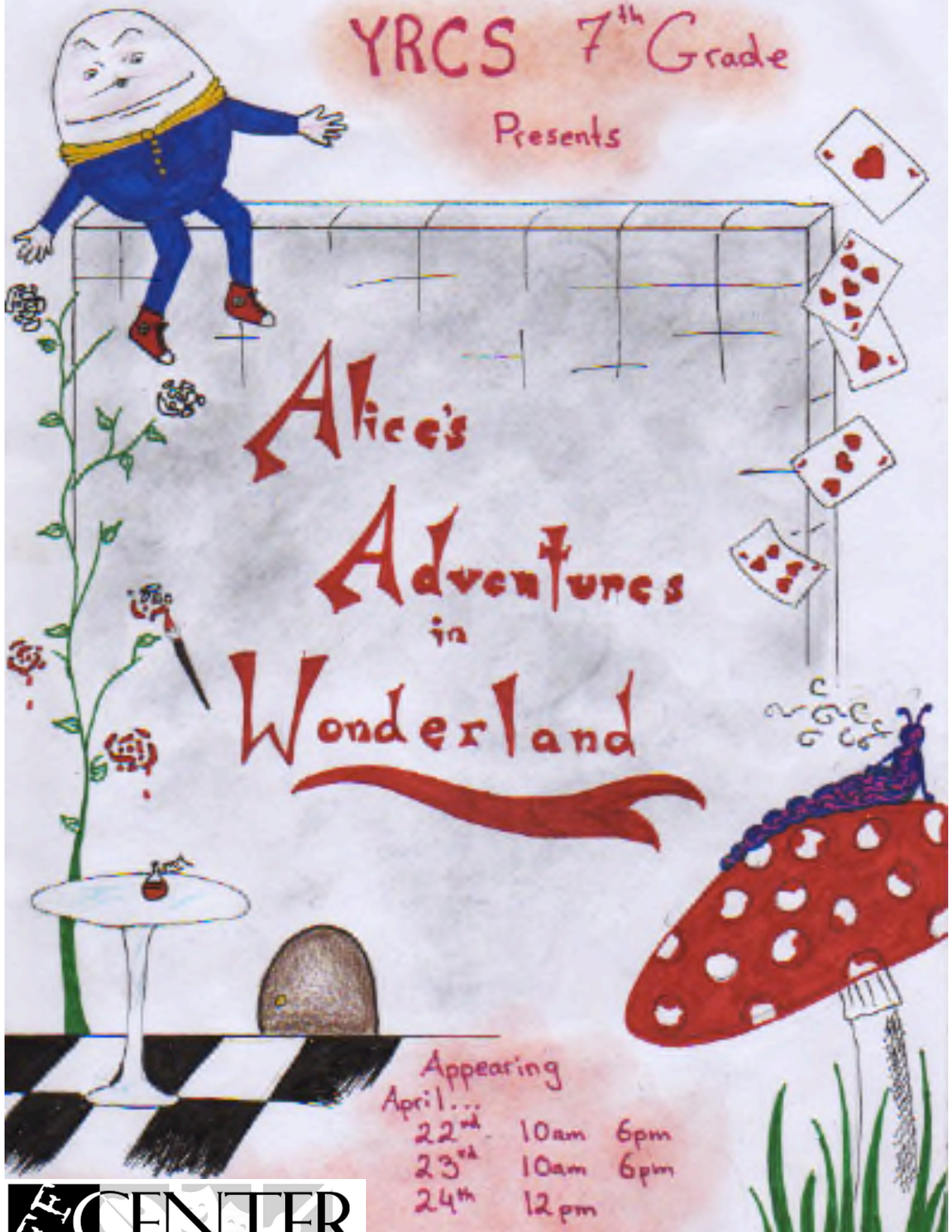
*Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010*

*at the Miners Foundry, Nevada City.*

Photos still available for order at [www.moondance-gala.com](http://www.moondance-gala.com)

YRCS 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Presents



# Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

Appearing  
April...  
22<sup>nd</sup> 10am 6pm  
23<sup>rd</sup> 10am 6pm  
24<sup>th</sup> 12pm

**OFF CENTER**  
**STAGE**

315 Richardson Street, Grass Valley  
Behind the Center for the Arts

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

\$5 student/child and \$7 adult

Call 272-8078 for more information

# YRCS Committees – Discipline Committee

The discipline committee’s intention is to give children a sense that all teachers and staff are working together to create a safe, nurturing, and fair environment at YRCS. The committee tries to project school-wide expectations for discipline. They meet weekly on Wednesdays during lunch recess and also on an as needed basis.

As the Parent Handbook states: “Yuba River Charter School has exemplary discipline among its student body. Serious suspendable offenses are rare and behavior plans are few. This allows our discipline committee to work weekly to improve poor choices students make or bad habits they have formed. We work as a problem solving group and decide, often with the student’s input, how to make specific situations or individuals ‘whole’ again.”

Primarily, the discipline committee meets with students to create behavior contracts or to come up with other creative so-

lutions to encourage students toward their best selves. Teachers or yard duty staff will recommend a student with a challenge to the discipline committee if he or she feels that this additional attention may help bring resolution. The committee decides at what stage parents need to be involved in the process. In some instances, parents also sign the behavior contracts. Parents are always immediately informed of any suspensions.

During weeks when no specific disciplinary issues have been brought forward, the committee will discuss items related to the overall smooth functioning of the school, such as how to encourage staff to be more consistent in their expectations and disciplinary actions or what can be done about group trends such as coming in too wet from a rainy day recess.

Some disciplinary actions do not go before the discipline committee. They require immediate action and are handled by the

director and any other staff involved in the incident. For example, the California education code contains a list of issues that may result in immediate suspension such as “willfully using force or violence against another” and “defiance of authority”.

Currently, the discipline committee consists of the chairperson: our director Caleb Buckley, three teachers: Ron Charles, Heather Peery, and Doris Dunning, and the staff member primarily responsible for upper grade yard duty: Catherine Ardagh. Membership is decided by faculty consensus when tasks are divided up at the beginning of every school year. These sensitive meetings are not open to the public; however, parent input and involvement are welcomed by talking to current committee members or filling out a Parent Concern Form available in the school office. This is an administrative committee, overseen by the director.

## MAY FAIR

Please see what your class is doing for the May Fair on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Sign up in the classroom or contact your festival rep today to offer your help. We look forward to seeing you all there!

### May Fair Class Responsibilities

Grade	Class Responsibilities	Food	Festival Rep
LK	Site decoration, Fairy wands	tbd	Shannon Becker
RK	Site decoration, Seed plantings	Coffee & tea	Jilan Glorfield
1	Plant Walk	Caesar salad	Sara Laurin
2*	Responsible for Maypole, Flower people	Baked goods	Chelsea Baum
3*	Organize clean up	Shaved ice cones	Annette Fuchs
4	Head Wreaths	Spaghetti & sourdough bread	Jennifer Scott-Lifland
5*	Maypole Dancing, Wood creations	Popcorn	Allison Gjertsem/Sara Laurin
6	Egg races and balloon pop	Homemade pies	Dayna Baldwin
7	Sack races and face painting	Taco salad & drinks	Erin Thomas-Rose
8	Site decoration, Digging for treasure & ?	Pizza and drinks	Donna Omo

All classes: Clean up of craft/game/vendor area, 3 people for general clean up, donations of greenery and flowers.

\* Hosts of May Fair

Again this year, classes are invited to fundraise by selling food. If your class chooses to fundraise at the May Fair, your class will need a separate representative for fundraising.



Hello Everyone,

I hope you are all surviving the pox plague that is still hitting our community. To those of you in the throws of it, may I offer this mantra: "This, too, shall pass."

**CHARTER COUNCIL**

First important bit of business is that the "letters of interest" for serving on the Charter Council are due this Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. I am not sure why in the last newsletter it said Friday was April 14<sup>th</sup> - but the important part to it all is that the deadline for these letters is this Friday. Please feel free to email them to me if you'd like ([jersey@well.com](mailto:jersey@well.com)) and of course please contact me with any questions (470-8911).

**MAY FAIR BASKETS**

Hopefully, word is getting out to each of you about the Mayfair Baskets raffle. Each class has a theme for the basket and the Parent Council rep for each class should be spreading the word. If you know that your class is not actively creating and gathering for the baskets right now, please lend us a hand and step in to help facilitate things along. Again, contact me with questions.

**INVOLVE YOURSELF**

Lastly, we got a very good start in getting a handle with PC and stepping up our integration with YRCS policy and administration. I see now that it is an on-going process; one that I am encouraged will be continued with in the coming year of 2010/2011. More communication to follow regarding this - but please note; the Parent Body of YRCS is being looked to for the needed energy to help keep our school healthy and growing in a positive manner. Parent Council is a wonderful way

to be involved. I have learned an incredible amount about the energy and "grit" that create the wonderful learning environment our children have by being a part of the Parent Council... I am tempted to make light at this point; but I think the need calls for me to temper that tendency.

**MEA CULPA**

I also have learned this past year, chairing Parent Council, that I am not perfect. I therefore rely on the energy and support of others to keep things moving in a positive manner. To this end, I encourage every one to be involved and step forward - communicating about things you see that can be improved. Point out mistakes that are made - and most importantly, encourage us all in the hard work we are doing.

The stronger our community is as a whole; and the better we work together, the healthier and more joyful or children's educational experience will be.

**TRADITION**

So, in keeping with the tradition of these brief communications, I leave you with a quote (and well wishes):

"The most precious gift we can offer others is our presence."  
Thich Nhat Hanh

Sincerely,  
Greg Wilker  
Parent Council Chair

**SHINE!**

SHINE stands for Social Health Inclusion Network for Everyone. It is a committee comprised of teachers, staff, and parents at our school. Our intention is to create a group through which issues pertaining to social health can be addressed in a timely, transparent and peaceful manner.

This work began when Kim John Payne - from the Institute for Social Health - visited our school last June and presented a protocol for working with social health within a school community. We are in the first phase of our development. This includes forming a group, creating a mission statement and deciding, with input from the community, on a set of agreements. The community agreements will be sent through an e-mail survey for parents to provide input on what is valuable to them and what is not. Once we have collected the surveys, we will share the findings with the community.

The development phase is a three-year phase with successive levels of integration occurring over that time to contribute to the healthy social fabric of the school. Our group meets weekly on Monday afternoons.

You are invited to talk with any of us regarding any issues you see need Social Health work or come to the office and fill out a parent concern form.

Sincerely,

Erik Bell  
Baruch Simon  
Krissa Connelley  
Elise Hierman  
Carrie Reuther,  
Leila Barber  
Shea Smith  
Suzanne Scirpo  
Molly Harrison

**MAY FAIR BASKET THEMES**

RK: Coffee/Tea  
LK: Music  
1st: Gardening  
2nd: Healing  
3rd: Summer/Beach  
4th: Reading/Journaling

5th: Art/Crafts  
6th: Cooking  
7th: Chocolate  
8th: Bath/Relax  
Faculty: Waldorf

Join Us For The

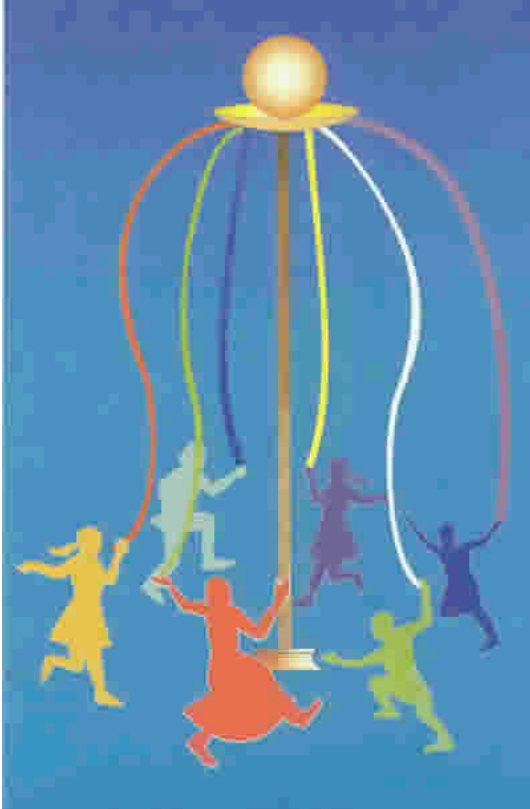
# ***May Fair***



**Saturday, May 1st  
12:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

**A Day of Fun for the Whole Family.**

**Maypole, Music, Dancing, Crafts,  
Games, and Community!**



**All under the Beautiful Pines of  
The Yuba River Charter School.**

**King & Queen Processional - 12:45 pm,  
followed by the Maypole Dance.**

**Admission is FREE**

**(Food will be available for purchase)**

*Please leave your dogs at home.*

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

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

**Monday  
May 3rd  
5:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

to the YRCS 7th grade class.

773 Nevada St.  
Nevada City

530-478-0470



**Please join us and tell your family and friends.  
"To Go" orders count too.**



**Come Join The Handwork Fun  
with Mrs. Ronningen!**

*We're having a great time knitting, crocheting and learning together. Parents and students of all ages are welcome to join the fun.*

*Classes meet on Wednesdays from 2-3pm  
And Thursdays from 1-2pm in the first grade classroom*

*As requested, a new class is now forming on weekends!*

*When: Saturdays from 10:30 - 11:30 am  
At Mrs. Ronningen's home*

*The first class will be on Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, with all future classes on Saturdays*

*Call Now To Save Your Space!  
Mrs. Ronningen may be reached at 913-4342 or at [kdronningen@aol.com](mailto:kdronningen@aol.com)*

*Cost: \$8.00 per student, per class Plus \$10 one-time material fee  
Please sign up and pay for 4 classes at a time*

**Tuesday Pizza Lunch**  
**Order Form**

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

**Pizza Lunch Dates:**  
**Tuesdays: May 4, 11, 18, & 25.**

**Orders are due by Thursday, April 29.**

Questions? Ask Deanna Ronningen 432-8990  
or kdronningen@aol.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: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Friday Burrito Lunch**  
**Order Form**

Happily offered by the 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Burrito Lunch Dates:**  
**Fridays: May 7, 14, & 21.**

**Orders are due by Thursday, April 29.**

Burritos are provided by Tortilla Grill.

**Bean and Cheese  
with Chips and Apple Juice.**

Questions? Ask BJ Schmitt at 477-7402.

**~The 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Thanks You for Your Support~**

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

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

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

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Check Please:

\_\_\_\_\_ Bean and Cheese Burrito with 100% juice — \$15.00

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

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Check Please:

\_\_\_\_\_ Bean and Cheese Burrito with 100% juice — \$15.00

Third Child's full name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Check Please:

\_\_\_\_\_ Bean and Cheese Burrito with 100% juice — \$15.00

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

**Lunches are now being offered Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays!**  
**ORDER INFO FOR ALL LUNCHES**

EACH order form needs to be paid separately since they are offered by different classes.

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.

Payments are due, in full, with your order form. If paying in cash, please pay the exact amount. Make checks payable to: YRCS Field Fund.

**ORDERS NEED TO BE SUBMITTED  
BY THE DUE DATE!!!**

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



## Wednesday Sandwich Lunch Order Form

Happily offered by the 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

Sandwich lunch dates:

Wednesdays: May 5, 12, 19, & 26.

Orders are due by Thursday, April 29.

Sandwiches are provided by the Nevada City  
Classic Cafe.

Questions? Call Lisa Hooper @ 272-1182.

~The 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Thanks You For Your Support~

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

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

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

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Circle your choices

Choose one sandwich:

PB&J cheese tuna turkey hummus

Choose one type of bread: multi-grain sourdough

Choose from the following condiments:

mayo mustard lettuce AND tomato

Check any desired additions, add the price and total.

Sandwich \$14.00

\_\_\_\_\_ with cheese add \$2.00 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ with 100% juice drink add \$4.00 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ with apple add \$2.00 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Circle your choices

Choose one sandwich:

PB&J cheese tuna turkey hummus

Choose one type of bread: multi-grain sourdough

Choose from 3 condiments:

mayo mustard lettuce AND tomato

Check any desired additions, add the price and total.

Sandwich \$14.00

\_\_\_\_\_ with cheese add \$2.00 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ with 100% juice drink add \$4.00 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ with apple add \$2.00 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

## Monday Sushi Lunch Order Form

Happily offered by the 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

Sushi Lunch Dates:

Mondays: May 3, 10, 17, & 24.

Orders are due by Thursday, April 29.

Choices:

6 piece Vegetarian Roll  
(carrot, cucumber and avocado)

or

6 piece California Roll  
(crab, cucumber and avocado)

Questions? Ask Deanna Ronningen 432-8990  
or [kdronningen@aol.com](mailto:kdronningen@aol.com)

Thank you for supporting  
the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade class!

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

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

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

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Check one please

\_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian Roll, no drink — \$19.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian Roll, with 100% juice drink — \$23.00

\_\_\_\_\_ California Roll, no drink — \$19.00

\_\_\_\_\_ California Roll, with 100% juice drink — \$23.00

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

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Check one please

\_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian Roll, no drink — \$19.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian Roll, with 100% juice drink — \$23.00

\_\_\_\_\_ California Roll, no drink — \$19.00

\_\_\_\_\_ California Roll, with 100% juice drink — \$23.00

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

## Yuba River Charter School CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Mon-Sat	19-24 April		Grade 7 at Center for the Arts Presenting <i>Alice's Adventures in Wonderland</i>
Tues	20 April	6:30 pm	Grade 8 Parent meeting*
Wed	21 April	3:30 pm 3:30 pm	Grade 3 Parent Meeting Ed Foundation Meeting
Thurs-Fri	22-23 April		Grade 4 to Malakoff
Fri	23 April		1:00 pm Kindergarten tea & crafting
Tues	27 April	am & pm	Grade 6 Play* Grade 4 to Railroad Museum*
Thurs-Fri	29-30 April		Grade 3 to Full Belly Farm*
Fri	30 April	Minimum Day	Grandparent Day*
Sat	1 May	12:00 - 4:00 pm	May Fair*
Mon-Fri	3-7 May		STAR Testing*
Wed	5 May	3:30 pm	Grade 1 to Independence Trail* Parent Council Meeting*
Thurs	6 May	evening	Spring Assembly and Open House*
Fri	7 May		Grade 5 to Pentathlon*
Mon-Tues	10-11 May		STAR Testing*
Tues	11 May	9:00 am	Grade 1 Play in classroom*
Wed	12 May	4:00 pm	Grade 2 to Bridgeport* Charter Council Meeting*
Wed-Thurs	12-13 May		STAR Testing make-ups*
Fri	14 May		Grade 6 to Medieval Games*
Starting Sat	15-24 May		Grade 8 trip*
Wed	19 May	6:30 pm	Grade 8 Parent Meeting*
Wed-Fri	19-21 May		Grade 5 to Jughandle*
Mon - Thurs	24-27 May	Minimum Days	Last week of school*
Wed	26 May		Kindergarten Fly Away*
Thurs	27 May	Minimum Day	Last Day of School*
Fri	28 May		8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation at Miner's Foundry*

\* new item

The next newsletter will be delivered 29 April. 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. 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 for more information.