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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

~YRCS Calendar of Events~

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Thurs	5/10		Minimum Day
Thurs-Sat	5/10-5/12		Used Book Fair 
Fri	5/11	8:15 am	Coffee House G6 Medieval Games
Tues	5/15	8:30 am 5:00	G 2 to Woolman "Dinner & a Film" 8 th grade fundraiser
Wed	5/16	9:00 am	Gr 7 to Woolman Strings Assembly
Thurs	5/17		Minimum Day Gr 5 to Woolman
Fri	5/18	8:15 am	Coffee House Newsletter Deadline Gr 5 Pentathlon Gr 8 Trip Starts
Mon	5/21		G5 to Wolf School
Tues	5/22		G4 Play
Wed	5/23	3:30 pm	G4 Play Board of Directors (Charter Council) Meeting
Thurs	5/24		Minimum Day G4 Play G8 returns from trip
Fri	5/25	8:15 am	NOT a Snow Day Coffee House Gr 5 Returns from Wolf School
Mon	5/28		Memorial Day – No School
Wed	5/30		G3 to Woolman
Thurs	5/31		Minimum Day
Fri	6/1	8:15 am	Newsletter Deadline Coffee House
Mon –Fri	6/4-6/8		Minimum Days
Mon	6/4		G3 to Woolman
Wed	6/6		Last Regular Day of Kindergarten
Thurs	6/7		Little Creek & Kindergarten "Fly Away"
Fri	6/8	8:15 am	Coffee House Closing Ceremony Last Day of School
		5:00 pm doors open@ 4:30 pm	8 th Grade Graduation – Miner's Foundry

YRCS Board of Directors News

Hello YRCS Families:

The Charter Council has a new name to be more in-line with other non-profits and charter schools. We are now the YRCS Board of Directors.

Our school is in the middle of its busiest enrollment period ever. So many new families are interested in joining our community that most of our classes have long wait lists. We are adding a new option to the kindergarten program to help provide opportunities. The two day a week home study program will have one day spent on site with Suzanne Scirpo of Sweet Pea Kindergarten and one day spent participating in the Home Study Farm Program led by Raelynn Noel at the Woolman site. Students from this program will be guaranteed a position in the Home Study Farm Program and will be offered a higher priority on the wait list for the on-site kindergarten or first grade.

Work continues on the new building site. Final drawings will soon be submitted to the state for approval. The schedule calls for classes to begin at the new site for the 2014/15 school year.

The calendar is being approved soon. Note that the current plan is that next year we will not have a full week for President's Day, but the more typical 4 day weekend.

You will soon see information on how to fill out the end of the year survey so you can let us know what you love about our school and suggestions on how we can improve. Faculty and Administration have been working together to bring many new ideas to the upper grades. A second survey specific to the upper grades has recently been sent to those families to obtain more detailed information to assist in this process.

Several changes have been implemented to make the Kidspace afterschool program more

effective, including ways to make sure there is more space for those that need it.

The Board of Directors recently heard the evaluations for all the teachers, including all the wonderful things they do for our children and identifying any areas that could use assistance, such as training programs and supporting each other in defined mentoring roles. The director was also recently evaluated.

If you've ever wanted to have a strong impact on how the school is run, now is your chance. We still need parents for the Board of Directors, the Hiring Committee and the Finance Committee. Don't let this opportunity pass you by. It is on these committees that you can have the greatest influence.

As a reminder: There are several students at YRCS with potentially life threatening allergies to peanuts. Please do not send your children to school with any peanut products if they will visit or are a student in the kindergartens, second grade, Kidspace or after school handwork.

A new YRCS website is in the works and the sneak preview looks beautiful and very useful!

We are delighted that Karin Meadows has taken on the role of volunteer coordinator with such energy and enthusiasm. It has been wonderful to see more and more alumni coming back to YRCS to offer so many programs to the current kids.

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

Board of Directors Election –

YRCS Board of Directors (Charter Council) parent representatives must be voted in by the parent body. There are currently two parent representatives positions available, and the following YRCS parents have submitted letters of interest. Please reference the letters of intent below, vote for TWO candidates, and return the completed ballot to the YRCS office by Fri., May 18, 2012.

I would be very pleased to serve on the Charter Council for the 2012-2013 school year. I hope that the things I have learned through my service on the Parent Council as Fourth Grade representative (2011-2012) will help me to be an effective member of the Charter Council. In addition, I currently serve on a non-profit board for the Cosumnes, American, Bear, Yuba Integrated Regional Watershed Management Group (CABY IRWMP), and have served on the Planning Committee and Coordinating Committees for CABY since 2007. It is very exciting to take the skills I have learned in the environmental planning non-profit world and apply them to the Charter School environment. Yuba River Charter School has changed our family and our community in so many positive ways that I am eager to give back in ways that have lasting impacts for the school and the families that make up our school. My youngest child is in 1st grade and my oldest is in 4th grade. I consider my involvement in the school to be long term and fully invested.

Best Regards,
Carrie Monohan

I am writing to be considered for a position on the Charter Council beginning in the Summer of 2012. My daughter, Clara, is currently in the 4th Grade and has been a student at YRCS since Kindergarten and my son, Sam, graduated from YRCS in 2011.

I would like to play a more active role in the decision-making process of the school and feel that I have the demeanor and the aptitude to participate in the dialogue that sets the direction for YRCS. Formerly, I have been on the Hiring Committee and a class parent and have been an active contributor to my kids' classes.

I am a concerned citizen and worry that our school budget cuts are leaving us with few resources for developing our kids to be global participants. How YRCS grapples with minimal funding and provides a solid educational foundation is important to me and I would like to be a voice at the table discussing these issues.

Please accept my application to fill a position on the Charter Council.

Many Thanks!
Sally B. Gardner, parent of Clara Gardner in the 4th Grade



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Voting Form

Please return completed form to the office

Please select TWO candidates from the list below to serve two-year terms as Board of Director (Charter Council) parent representatives:

____ Carrie Monohan

____ Sally Gardner

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Mayfair...



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DINNER & A FILM

MAY 15



The Film:
**Schooling the
World:
The White Man's
Last Burden**

The film was recently shared during the 2012 SYRCL Film Festival in conjunction with an evening with Amy Goodman.

Please join
YUBA RIVER CHARTER SCHOOL'S 8TH GRADE
for a night of community
while we raise money to
support our class

DINNER

at Matteo's Public
300 Commercial Street
Nevada City
15% of all sales from
from 5-9pm
will benefit the 8th grade

FILM

at Yuba River Charter
School (just up the street)
505 Main Street
Nevada City
7:30pm
\$7 adults/\$5 kids
(all of ticket sales will benefit
the 8th grade)

Advertise your business here.
 \$30.00/per month; 2 issues
 Stop by the Office or email
 info@yubariverschoo.org

YRCS Families~

Clip this voucher and use at check out
 when you shop at Briar Patch



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School Fundraiser Rebate Voucher

Total Purchase Amount: \$ _____ Date: _____
 Cashier Initials: _____ School Code: YRCS



290 Sierra College Dr., Grass Valley // 530-272-5333 // briarpatch.coop

Open 7 days, 7a-10p



A percentage of your total will be sent to the school
Thank you BriarPatch for supporting us!



Encore!

A performing arts variety showcase
 to benefit Tresa Honaker

Sunday, May 13th
 Mother's Day - 2:00PM

Silent Auction and Desserts. Free raffle and rose for mothers!

Doors Open at 1:00 General Admission \$15
 Tickets available at
 Center for the Arts Box Office 274.8384 ext 14
 Briar Patch 272-5333 • Yobobo 478-9114
 or online at www.brownpaperticket.com
 For more information call 530-913-9608
 314 W. Main Street, Grass Valley, CA • www.thecenterforthearts.org




Go Motion

Community in Motion

ECSTATIC DANCE

Friday May 25th
 7:30-10:30 pm

East Wind Yoga 922 Lincoln Way, Auburn CA

A Sacred Space for Movement,
 Expression, Connection and Celebration.
 This is a family friendly, barefoot boogie,
 drug and alcohol free event!

\$15-25 Sliding Scale at the door

www.comotionauburn.com www.facebook.com/CommunityMotion

HIDEAWAY BEACH SUMMER CAMP

Teacher Suzanne is offering old-fashioned summer fun by the lake.
 Campers ages K-3 will enjoy walks to fairy wood, swimming, games, and crafts.

July 10, 11, 12
 July 17, 18, 19
 July 24, 25, 26

10:00-2:00 \$20 a day

If interested please contact Suzanne @ 432-7610 or suzannescirpo@comcast.net

Volunteer Spotlight

Veronica Morales-Combs

As Veronica's four children, Angela, Vincent, Reyna and Sophia have gone through the grades, she has given so much of her time and energy to the YRCS community. Veronica has sat on our School's Parent Council for over 17 years.

Over that time; nearly two decades, she has planned and held festival after festival, bringing love and light to hundreds of families.

Veronica was a part of our school's Strategic Planning Committee during January and February of 2011, giving even more of herself to the future Yuba River Charter School. In the name of going "above and beyond", she is continuing her commitment to YRCS and is joining the YRCS Charter Council Board of Directors, as a Community Member, for an additional 2-year term beginning this coming fall.

Her laughter and joy have been contagious and YRCS will be forever grateful for everything. Yuba River Charter School is a better place because of all she has given to the school community!



"Veronica has been the stalwart example of parent volunteerism! Always a smile, since her children were small, she has modeled the most generous parent participation."

"We will miss her enthusiastic energy!"

~Doris Dunning & Patricia Montijo

Many Thanks Veronica

New to YRCS! VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT PROGRAM

There are so many parents and families who do so much to support our school! And each and everyone one of them deserve recognition! The YRCS Parent Council has established this new program to honor and acknowledge those people who always seem to go above and beyond. . . (And there are many people who do this too!)

If you are moved to nominate a YRCS parent or community member to be considered for the Volunteer Spotlight recognition in the future, please complete the Volunteer Spotlight Nomination Form and tell your Parent Council, in three or four sentences, why you would like to nominate that person. Each month one person will be chosen by the Parent Council and Faculty to be presented in the school rotunda on the Volunteer Spotlight Wall. Please provide a photo, if possible, of your nominee in action!

Volunteer Spotlight Nomination Form

Exceptional Volunteer's Name: _____

Why are you choosing to nominate this person (3 to 4 sentences):

Your Name & Phone Number: _____

Please turn this form into the Main Office!

SNACK SHACK IS BACK

The 7th grade will be offering Snack Shack at lunch from 12:45 – 1pm at the 7th grade classroom.

Items are available to adults and students from grades 5-8 on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

All items are currently \$1

Seaweed Snacks

Ritz Crackerfuls

100% Juice Drinks

ZFruit

ZBars

Sunchips

GoGo squeeze Applesauce

Dried Fruit Packs



Yuba River Charter School

Finger Print & TB Clearance Requirements For ALL Volunteers

Starting August 2012, Yuba River Charter School will **require fingerprint and TB clearance** from everyone volunteering at school and/or attending any fieldtrips.

Finger print clearance is required by state law (see Michelle Montoya Act below) and TB clearance is a Board of Education law, as well as for the safety of our children/students.

- **Finger printing:**
You will need a "livescan" form for finger printing. Forms are in the YRCS office at a cost of \$50.00. Printing is done at the UPS Store in downtown Grass Valley for \$17.00 (walk in) or the Sheriff's Department for \$10.25 (by appointment only).
- **TB:**
TB testing is done at the Health Department for a minimal cost on Mondays between 8am and noon, then you need to return to the Health Department the following Wednesday between noon and 3pm for results reading. Or you can get a TB test done by your physician. Bring in your TB test results card to the office for us to get a copy.

Michelle Montoya School Safety Act

The Michelle Montoya School Safety Act requires that people having contact with children on a K-12 school site undergo a criminal background check in order to be "cleared" to be in contact with children. This background check is done through the submission of computerized (digitized) fingerprints via a process called "livescan."

The clearance goes through the California Department of Justice (DOJ).

summer
GUITAR LESSONS

WITH

MR. CHARLES



Small Group

Guitar Lessons

age 10 - adult

-Beginning-

-Intermediate-

-Advanced-

- *Learn the basics or improve your skills
- *Teaching from a song-based perspective
- *Learn at least 6 - 10 songs per session

SPACE IS LIMITED!

email for information and reservations

ronalcharles@live.com

We would like to express our appreciation to the Yuba River Charter School Alumni who have contributed so much this school this year.

Volunteer Alumni

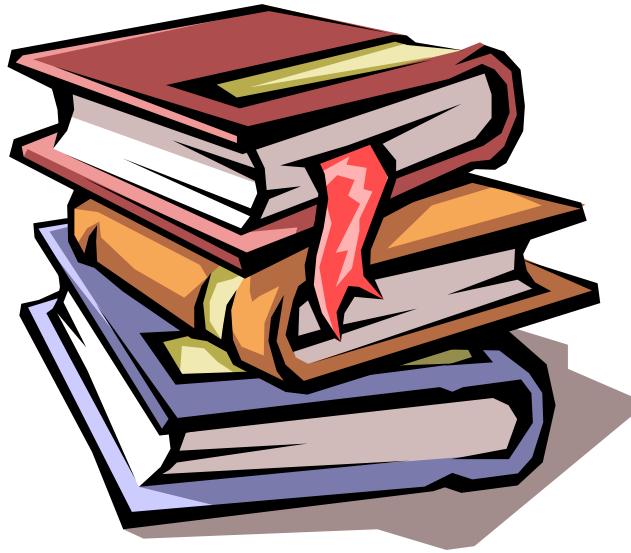
Boys Basketball – Samuel Barber
Josiah Barber

Girls Volleyball – Nicolette Ronningen
Rhianon Cattaneo

Debate League Club – Dylan Fitzwater

Alumni Hires

Thea Bieling – Dance
Ariana Rampy – Theater



USED BOOK FAIR

Thursday, Friday, & Saturday
May 10th, 11th, & 12th

Thursday's Fair will be open to YRCS students with coupons only, Friday will be open for sales for all YRCS families, and Saturday will be open to YRCS & the public.

The coffee shop will be open!

Thank you so much! Contact Catherine, 265-6060, ext 123



Kidspace ***Policy Reminders***

- *A \$10.00 drop in fee will be added to the drop in hourly rate unless prior arrangements have been made by 11:00 am*
- *Cash payments are to be made in the YRCS Office between the hours of 8:00 am – 4:00 pm; minimum days 8:00 am – 2:00 pm*
- *Payment and schedule for the month due in advance, forms available in the rotunda.*

Thanks for your understanding!

Help Offset Budget Cuts & Keep our Quality Programs 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.

RALEYS SHOPPERS

Send me a Raleys card. Send me ____ extra cards for friends and family. You will need to go online to register. It takes less than 5 minutes; instructions are on the back of the card.

SAFEWAY 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 #) _____

***Please Return This Form to the Office, and Thank You for supporting
Yuba River Charter School!***

AT THE FARM

with the Yuba River Charter School Home Study Farm Program

The Yuba River Charter School Home Study Farm Program resides at the Woolman Semester School campus at Sierra Friends Center. This Waldorf-methods program was launched by Raelynn Noel, program coordinator and teacher, who works in conjunction with Malaika Bishop, head farmer. The program began in the fall of 2011 for grades 1-4. The students use the outside environment to learn about farming and nature studies. The campus is located on 230 acres of property, with numerous hiking trails, a one acre garden, an orchard with fifty trees, and lots of farm animals including cattle, sheep, goats, chickens, and bees. Being in this setting allows the students to follow the seasons of the year with ease, and learn school subjects by experience rather than from a textbook.

Students come to the farm on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9-1:30. They start the morning in the classroom with a rhythm of verses, circle and movement time, flute practice, storytelling and main lesson bookwork with a farming and nature studies emphasis, beeswax modeling and painting. The day continues with ample outside time for recess, eating meals, playing games, studying nature, and farming. On Friday mornings, the students get to come to the main campus of Yuba River Charter School for handwork and spanish classes. At home, the students use a Waldorf-methods curriculum developed by Patricia Montijo and other faculty of the school that is in alignment with the on site curriculum.

Students help with regular maintenance of the farm by preparing beds for planting, planting seeds, weeding, and harvesting. They even help clean, weigh, and record the food that has been harvested. This ongoing volunteer work has helped to support the

Woolman farm, a part of the Woolman Semester, a residential semester school for teens, where they feed 30-50 people a day. This year, the students of the school helped to put in a permaculture garden with fruit and nut trees and bushes.

In the 2012/2013 school year, the program will be expanding and will include grades K-8. This program is great for home school families who are interested in the Waldorf curriculum and want the opportunity to socialize their children and immerse them into the outside world of nature and farming.

The future of the program is very exciting. The current farm program is very rich, but in two years the program will be moving to its permanent home of Yuba River Charter School off of Rough and Ready Highway, Grass Valley, where our new campus is being built.

To schedule a "Day in the Life of the Farm Program" contact Melissa Siebold, YRCS enrollment coordinator at 265-6060 ext 112, or email her at melissa@yubariverschool.org

See our website at: <http://www.yubariverschool.org/>

Visit our blog at <http://yrcshomestudyfarmprogram.blogs.pot.com/>

Written by Raelynn Noel, Program Coordinator & Education Specialist





***Announcing the Return of
Handwork Heaven Summer
Camp
With Mrs. Ronningen !!***

It's hard to believe, but it's already that time again. It's time to start thinking about summer camps and classes. Last summer we had so much fun! We knitted, crocheted, worked with wet felting and needle felting, we embroidered and sewed, made soap and body products, made jewelry and cooked delicious cuisine from all over the world.

Now the planning begins. Before we set the schedule and decide on the classes, we'd like to hear from you. Below is a list of potential offerings this summer. Please complete the form if you have interest in joining us, letting us know what classes you might be interested in and when you are available this summer and return to the office (ask them to put it in Mrs. Ronningen's box please) by Mayfair, May 5, 2012.

~Students of ALL ages are welcome and encouraged to attend~

Here's to another wonderful summer full of community and crafting fun!

Handwork Heaven Summer Camps and Classes With Mrs. Ronningen

Student Name: _____

Student Age/Grade: _____

Parent/Contact Name: _____ Phone#: _____

Contact Email Address: _____

What Weeks Are You Available? _____

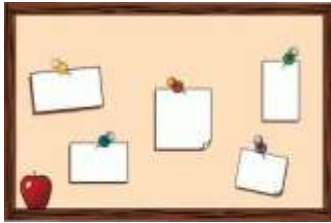
Please indicate below which class/classes you are interested in:

Classes are usually 4 days per week, Tuesday through Friday from 10-2pm

Cost is \$125 per week plus materials fee. A \$50 deposit per week, per student, will be requested upon registration.

- _____ Knitting and Crochet
- _____ Wet and Needle Felting Basics
- _____ Lotions, Salves and other Body Products
- _____ Needle Work: Sewing, Embroidery, Cross Stitch
- _____ Beginning Jewelry Making
- _____ Advanced Jewelry Making
- _____ Cooking (kindergarten to grade 3)
- _____ Cooking (grade 4-8)
- _____ Wet Felted Slipper Making
- _____ Paper Making and Book Binding

If there is something you would like to see offered that is not listed above, please let us know:



The Bulletin Board is Back~ Email your postings to info@yubariverschool.org Subject to Director approval and space constraints



Two Lovely Families WANTING a HOME in Nevada City

We are two Bay Area families relocating to Nevada City for the schools, slower pace, community and nature. Our children will be going to *Yuba River Charter School* in Nevada City in the Fall. We are professionals, owners of successful businesses specializing in alternative energy solutions, sustainability, community, Real Estate, art and creativity.

Together, we are *searching for* a property with two family homes.

Ideally they would have: high ceilings and beautiful light, covered garage or workspace, basement, yard for kids to be free range, sunny space to plant organic vegetable garden, and easy access to Nevada City. We would like to rent as soon as possible. We would also consider two single-family dwellings in the town of Nevada City.

We have realized that word of mouth works best when it comes to finding rentals and since we don't live there yet, we'd really appreciate your help by spreading the word and keeping us in mind for any available rentals.

Thanks so much!

Susanna & Greg (Harper, 19 & Lorelei, Age 4 1/2)
Melissa & Charles (and Jaxon, Age 4 1/2 & Katie, age 16 months)
(707)331-3345
lovelarge@gmail.com

For Rent

900 square foot
2/1 flat in Victorian
home

One block to YRCS

Available July 1st
\$1,100/month

wellspringtea@gmail.com
530-575-2156

Hi! My name is Patty Garza,
I'm a longtime friend and former parent of YRCS.
I have a huge love and appreciation for this school.
I have raised two children, and have a vast
experience working with children.
I am available for any babysitting ~
nanny care that you might need for your children.
Please feel free to call anytime.

(530) 470~3555

References available upon request.
Thanks!