



13 May 2010

Office 272-8078
Kidspac 272-2640
Enrollment office ext. 102
Attendance office ext 2
Development Office ext 3
www.yubariverschool.org

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 GIFT MATCHING CAMPAIGN

\$20,000 and counting!

Our Community is amazing! We have received the most wonderful, generous, gift of \$35,000 to support our school and continue its thriving. And, as you know, we have also been given the opportunity to DOUBLE that gift IF, we, as the YRCS Community, can match the donation dollar for dollar.

Many YRCS families have stepped up and dug deeply into their pockets already. We have received over \$20,000 in pledges and donations in just 6 days! And we are asking that **EVERY FAMILY IN OUR SCHOOL** please consider the value of our Waldorf-methods education, our amazing teachers, and what this school community means to you and your children. Please make your children's education a priority. We are at the point of needing to cutback curriculum such as handwork and classroom supplies. The cost of a private school Waldorf education reaches into the thousands of dollars annually. This is huge compared to what we ask families to contribute.

The State of California is no longer able to fully fund public education. It appears that we must do it ourselves. Thank you for your consideration and generosity!

Melissa Seibold - Development & Enrollment

OFFICE NOTES

+ The lost and found items will be available to whomever wants them during the last week of school. Great items for the right price!

+ The school's Staples Reward Card can be used for recycled cartridges to get \$3.00 back for every recycled item. Pick one up outside the office or give Staples our YRCS phone number (530-272-8078). NOTE: Please ask if a quota of 10 have been returned this month, because Staples will take any amount over 10, but not give us credit. If so, please bring those back next month. Or bring your cartridges to the YRCS office and we'll take care of it. Thanks for all of your donated cartridges.

+ This is the last newsletter of the year. Enjoy your summer!

HONOR

Grade 5 is hosting this month's virtue.

Honor is that thing that makes you act as if someone is watching, even when you know they're not. Honorable people display personal integrity: strong moral character or strength and adherence to ethical principles.

When someone is honorable, other people trust them to do what is right. Their word of honor means they will do exactly what they promise. People look up to and respect someone who is honorable.

Honor is living by the virtues and showing great respect for yourself, other people, and the rules you live by. When you are honorable, you don't have to feel ashamed of who you are or what you are doing. You set a good example.

Reprinted from *The Virtues Guide*
by Linda Kavelin Popov

"Be honorable yourself if you wish to associate with honorable people."

Welsh proverb

"A life spent making mistakes is not only most honorable but more useful than a life spent doing nothing."

Anonymous

"Don't try to be different. Just be good. To be good is different enough."

Arthur Freed

"He has honor if he holds himself to an ideal of conduct though it is inconvenient, unprofitable, or dangerous to do so."

Walter Lippmann

YEARBOOKS!

The yearbooks will be handed out on Tuesday, May 25th!

We did order a few extra yearbooks, so if you did not order one, there is still a chance to get one! There will be a sign-up sheet in the office to reserve a copy. You may sign up when you bring in the \$20 (make checks payable to YRCS Field Fund) to Barbara in the office.

Act quickly to reserve yours now!

"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

Library material end of year return

- ▶ May 12th: Last Music class for 8th Gr. All instruments must be at school.
- ▶ May 13th: Summer rental contracts are available in library.
- ▶ May 14th: Math Textbooks, readers and library books return for 8th Gr.
- ▶ May 19th: Last Music class for Grades 4-7. All instruments must be at school.
- ▶ May 20th: Instruments inspection by Luke Wilson. ALL instruments MUST be at school! Request for summer rental must be turned in!
- ▶ May 21st: Math textbooks, readers and library books return for All grades and parents.
- ▶ May 17-21: Library is open for classes but no books are checked out.
- ▶ May 24-28: LIBRARY IS CLOSED. Much processing happening and help always welcome!!!
- ▶ May 26th: Summer rental instrument pickup from library.

Thank You,
Catherine

KIDSPACE NEWS

It's hard to believe that we are nearing the end of the school year. We had lots of fun this year in Kidspace. Lots of art was created, hours of imaginative play occurred and many special story times were shared.

Different activities have been the rage at different times. The current favorite is amphibian hunting. Although they have a blast creating a habitat for the tiny creatures, the children willingly observe a catch and release policy.

Here is the Kidspace schedule for the last week of school – all minimum days:

Kidspace is open 1:00 - 5:00 pm Monday, May 24- Wednesday, May 26.

We are NOT open Thursday, May 27 – the last day of school.

All invoices are due that week and MUST be paid by the last day of school.

Fall forms for Kidspace will be included in the packets going out this summer. There will also be forms available in the office.

Have a wonderful summer and thanks for letting us share in your children's lives.

Karen and Lisa,
Kidspace teachers



Bulletin Board

Kindergarten Summer Day Camp at Hollyhock Children's Garden – woodworking, crafting, gardening and play. Children 4 years, 9 months to 6 years. 2-week sessions: June 7 - 17; June 20 - July 11; July 5 - 15. 2, 3, or 4 days a week 5% discount for multiple sessions. Please call 432-7512 for more information or to register.

"Whims - Days" with Thea Blair. Every Wednesday, June 2 - August 11. Animal care with goats, cow and chickens. Gardening, crafts, and storytelling. Limited to 12 children, ages 5 and up. Call 470-8646 to register.

For Rent. 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. \$1300/month. Call Colleen and Myles @ 478-5788.

The Mud Hut's Exciting New Location! at As If Studios - 940 Idaho Maryland Road, G.V. The new Mud Hut is offering a summer of Clay Fun for both children & adults with instructors Denise Wey & Claudia Jeffers. Please visit this website for detailed class information: denisewey.com. (click on clay classes)



Hello YRCS Community,

First off, thank you to everyone who cast a vote for the Charter Council candidates. The votes have been tallied and Allison Gjertsen and Torrie Mudd are reinstated to the Charter Council. I wish them and Charter Council much success in the following years.

This is my last item for YRCS and Parent Council - not only because it is the last newsletter of the year, but also because my family and I are moving from the area. I look back on the year with great fondness and pride for the experience of chairing PC. I want to thank everyone on PC for their efforts in moving our council forward towards the goal of it being an integrated and responsible aspect to the administrative process of YRCS.

At our last PC meeting, I asked members to contribute their own words to our PC section of our newsletter - here are the responses received:

Another school year has flown by and I have almost finished my second year on Parent Council. My experience this year has been a productive, authentic and meaningful one. I feel grateful to have had the opportunity to work with such a nice group of people and look forward to volunteering my time with PC again next year.

~ Lisa Gorbet; 3rd Grade Representative - Hospitality

There's been much negativity about our school parent council. It's sad that there are negative comments floating around our school about a group of dedicated parents who take time out of their lives to attend meetings, plan events, support our school's sports and music programs and we HONOR your children and our faculty. I ask that new families to our school and those parents who might have questions about our school's parent council contact me and I will listen to you and answer any questions you may have. I invite you to attend our meetings and find out, first hand, what parent council is all about. Come make a difference and get involved in your child's school. If you aren't happy with the "ways" of our school, the by laws, parent hand book info, volunteerism, etc. DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. I challenge all parents of YRCS to step up and make a difference. Support your teachers and volunteer in the classroom and around the school. Make a difference in your school. OUR school community.

~ Veronica Morales-Combs (vrmjc@yahoo.com); 15 year YRCS veteran parent, mother of 4 YRCS student/alumni, one of the festival queens, parent council co-chair and rep for...too many years to count!!

Thanks to all the parents and families who helped make our festivals and class fundraising so successful! They are so important, so needed and so much (fun) work!

~ Melissa Seibold; Kindergarten Class Representative
Outreach & Ed Foundation Representative

It's been a pleasure representing the 4th grade on the Parent Council this year. This school is truly an amazing place, in no small part due to the large and small contributions of time, energy, talent, love and focus given by so many of the parents here. These few years of our children's education are precious and irreplaceable. Times are tough, but with the heartfelt commitment of our teachers and staff, plus the stepped-up involvement of our community of parents, I really believe that we can make these years some of the richest and best. Thanks!

~ Mark Fogiel; 4th Grade Representative - Secretary

I think the above give further insight to the work and efforts we have shouldered this year. I have listened to some teachers in other districts and have heard first hand accounts of the war zone and horror stories they are experiencing. YRCS, in comparison, is a safe harbor within stormy seas. The environment our children are raised in is a great contributor to who they are as adults and the life they live. Your participation or non-participation is creating their environment at school.

"Who so loves believes the impossible"

"Light tomorrow with today!"

~ Elizabeth Barrett Browning

May you all enjoy a wonderful summer and may you and your family be blessed with miraculous abundance and great joy!

With Much Love,
Greg Wilker
PC Chair

Dear YRCS Families,

As the recently elected chair of the Charter Council, I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself, explain the functions of the Charter Council and tell you where to access information regarding our upcoming meetings.

The Charter Council is the governance body of YRCS and is responsible for ensuring that the school's policies and practices are consistent with the charter, vision, and mission of the school. The Charter Council gives final approval to all personnel, budget, and policy decisions.

We usually meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 3:30 pm in the new development center. Our agendas are posted 72 hours prior to a meeting on the front door of the school and in the "Parents" section of our website: www.yubariverschool.org. At the beginning of every meeting, we have a 10 minute public comment portion where parents and/or teachers can speak before the council. *If parents or teachers have a situation that isn't being resolved through the channels of our disagreement policy, you are welcome to speak during our public comment. Anyone is welcome to observe and comment on matters on our public portion of our agenda as recognized by the Chair and as time allows.*

Over the past few months we have had concerned parents come to speak at our meetings. Because of their input, we are currently in the process of updating our disagreement, discipline, personnel and hiring policies.

The present members of the Charter Council are:

- Torrie Mudd - Parent Rep. and Chair
- Allison Gjertsen - Parent Rep.
- Matthew Reischman - Parent Rep. and Secretary
- Dan Martinez - Faculty Rep.
- Leila Barber - Faculty Rep.
- Doris Rainville - Faculty Rep.
- Caleb Buckley - Non-Voting Member
- Susan Egan - Non-Voting Member

We can have up to three community members on the board, so if you know of individuals that you feel would be an asset, please contact me. If anyone has any questions regarding Charter Council, please feel free to contact me at any time.

With gratitude,
 Torrie Mudd - Charter Council Chair
 Cell 530-210-6507
torrie@torriemudd.com

Listed below are the classes with best attendance for each of the previous three months.

Keep up the good work everyone!

Best attendance in Month #6 (1/4 - 1/29):

- 8th Grade with 98% attendance**
- 5th Grade with 97% attendance**

Best attendance in Month #7 (2/2 - 2/26):

- 4th Grade with 96% attendance**

Best attendance in Month #8 (3/1 - 3/26):

- 4th Grade with 95% attendance**
- 2nd Grade with 95% attendance**

Congratulations to the following students who have perfect attendance up to March 26 of this school year:

Perfect attendance is when a student has no absences or tardies for the year

If you think your name is missing from this list, please contact Colleen at the Attendance Desk!

Grade 1

Alexandra Andrianova

Grade 5

Kian Berreman

Grade 6

Sofia Van Valkenburg

Grade 8

Josiah Barber
 River Berreman

Lavender Kindergarten

Ezra Armstrong
 Alexandrer Walley

Sweet Pea Kindergarten

Evrydica Cominotto
 Jackson Jorgensen
 Ruby Wallis

JOB OPENINGS

Resource aide/Tutor

8 hours per week - Monday & Tuesday
 \$11.93 per hour

Lower Grades/Early Childhood Classroom Assistant

5 days a week - 8:15 to 2:15
 \$10.04 - \$10.65 per hour depending on experience

Grades 1 -3 Co-Teacher

5 days a week - 4 hours per day
 Annual Salary of \$11,225.00

Apply by June 1

Postings & Applications available at office or on Website.

Yuba River Charter School

7th Grade Benefit

Tapas Dinner & Musical Show

FEATURING

Our 7th grade teacher
RON CHARLES
and his **BAND**

Saturday, May 15

**\$15 for adults
\$8 for kids**

at

The Classic Café
in Nevada City
216 Broad Street

Two seatings are available:
5:30 and 7:30 pm

Please call 470-0544 for reservations
for one of these seatings.

Sugar Pine Mountain offers wood toys, play kitchens, doll houses, Waldorf-style dolls, cooperative games, puzzles, play silks, crafting items (including Stockmar wax crayons, modeling wax and watercolors), books and more. Host a Sugar Pine Mountain home party and earn free product or mention YRCS and a portion of the proceeds from your purchases will go toward Little Creek Preschool! Please visit www.SugarPineMountain.com or call Robin at 530-277-2589 for more information or to place an order.

Violet Sprout, on Mill Street in Grass Valley, carries a lovely selection of natural and Waldorf-inspired toys, art and craft supplies and books. We will donate 10% of your purchase to YRCS when you mention the you are a "friend of Yuba River Charter School" at check-out. Located within the "Make Local Habit" store at 122 Mill Street, Grass Valley. 530-615-9449. www.violetsprout.com

Holiday Market Fundraising: Cash for Kids Lake Wildwood location in Penn Valley Customers earn "wow" points every time they shop on qualified purchases as long as they are using their Holiday Rewards card. Once a customer reaches 1,000 accumulated wow points they can "turn in" those wow points for various items like pizza coupons and movie passes etc. In addition they can donate those points to those approved schools which is the equivalent to \$20! YRCS is now a part of this program so spread the word!

Custom-built, Waldorf-inspired woodwork - Did you see the lovely Waldorf playhouse at Moon-dance this year? You can have one too! Custom-built, Waldorf-inspired woodwork featuring play houses, play stands, lofts, bunk beds and doll houses. 10% of sales donated to YRCS. Call Mark Follansbee at 575-0916 for more information.

Yoga at Dragonfly Studios - Donations to YRCS - Come do the flow of yoga for everyone or prenatal yoga in the morning and 10% of class fee will be donated to YRCS. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9:15 am flow with Julie or Wednesday morning 9:15 am prenatal with Hannah. Check out www.pennvalleyyoga.com or call Julie @ 575-1757 for more information.

Nevada City Classic Cafe YRCS Community Outreach Program. Simply have a meal at the Nevada City Classic Cafe at 216 Broad Street in Nevada City, write your name, address and your child's name and grade or your school connection on your receipt and leave it with your server. 20% of the proceeds will be donated to the YRCS Educational Foundation.



TO A GREAT YEAR!

The YRCS Faculty would like to recognize the hard work, dedication and leadership of the 2009-2010 Parent Council. Our Parent Council holds many responsibilities for our school community, each and every year. Without a strong Parent Council our school festivals, class fundraising, school sports teams, event hospitality (and much more!) would not be successful and, perhaps, happen at all.

Your YRCS 2009-2010 Parent Council:

PC Chairperson:	Greg Wilker
PC Co-Chairperson:	Veronica Combs
LK/Ed Foundation:	Melissa Seibold
RK:	Jilan Glorfield
1 st Grade:	Jen Iams-McGuire
2 nd Grade:	Mark Dahlstrom
3 rd Grade:	Lisa Gorbet
4 th Grade:	Mark Fogiel
5 th Grade:	Jeremy Laurin
6 th Grade:	Veronica Combs
7 th Grade:	Jo Paden
8 th Grade:	Teri Polcene
Faculty:	Paula Barber
Charter Council:	Allison Gjertsen
Director:	Caleb Buckley



This year's Parent Council accomplished many great things for our school. Volleyballs were purchased for the girls' volleyball team. Sports jerseys were purchased for all sports team participants. A YRCS School Store was approved for next year, and a loan was given for store start-up funding. The money loaned to do these things was raised by PC Fundraising (Briar Patch & SPD coupons, Target & Staples rewards and others).

Greg Wilker, as the PC Chair for the first time this year, has done an amazing job of invigorating the PC. His leadership and positive attitude transformed this parent-body organization to a new level of success, action and, perhaps most important, fun!

To a great year! Thanks for all your time, energy and efforts!

Sincerely,
The YRCS Faculty & Staff

Dear Yuba River Charter School Community,

Shine stands for Social Health Inclusion Network for Everyone. It is a committee comprised of teachers, staff, and parents at our school. Currently, our group includes Carrie Reuther, Erik Bell, Leila Barber, and Baruch Simon from faculty; Krissa Connelley as an administrative representative; Molly Harrison from student services; Elise Heirman and Shea Smith as parent representatives. 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 protocol for working on social health within a school community, including students, parents and staff. We are in the first phase of our development that includes forming a group, creating a mission statement and deciding, with input from the community, on a set of agreements. Our newly revised mission statement is thus:

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 and connection through reflection, respect and responsibility.

The community agreement survey is attached for parents to provide input on what is valuable to them and what is not. Please return the survey to the office by Friday, May 21st. 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. Collectively, implementation of these phases will contribute to strengthening the healthy social fabric of the school. Our group meets weekly.

Sincerely,
The Shine Committee

YRCS SHINE Group Agreement Suggestions

1. For the past few months, the SHINE group has been putting together a short list of possible statements that capture the essence of how we want to work together and relate to each other as a school community.

Conflict arises naturally as a part of working together and is actually important for the growth of any community. Conflict is not necessarily bad; it can promote new understandings and knowledge. We believe that the way we treat each other makes all the difference to the health of our relationships and in modeling for our children.

We would like to offer the following ideas as a starting point for our community agreements, and ask that you add your ideas provided in the box below. We will look at all the ideas that are returned and add those that are felt strongly throughout our community.

- A. Go to the source. (Speak directly to others involved when you have a concern or need.)
- B. Speak your truth. (With tact/courtesy and honesty, tell the other party what has happened.)
- C. Listen with the intent to understand (Without interrupting, listen politely and give each person a chance to share their perception of what happened.)
- D. Presume positive intentions (for all involved parties)
- E. Set aside judgment (stay open to others’ perspectives)

2. New Ideas: This is where you get to add your own ideas and statements that you would like to see on the list of our agreements. Try to keep the statements short and clear. Please add your ideas in the space provided below:

Fundraising: Simple “DAILY” activities that help direct dollars to our school!

Please put this list up on your refrigerator today and contribute to YRCS with your everyday tasks!

Briar Patch Co-Op Community Market: Use school vouchers when shopping to direct 1% of your purchases to our school. Turn a voucher in each time you make a purchase. Pick up vouchers in school office/hallway.

SPD Vouchers: Grocery Benefit Coupons (pick up in office/hallway) direct 3% of your purchases to YRCS. You may save all your receipts & bring them in all at once with the coupons. If 100 people spent \$200 per month at SPD, YRCS gets \$7200/year!

BOX TOPS\$ for Education: Clip “Box Tops” coupons from the product packages you have purchased and drop them off in the coffee can outside the school office. 1000 box tops gives the school \$100.

BOX TOPS\$ Credit Card and Website Shopping: This program is similar to SchoolPop (see below). 1% of all purchases with the Box Tops Visa credit card will go to our school. 10% of qualifying purchases made through this website will be directed to our school. www.boxtops4education.com

K-mart School Spirit Shopping Card: Pick-up a card at the Grass Valley K-Mart Customer Service. Our school code is 042246/Yuba River Charter School. We get a percentage when you present your card at the register.

eScrip: Registration forms are available on the shelf in the school office. Or register your debit and credit cards online at www.escrip.com. Our school name is Yuba River Charter School Kidspace. If 50 YRCS eScrip supporters spent \$200/month, YRCS would yield \$6,000 a year. HOW EASY!?

SchoolPop Website Shopping: Direct money to the school by going to www.schoolpop.com and registering the credit and/or debit cards you use for internet purchases. Shop at Amazon.com for books? Go to School Pop and log in and select Amazon.com. Then shop at Amazon. Amazon gives 2.5% of your purchase to YRCS.

SchoolPop Credit Card: All purchases with this credit card will direct 1% to our school. Once you receive your new SchoolPop credit card you must register the card by phone call or through the website. Pick up SchoolPop credit card applications on the shelf in the school office or apply at www.schoolpop.com.

Thanks for helping YRCS throughout the Summer. . . While you shop.

Yuba River Charter School CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Fri	14 May	8:45 am 9:00 pm	Grade 6 to Medieval Games Grade 5 Violin Skit Grade 7 star gazing at Tobias Park
Starting Sun	16-24 May		Grade 8 trip
Wed	19 May	6:30 pm	Grade 8 Parent Meeting
Wed-Fri	19-21 May		Grade 5 to Jughandle
Mon	24 May		Grade 2 to Bridgeport
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 Rose Ceremony
Fri	28 May		8 th Grade Graduation at Miner’s Foundry