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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
T-Th	24-26 May		Grade 5 to Jughandle
Fri	27 May	8:45 am	Last Friday Assembly*
Mon	30 May	No School	Memorial Day Holiday
Tues	31 May	8:45 am	LAST DAY FOR LUNCHES Goodbye to site for students & staff*
T-F	31 May - 3 June	Minimum Days	Last week of school
Thurs	2 June	1:30 -2:30 pm	7 th & 8 th grade moving day* Internal 8th grade graduation - students & teachers*
Fri	3 June	8:45 - 10:00 am 10:30 am - 1:00 pm 5:00 pm	Rose ceremony and closing ceremony* School moving day* 8 th grade graduation at Miner's Foundry LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
M-Th	6-9 June		Teacher In-Service
Wed	22 June		Office moving day*
Friday	24 June		Office closed for summer*

Mon	22 August		Mandatory registration day*
Tues	23 August		First day of school*

* new item

This is the last newsletter of the year.

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T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST!

Yuba River Charter School is holding a T-shirt design contest sponsored by the 6th grade class.

Prize: Free Sweatshirt and ice cream gift certificates

Deadline: Tuesday , May 31st for entry

Voting: Wednesday and Thursday, June 1 & 2

Theme: Downtown Nevada City
Must contain words "Yuba River Charter School"

Winner announced at closing ceremony, June 3rd
T-shirts and sweatshirts available at registration day, August 22nd

For more information see Mr. Buckley,
caleb@buckleydirector.com.

Proceeds benefit the 6th grade class field fund. One winner will be selected by students who vote on their favorite design. Contestants from any grade may enter. Overly detailed drawings are often hard to reproduce on shirts. Previous winners are good examples to learn from. School name should be prominent and reflect the new location in downtown Nevada City.

OFFICE NOTES

As you consider how you will support the school next year, please consider compiling the newsletter. It's creative, rewarding, and requires NO MEETINGS!

All Lost and Found is up for grabs! Please, come and take what you want.

A colorful house key found at the medieval games. Come to the office to claim.

I'd like to thank all the parent helpers who came into the 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade classes this year to help in handwork. Your support is very much appreciated by me and the students! Also, huge thanks to the parents, grandparents and friends who donated so much yarn and handwork supplies to our after-school handwork program.

With Love and Gratitude - Mrs. Ronningen

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LIBRARY NEWS

The press is on! The library will probably use at least 100 boxes in the move to the new site! Please bring a box and fill it up with books. We can start packing some books today...

Each box will only take 10-15 minutes.

Catherine and all the students who use the library weekly are grateful to all the parents who helped shelve and process books during the school year. The library would not be the same without all your efforts.

Thank you!
Catherine



ATTENDANCE NEWS

Congratulations to the following students who have perfect attendance up to May 23 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 Debra at the Attendance Desk!

	<u>Grade 3</u>	<u>Grade</u>
4 Kicker	Mia-Riley Deen	Ciela Hanson- Clara Gardner
	<u>Grade 5</u>	<u>Grade 7</u>
	Nisanan Masker	Jenica Heirman
	<u>Grade 8</u>	
	Lukas Beck-Sweigart Sean Valentine	

A BIG THANK YOU TO THE PARENTS

OUR MOVE TO NEVADA CITY ELEMENTARY

Dear Yuba River Families,

The big move to NCE is coming up soon and we'll need lots of parent/family/community help for it to happen smoothly, easily and painlessly.

Here is a general overview and some specific needs for this incredible undertaking:

- 1) Your child's classroom can begin being packed now, per your teacher's direction. Talk to your teacher or class parent about the classroom needs. We are asking parents to please bring boxes to help with packing. Each class has been given the responsibility to move one other school room/space. Classroom teachers also have this information. The school is renting six, large U-haul trucks for this move.
- 2) It is important to please label each box, clearly and visibly, with its contents and the classroom to which it needs to be delivered to at NCE. Classroom teachers will know which items stay with the current class-grade and which will travel with them to their grade 2011-12 grade.
- 3) Some items will be stored in Building 2 until we have a storage container delivered. There will also be a garbage dumpster near the basketball court for us to use in disposing of un-needed items, etc.

Here is the list of spaces that can be packed for moving now and the contact person for each space. **Classes, please make contact ASAP, if you are assigned the responsibility for these additional areas.**

<u>Space</u>	<u>Person/Class in Charge</u>
Bgld. 2 Auditorium	Unassigned
Costume Closet	Lisa Hooper
Development Office	Melissa Seibold
Faculty Lounge	3 rd Grade
Festival Supplies in Building 4	Lisa Hooper
Handwork Room	Catherine Ardagh & 5 th & 6 th Grades
Home Study/Spanish	Raelynn, Elise & Patricia Montijo
Library	Catherine Ardagh & 2 nd Grade
Little Creek/Sweet Pea	Marguerite & Suzanne
Science Room/in Bldg 2	Doris Dunning
Speech Room	Patti & Danielle
Tutoring Room	JoAn Stikes & 4 th Grade
Sound Equipment	Unassigned
Kidspace	1 st Grade

YRCS MOVE to NCE TIMELINE:

- As of tomorrow, May 23rd, we could use someone with carpentry skills to disassemble the large violin storage closet in the main office hallway.
- The actual move begins on Thursday, June 2nd, the day before school ends.
- The 7th and 8th grades can move first, on Thursday (2nd), so they have time to prepare for Graduation on Friday (3rd). Please let me know if you are available to help Thursday.
- On Friday 6/3, after closing ceremony around 10:30 AM, everyone will finish packing the classrooms. We will load *everything* into the rental trucks, immediately that day, and then unload it at NCE.
- On Saturday 6/4 we will need committed help to finish the unloading and moving into NCE. Please contact me to help on Saturday.
- Contact Ed Welch 530-559-1486 ewelch1961@gmail.com if you can help over the weekend with the playground removal & transport.
- The school office will be packed on Wednesday, June 22 and moved to NCE on Thursday, June 23. Please contact me if you can help our hard-working office staff complete the final stage of the move on these days.

Thank you for all you do for YRCS!

Larry Hierman
YRCS Move Coordinator
530-274-2114
lehierman@gmail.com

Hello YRCS Families:

The move to NCE continues to move forward. Mr. Buckley is finalizing details at the new site. Many committees have been set up to help us settle into our new home, including a group working on potential ways to “soften” the new playground. Please sign up for the area that interests you most. Details went home in a letter with students recently. See the office if you need a new copy.

We also continue to make progress on the new site at Rough and Ready with preliminary work moving right along in anticipation of the payment from the state.

Changes are being considered for the Home Study program. Alternatives presented at May’s meeting included offering a new curriculum and beginning to develop materials from YRCS directly, such as guidance on block crayon drawing and water color techniques. More details will be presented at the next CC meeting.

Options for the pre-school are being discussed, including where it will be, how big it will be, and how many days it will be. Recommendations will be presented at the next CC meeting.

Mr. Martinez’ 4th grade class will follow Mr. Bell’s example, and increase class size to 32 students to allow for keeping a co-teacher. At the end of 4th grade, the class will not add new students unless it falls below 29. Grades 1-3 will start the year with 30 students, but only add if class size falls below 29. Grades 5-8 have a class size of 29.

Susan Egan has completed yet another round of paperwork for the state that has saved our school much hassle and cost in terms of managing cash flow due to the state’s payment deferral program. The financial outlook still looks grim for next year, but the situation is changing daily. We are keeping a close eye. We will have to plan a budget with many contingencies.

Upcoming CC meetings (all at NCE, except the first one): Wed 5/25, 3:30 PM to include budget for 2011/2012, Home Study Program, Pre-school program. Thurs 6/16, 1 PM. Wed 7/27, 1 PM. (note no meeting 8/3). Wed 8/17, 3:30 PM. Beginning 9/7 routinely on 1st Wed of the month at 3:30 PM.

We are still looking for a Treasurer. Please contact Torrie Mudd with any leads on CPAs, tax advisors, investment advisors, or anyone with a financial background that might be able to help us with this.

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

Library material end of year return

- 1- May 18th : Summer rental contracts are available in library.
- 2- May 23rd : LIBRARY IS CLOSED FOR SUMMER. Parent help is welcome!!! Readers and library books return for ALL grades and parents.
- 3- May 23rd : Last Music class for Grades 4, 6, and 7. All instruments must stay at school.
- 4- May 27th : Instruments inspection by Jon Wondergem. ALL instruments MUST be at school! Request for summer rental must be turned in!
- 5- June 1st : Math Textbooks return for all grades.
- 6- June 2nd : Summer rental instrument pickup from library.

Thank You,
– Catherine

Bulletin Board

☺ Marija Vulfs (first class to graduate YRCS) is teaching horseback riding in Penn Valley. She would like to give 10% of profits from Yuba River families back to the YRCS fund. She can be contacted at (571)425-0826 or mlvulfs@mtHolyoke.edu www.classicalhoofbeatsdressage.com.

☺ Center Stage Dance Studio of Grass Valley presents the swashbuckling musical comedy, *The Adventures of Robin Hood and Maid Marian* on the evenings of Tuesday June 14th and Wednesday June 15th. This is a fun and charming show that the whole family will enjoy. Visit www.CenterStageGrassValley.org for more details.

☺ Elise Hierman, YRCS co-teacher and math teacher, is offering tutoring services this summer. If your child needs help with reading, writing, math or "social arts", you may contact her at 274-2114 or elhierman@gmail.com.

☺ Save the date! Saturday, September 17, 2011 is the 14th Annual Greater Yuba River Clean-Up & Restoration Day. www.yubariver.org.

☺ Hi, I'm Bridget Priest. As a result of 14 years of classroom teaching, and over five years of private tutoring experience, I am able to help students master their current grade level skills and prepare them for the next year's curriculum. While I am proficient in all subject areas, math is a specialty! www.tutoringbybridget.com, 530-205-8050.

☺ Massage for children – parents and children. Learn about the benefits of healthy touch and clothes-on massage routines you can do with your child. DVD, *Playful Touch*, available for sale (\$10). Tuesdays, May

24 and May 31 from 4:00 to 5:00 pm. More info: Thea Blair 530-470-8646, www.touch-teacher.com.

☺ Conscious Parenting in the NEW PARADIGM - parents only. Come and learn the key word to the new paradigm and how it changes everything, even your parenting! Wednesday, June 8 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. More info: Thea Blair 530-470-8646, www.touch-teacher.com.

☺ Camp Counselors and Activities Director sought for Woolman Sierra Friends Camp. For complete info: <http://camp.woolman.org/staff/counselors>, <http://woolman.org/employment/summer-camp-activities-director>.

☺ Puppetry Camp, ages 8 +, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm, June 13 - July 15, \$200 week /all 5 weeks for \$800. Hand, shadow, rod, marionette. Performance at Children's Festival. And much more! Call Thea at 470-8646

☺ Hollyhock Children's Garden Offers Adult Summer Workshops
Rainbow Silk Dyeing: July 23rd 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Doll-making: July 30th 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Needle Felted Figures for the Nature Table:
Mondays, Beginning July 18th 4- 6p.m.
Table Puppets: Wednesdays, Beginning July 20th 4p.m. - 6p.m.
Call Teacher Molly Collum For More Information at 530 432-7512

☺ Need a babysitter this summer for a few hours or overnight? Think Ronningen! Deanna, Nikki and Olivia are all very experienced in bringing the fun to childcare. Call us at 913-4342 or email kdronningen@aol.com for more information.

YEARBOOKS WILL BE ARRIVING SOON!!!

We have ordered a few extra copies of the Yearbook. If you would like to reserve one, please bring in \$20 to the office and sign up.

If you think you ordered a yearbook, but aren't sure, call Jean Remley at 274-8115 and she can let you know.

Remember- This is the last yearbook at our beautiful Bitney Springs site!



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MAY FAIR THANKS

Many thanks to everyone that made the May Fair a fun day.

Yeah, wonderful festival reps! It was the best May Fair yet!



Part-time employment openings for the 2011-2012 school year. Now accepting applications at the website, www.yubariverschool.org:

4th grade co-teacher
speech and language assistant (4hours/week)

grade one classroom aide
grade three classroom aide
Lavender Kindergarten assistant
Little Creek Preschool assistant
School Secretary
Homestudy Program Coordinator
School Psychologist

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Yuba River Charter School

***Cordially invites you to
The Class of 2011
8th grade
graduation ceremony***

June 3, 2011

5:00 pm

(Doors open at 4:30 pm)

*The Miner's Foundry
Nevada City*

Reception to follow

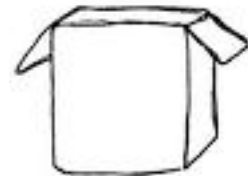
Looking for Virtues Project™ Materials for your Family or Self?

Ms. Reuther has these items for sale:

- The Family Virtues Guide
- The Family Virtues Card Deck
- Adult Virtues Reflection Card Deck
- The Virtues Educators Card Deck
- Sacred Moments: Daily Reflections on the Virtues
- A Pace of Grace: The Virtues of a Sustainable Life

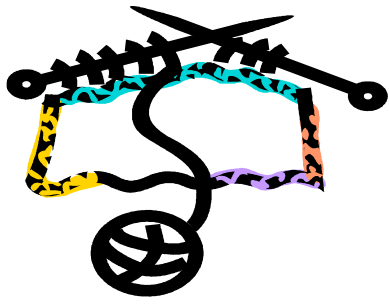
See Ms. Reuther before or after school if you are interested in these or any other Virtues Project™ related items.

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We need boxes, and plenty of them!

Bring them to school and put them in the 3rd grade hallway.
Bring packing tape and markers to your classroom.
Newspapers may be needed for fragile items.
And remember to sign up to help move the school.
Sign-up lists are in the hallway near the main office.



**The schedule is set
and we are ready
to have some crafting fun!**

In order to ensure classes are held and your spot is secure, pre-registration is essential. Please complete the form below and return it, with your deposit(s), to Mrs. Ronningen or the YRCS office by **Thursday June 2nd**. To contact Mrs. Ronningen call or email at: 913-4342 or kdronningen@aol.com .

Classes are held Tuesday through Friday from 10am - 2pm. Each week offers a crafting theme that will allow students to explore a particular skill (though students are always welcome to work on a knitting or crocheting project if they prefer). Students are asked to bring a sack lunch and snack each day.

Class sizes are limited to 10 students (all ages and skill-levels are welcome). Minimum enrollment of 5 students is required to offer any particular theme. *Cost per student is \$125 per student per week, plus materials fee.* A deposit of \$50 (per class) is required to hold your place, with the remainder due on the first day of class. If a class is not held due to lack of enrollment, your deposit will be refunded to you.

Daily Schedule - Tuesday through Friday
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

10:00 am Students arrive / welcome verse
10:00 - 11:00 Crafting fun!
11:00 - 11:20 Snack Time
11:20 - 12:20 More Crafting Fun!
12:20 - 12:45 Lunch Time
12:45 - 1:45 pm Keep on Crafting!
1:45 - 2:00 Clean-up
2:00 pm Pick up Time

Handwork Heaven Summer Camp with Mrs. Ronningen

Please complete and return to YRCS or Mrs. Ronningen, with deposit, by Thursday June 2, 2011

WEEK 1 (June 7 - June10): Knitting/Crochet/Weaving: *With the help of Mrs. Ronningen, students will choose a project to knit or crochet, or may bring one they are in the process of completing. We will also offer box weaving and making "gods eyes".* **\$10 materials fee**

WEEK 2 (June 14 - June 17): Wool: *We will be washing, carding, perhaps even dying wool for use in making wet and needle felted items. If time permits we may learn to use a drop spindle.* **\$10 materials fee**

WEEK 3 (June 21 - June 24): Lotions/Oils/Candles/Soaps/Scrubs: *In this class we will be making lip balm, lotions, candles, body scrub, and maybe even glycerin soap!* **\$15 materials fee**

WEEK 4 (July 12 - July 15): Fabric Crafts: *This class may include one or more of the following: Embroidery, Cross Stitch, Sewing.* **\$10 materials fee**

WEEK 5 (August 2 - August 5): Jewelry Making: *Students will learn to make twisted wire jewelry which may include toe-rings, rings, earrings, necklaces, bracelets, anklets. We will also learn to string beads, make friendship bracelets and whatever our creativity leads us to!* **\$15 materials fee**

WEEK 6 (August 9 - August 12): Cooking: *This class was requested by many YRCS students. We will be learning basic cooking using whole, organic ingredients, many taken directly from the garden! From breakfast to dinner and everything in between, we will be weighing and measuring our way to full tummies!* **\$10 materials fee**

Student Name: _____

Student Age/Grade: _____

Parent/Contact Name: _____

Phone#: _____

Contact Email Address: _____

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

Cost is \$125 per week plus materials fee. \$50 deposit per week, per student, please.

_____ Week 1, Knitting/Crochet/Weaving (6/7-6/10)

_____ Week 2, Wool (6/14 - 6/17)

_____ Week 3, Lotions/Body Products (6/21 - 6/24)

_____ Week 4, Fabric (7/12 - 7/15)

_____ Week 5, Jewelry Making (8/2 - 8/5)

_____ Week 6, Cooking (8/9 - 8/12)

of classes registering for: _____

x \$50 deposit per class

= \$ _____

Mark Your Calendars

All-School, Mandatory Event.

Monday, August 22nd from 2:00PM to 6:00PM

Our New Campus: 505 Main Street – Nevada City



The YRCS Back-to-School Fair & Social *Music, Food, Festivities!*

- ✧ Join us for a Neighborhood Cookout & Ice Cream Social.
(featuring Nevada County Free-Range Beef & Caleb's Creamery)
- ✧ Tour our new school building.
- ✧ Receive your annual 2011-2012 back-to-school informational packet & update your contact information for YRCS*.
- ✧ Sign-up for your annual Volunteerism & School Service commitments.
- ✧ Learn more about the YRCS Parent Council, Educational Foundation & Charter Council.
- ✧ Order your school lunches for the entire semester!
- ✧ Preview Moondance 2011.
- ✧ Enter into a Raffle to win a Razor Scooter & Safety Gear.
- ✧ Reconnect with friends you have not seen all summer long!

(* These items will not be mailed to families this year. The information needs to be completed before August 23rd.)

**Bring your family to this event early to get home early
for the first day of school!**

This is an important school event! See you there!

Whining Drains My Energy

Teaching Little Ones Right from Wrong

Jimmy was a lucky kid. As soon as he was old enough to crawl over and grab something off of the coffee table, his parents began to teach him the difference between right and wrong. Because they loved him, they gave him the daily gift of correction. Yep! When little Jimmy was too rough with the dog or when he tossed toys down the stairs, he often heard a sweet "Uh-oh," followed by a gentle removal of the problem object (the toy or the dog). Sometimes this sweet "Uh-oh" signaled that he was about to take a gentle trip to his room for some "calm down time."

By age three, Jimmy had an automatic reaction inside his wondrous little brain whenever he heard a sweet "Uh-oh." The reaction went something like: "Uh, my life will be happier if I do what is right not what is wrong." The glorious gift of loving correction was laying the foundation for good decision-making.

There are those who worry that correction will result in crushing the spirit. They are wise to worry! Correction will crush the spirit if it is done with anger, or sarcasm, or with the intent to "get even" with the child. Correction is never correct when it is done with a punitive, harsh heart.

Do you know any kids who can create great discomfort for everyone around them just by using a certain tone of voice? Some kids have mastered a whiny tone that can be a cheese grater for raw nerves. Whining can send us over the edge and cause what we call "skill slippage."

What can we do when our kids whine? First, it helps to remember that whining is just a way kids try to get what they want. And in the real world, it doesn't seem to be a very good way. So we don't want to teach kids that whining "works" and we certainly don't want to model being whiny ourselves.

Some Love and Logic® parents have had great success with the "energy drain." Maxine used it with her six-year-old daughter (a champion whiner) for a few weeks and the whining all but disappeared. Whenever little Misty started whining, Maxine would inhale slowly and say, "Oh, it just drains my energy to hear that." Sometimes, she would disengage from her daughter, if possible. Then she would give her daughter a couple options for putting the energy back: "Some kids decide to do the dusting while Mom takes a rest. Other kids decide to put their mom's energy back by straightening the bookshelf. You can decide."

Maxine secretly hoped Misty would NOT put her energy back by doing a chore so that when precious Misty needed some of Mom's energy - to take her to a friend's house, Mom could say, "Oh, I'm sad to say I used up all of my driving energy listening to all that whining. Maybe next time I'll have the energy to take you."

Be careful, some parents start looking forward to their kids' whining so they can get some chores done or so their kids can miss out on some things and really learn that whining doesn't pay.

When Your Child Gets Teased

Does teasing end when kids graduate from elementary school? Does it stop when they move on from middle to high school? Does it magically disappear when we become adults? Or is it sadly true that most of us will encounter bullies throughout our lifetimes?

Because we can't ensure that the world will always be sweet and kind to our kids, common sense tells us that we ought to equip them with skills that allow them to cope with this sometimes less-than-considerate world. Listed below are some quick tips:

Teach them that bullies get their power from our negative emotions. The more upset we get when picked on, the more powerful mean kids feel.

Show your child how to trick bullies by pretending to be calm. If our children can learn to act calm when bullies hassle them, they become far less attractive targets.

Teach your child to confuse or bewilder bullies by responding to verbal taunts with replies like, "Thanks for noticing" or "I appreciate the feedback."

Help your child develop great social skills so that they are liked, accepted, and protected by positive peers. Kids who don't know how to relate in healthy ways often find themselves gravitating toward peers who treat them poorly.

SPORTS UPDATE

What a great season the YRCS Rapids Girl's Volleyball team had this year! Our team was a combination of 6th and 7th graders. Some with experience and some with none. We had a wonderful time learning the basic skills of the fun game of volleyball and becoming a true team. We ended with a great barbeque and party and Coach Deanna's house last weekend. What fun!

It is important that we recognize that the only way sports happen at our school is with parent volunteers as coaches and organizers. Caleb Buckley, Frank Plucker, Genevieve Gartin, Dave Smith and myself all supported YRCS' sports program this year by volunteering to coach our students.

Next year we have the opportunity to create many more athletic experiences for our middle school students. In the fall there is Girl's Basketball, Boy's Volleyball and Flag Football. During the rest of the year we can also offer Track and Field, Cross Country Running, Boy's Basketball and Girl's Volleyball. In order to offer these sports, however, we need parent volunteers to coach these teams. I have been coaching YRCS' Girl's Volleyball team for 3 years now and can offer my advice, information and experience to anyone interested in helping in the coming year. If you are interested or have any questions about YRCS sports, feel free to contact me at 913-4342 or kdronningen@aol.com.

Go Rapids!
- Coach Deanna (a.k.a. Mrs. Ronningen)



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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 6 - 10 new songs per 6 week session -

New 6-week session starts in June

Space is limited
email for details and availability

ronalcharles@live.com