



20 August 2010

Office 272-8078
 Kidspace 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

*The Life of the School
 by Lisa Hooper*

Yuba River Charter School is more than a place where we drop off our kids every day for a great education. We are a community that supports each other in the raising of our children and in growing as parents.

Ideally, we each seek to contribute to YRCS. When parents participate in class life, support the festivals and fundraisers, and take on school responsibilities, we can all benefit more than we give. Our children are carried through the years by all of us. Ideally it seems effortless to them and rewarding to us! In giving thoughtfully of ourselves and our talents, we connect with the school, and with each other, creating a healthy and joyful community for all.

The festivals are important community events at YRCS. The first is the Harvest Festival, held the last Friday of September. The day begins with a procession of the whole school placing food offerings at the Harvest Table. This food is donated to families in need. The 2nd grade entertains us with the play Sir

George and the Dragon. Then, we all join in the fun of making apple cider, playing games, creating crafts, and enjoying a school-wide potluck lunch. Each class holds a part of the festival. For instance, the kindergartens and 6th grade decorate, and 1st and 3rd grades run the apple press. Look for specific information in the next newsletter!

The Halloween Festival is undergoing a change this year. Many of us feel we should hold this during the



day closest to Halloween. Look for a meeting date in the next newsletter to join in the discussion.

The Winter Fair has been held between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Wonderful winter crafts are available in the classrooms. For sale is yummy food at the Kindercafe and beautiful items at the Marketplace Boutique.



The May Fair is held the first Saturday in May. Maypole dancing, crafts, and games are available. Classes are invited to sell food.

Our one big fundraiser is the Moondance auction. See this newsletter for info.

We have held all school cleaning days.

We enjoy winter and spring concerts.

Back to School Nights give us all the opportunity to see what our children and the other grades are doing.

And perhaps the most important way that we support our school is to keep our children well rested, well fed, well played, and get them to school on time.

PARENT COUNCIL NEWS

Dear YRCS Parents,

The CC would like to thank those that filled out the end-of-the-year parent surveys. We received great feedback from our parents and the Charter Council takes all your suggestions very seriously. This summary was presented at our Aug., 11th meeting and all committees, individuals, and staff have received the individual results of the survey so that comments and suggestions can be reviewed and taken under consideration.

In summary, 43 surveys were submitted with grades being represented as follows (some had multiple grades):

LK	4 = 7%	2nd	6 = 11%	6th	7 = 13%
RK	1 = 2%	3rd	8 = 15%	7th	1 = 2%
1st	8 = 15%	4th	4 = 7%	8th	6 = 11%
		5th	7 = 13%	Unk.	3 = 4%

90% of all the topics received a score of 75% and higher between categories 4 and 5 with 5 being excellent. That tells us that the vast majority of those surveyed are very happy about their experience here at YRCS.

The class teachers received outstanding reviews with many thanks being conveyed for all their hard work. 95% had an outstanding overall experience and felt very confident in our school's ability to prepare their child for the academic challenges of high school. Feedback asked for more support around student discipline issues.

The Specialty Programs received high ratings with suggestions for more communication from the teachers.

Administrative Personnel also received high ratings with comments asking for follow-through, clarity and a more positive and accommodating service around conflict resolution. Feedback also centered around wanting more information about the business manager, librarian, and librarian hours.

The YRCS committees received a great review and some surveys asked for more information around the council functions as well as clarity and openness on the process of parent input to the councils.

Festivals are an important part of our Waldorf education and most of our families highly enjoyed our festivals with the Harvest Festival and Mayfaire seeming to be the most popular. Parent Council and Lisa Hooper will be working hard to bring out the very best in our festivals this year.

100% of the surveyed families read the school newsletter. It is one of our greatest tools for school-wide communication. There were great suggestions regarding more parent input and creating a paperless system.

98% of the surveys reported that they attend our school because it is a Waldorf Methods school. Parents expressed the desire for more education around what makes our Waldorf education so special.

Most parents understand our school's volunteer requirements and dedicate many hours of service to our school. Most comments expressed the desire for everyone to meet their volunteer requirements so that the school service is more equally shared by all. A request for more volunteer recognition was received as well.

Other areas of comment were as followed:

- The request for stricter enforcement of media, discipline, disagreement, and dress policies
- Education around the YRCS field fund and school grant updates.
- Curriculum and program suggestions for our middle-school program.
- Increase in athletic focus in the upper grades.

Thanks again for your comments and suggestions. We hope everyone has a wonderful year at YRCS.

Respectfully yours,

Torrie Mudd
Charter Council Chair

Dear Parents,

August 13, 2010

Charter Council hopes you all had a relaxing summer and that you're looking forward to another great year at YRCS. Last year's parent surveys expressed the desire for more information around the council functions as well as clarity on the process of parent input to the councils. In response to parent feedback we will have monthly CC newsletters reporting what was accomplished at our last meeting along with agenda topics that may be coming up at our next CC meeting.

Our first CC meeting was held on Wednesday, August 11th where we discussed/approved the following:

Discussion Items:

- Minor modification to school calendar
- Revisions to the Disagreement Policy
- CC Retreat - September 24 - 25
- Conflict Resolution Committee appointees as per our grievance policy

Action/Approval Items:

- Special Ed Certification Salary Schedule for the school year 2010/11 - Approved
- Education Specialist and Teacher's Assistant job description - Approved w/ amendments
- Revisions to the non-certificated Salary Schedule - Approved
- Changes to authorize signer on bank accounts - Approved
- Kindergarten Discipline Policy - Approved w/final amendments
- Appoint positions of CC Chair (Torrie Mudd) and CC Secretary (Matthew Reischman)

Reports were given

- Director - Caleb Buckley (Enrollment, Calendar, job openings), Business Manager - Susan Egan (Financial Update), Parent Council - Allison Gjertsen - (Update on 1st PC meeting), Faculty - Leila Barber - (Heather Perry graduated from Steiner College, faculty update), Charter Council Chair - Torrie Mudd (Presented summary of 2009/10 parent survey and new concern flow chart)

Closed Session report out:

- Approved new hires - Danielle Perry as school psychologist, Blue Reed as classroom aide, Thea Bieling as a teacher's assistant and JoAnn Stikes as resource specialist.
- Approved Susan Egan to continue with current facility lease negotiations.

A more detailed report of our minutes will be located on our school website. Topics for our next CC meeting are Cash Flow Report, discussion of revisions to disagreement & grievance policies, parent concern forms and flow chart, CC retreat update, and approval of minor calendar modification. Many more agenda topics will be added so please check our final agenda 72 hours before our meeting (see below for location of agendas).

Also in response to parent feedback, a sub-committee worked over the summer on revising the YRCS Disagreement Policy as well as the parent concern forms. We also created a parent concern flow chart explaining each step to help resolve interpersonal and general school concerns. We hope to approve these items by our October CC meeting. CC would like to express a BIG THANK YOU to Lorrie Valvo and Mariana Nielsen for taking time out of their summer to help with this project.

Our meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesdays of the month at 3:30 pm with occasional meetings being held as needed. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 8th. Parents are welcome to observe our meetings. There is a 10 minute public comment section at the beginning of each meeting for individuals to speak to the council. Final agendas will be posted on the front door of the school and on our YRCS website 72 hours in advance. Agenda requests must be submitted in writing to the CC Chair one week prior to the CC meeting. Parent comments and suggestions for upcoming CC agenda items can be submitted by e-mail or by phone to any of your three CC parent representatives:

- Allison Gjertsen - 277-3979 or lyonstribelive@live.com
- Matthew Reischman - 272-1397 or Matthew.Reischman@fire.ca.gov
- Torrie Mudd at 210-6507 or torrie@torriemudd.com

Welcome back YRCS families!!

Respectfully Yours,

Torrie Mudd - Charter Council Chair

The school calendar was recently revised.

December 10 now an in-service day - NO SCHOOL.
January 3 is now a student day - SCHOOL IN SESSION.

An updated school calendar is included in this newsletter.

Thanks to David Clouse and company for their fun and athletic YRCS basketball camp this summer.



Our Community is Amazing!

In the final weeks of this past spring semester, the YRCS community was presented with a “challenge.” We were asked to match an incredibly generous gift donated to the school in order to prevent faculty and staff from having to take a pay cut for the 2010-2011 school year. The charge was to match this **\$35,000 gift in only 3 ½ weeks**. And if we made our goal and raised \$35,000, our gracious donors would again MATCH the \$35,000 for the 2011-2012 school year, since the State of California has made a permanent funding cut to our school.

Our community is amazing.

Not only did we match the \$35,000; we exceeded it and raised a total of \$39,408!
Thank you all so very much. Our community values Waldorf education. Our community values our outstanding teachers. Our community values its children’s future. We are all very lucky.

Sports

Looking for something fun to do after school?

Please stay tuned for updates on the “small School” sports program that YRCS participates in!

Opportunities for students, as well as parents, with games such as:

Volleyball
Flag Football
Cross Country
Boys and Girls Basketball
Track and Field

and possibly more are out there!

Parents, please come to hear how you can participate.

First coaches meeting of the year, led by Jeffrey Dellis, on August 23
Contact: Allison @ Lyonstribelive.com

Yuba River Charter School Calendar REVISED

2010-2011 (Reviewed by Charter Council 8-11-10)

July 2010	4 August 2010 10	6 September 2010 21	5 October 2010 16
S M T W T F S	S M T W T F S	S M T W T F S	S M T W T F S
1 2 3	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	1 2 3 4	1 2
4 5 6 7 8 9 10	8 9 10 11 T T 14	5 H 7 8 9 10 11	3 4 5 6 7 8 9
11 12 13 14 15 16 17	15 T T 18 19 20 21	12 13 14 15 16 17 18	10 11 12 13 14 15 16
18 19 20 21 22 23 24	22 23 24 25 26 27 28	19 20 21 22 23 24 25	17 B B B B B 23
25 26 27 28 29 30 31	29 30 31	26 27 28 29 30	24 25 26 27 28 29 30
			31
6 November 2010 15	4 December 2010 12	4 January 2011 20	4 February 2011 15
S M T W T F S	S M T W T F S	S M T W T F S	S M T W T F S
1 2 3 4 5 6	1 2 3 4	H	1 2 3 4 5
7 8 9 10 H T 13	5 6 7 8 9 T 11	2 3 4 5 6 7 8	6 7 8 9 10 11 12
14 C C C C C 20	12 13 14 15 16 17 18	9 10 11 12 13 14 15	13 14 15 16 17 18 19
21 B B B H H 27	19 B B B B B H	16 H 18 19 20 21 22	20 H H B B B 26
28 29 30	26 B B B B B	23 24 25 26 27 28 29	27 28
		30 31	
8 March 2011 23	4 April 2011 15	6 May 2011 20	3 June 2011 3
S M T W T F S	S M T W T F S	S M T W T F S	S M T W T F S
1 2 3 4 5	1 2	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	1 2 3 4
6 7 C C 10 C 12	3 4 5 6 7 8 9	8 9 10 11 12 13 14	5 T T T T 10 11
13 14 15 16 17 18 19	10 11 12 13 14 15 16	15 16 17 18 19 20 21	12 13 14 15 16 17 18
20 21 22 23 24 25 26	17 B B B B B 23	22 23 24 25 26 S 28	19 20 21 22 23 24 25
27 28 29 30 31	24 S 26 27 28 29 30	29 H 31	26 27 28 29 30

August 12 - 17
 August 18
 August 18 - 20
 September 3
 September 6
 September 24
 October 27
 October 15
 October 18 - 22
 October 29
 November 6
 November 11 & 12
 November 15 - 19
 November 22-26
 December 10
 December 17
 December 20 - 31
 January 17
 February 18
 February 20 - 25
 March 8, 9 & 11
 March 10
 March 26
 April 9
 April 11-15
 April 15
 April 18 - 22
 April 25
 April 26-29
 May 5
 May 6
 May 7

Teacher Inservice
 First Day of School & Opening Ceremony
All Minimum Days
 Picture Day
 Labor Day Holiday
 Harvest Festival **Minimum Day**
 Picture Make-Up Day
Minimum Day
 October Break
 Halloween Festival **Minimum Day**
 Moondance 2010
 Veteran's Day Holiday & Teacher Inservice Day
 Parent Conferences **Minimum Days**
 Thanksgiving Break
 Teacher Inservice Day - NO SCHOOL
Minimum Day
 Winter Break
 M.L.King Holiday
Minimum Day
 President's Holiday & Break Days
 (Optional) Parent Conferences **Minimum Days**
 Staff/Teacher Appreciation Tea
 Day in the Life of Kindergarten
 Day in the Life of Kindergarten
 STAR Testing
Minimum Day
 Spring Break
SNOW DAY
 STAR Testing
 Grandparent's Day
 Pentathlon **Minimum Day**
 May Fair

May 13 Medieval Games
 May 27 **SNOW DAY**
 May 30 Memorial Day Holiday
 May 31 - June 3
All Minimum Days
 June 3 Last Day of School & Graduation
 June 6 - 9 Teacher Inservice
First Trimester
 Trimester Ends: October 29
 Report Cards: November 12
Second Trimester
 Trimester Ends: February 17
 Report Cards: March 3
Third Trimester
 Trimester Ends: May 20
 Report Cards: June 10

Key to Symbols

T - Teacher Inservice
 C - Conference Day/Minimum Day
 H - Holiday
 B - Break for Students and Staff
 S - Snow Day

Minimum days are underlined
 170 days of student instruction 54
 180 day teacher contract

YRCS Auction and Parent Night

A huge THANK YOU to all of our Oregon House families for their hospitality and generosity in offering a lovely guided tour of their beautiful locale to the Yuba River Charter faculty and staff this summer. We are so grateful that you have shared your exquisite gardens and facilities, as well as learning about your impressive work through Petrarch Press, Renaissance Winery and Apollo Olive Oil.



An extra special thanks to Keith Walley, Gideon Beinstock, Rachel Nobel, Corrine Jilesen, Maria Davari, Andreea Federspiel-Otelea and the day's tour director, David Clouse!

The staff and faculty felt like royalty! We are so grateful to have learned about your endeavors and creativity.

+++++



Save the Date!

Saturday, November 6th, 2010

Moondance

Dance. Dine. Divine.

Miners Foundry, Nevada City.

Plan ahead. You won't want to miss it.

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

Payments are due, in full, with your order form.
 If paying in cash, please pay the exact amount.
 You may pay for both days with one check. Make
 checks payable to: YRCS Field Fund.

Tuesday Pizza Lunch Order Form

Happily offered by the 8th grade.

Pizza Lunch Dates:
Tuesdays: Sept. 7, 14, 21, & 28.

Orders are due by Thursday, September 2.

Questions? Call Lisa Hooper @ 272-1182.

**Thank you for supporting
the 8th 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: _____

Wednesday Sandwich Lunch Order Form

Happily offered by the 8th grade.

Sandwich lunch dates:
Wednesdays: Sept. 8, 15, 22, & 29.

Orders are due by Thursday, September 2.

**Sandwiches are provided by the Nevada City
Classic Cafe.**

Questions? Call Lisa Hooper @ 272-1182.

~The 8th 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

Choose one type of bread: multi-grain sourdough

Choose from the following 4 condiments:

mayo mustard lettuce 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

Choose one type of bread: multi-grain sourdough

Choose from the following 4 condiments:

mayo mustard lettuce 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: _____



Welcome to Yuba River Charter School

The staff, faculty and community of families at YRCS would like to welcome the following students to our Yuba River Charter School for the 2010-2011 school year !

We are glad to have you & your families
join our community!

LK	Kalena Avila	1st Grade	Aurora Carville	
LK	Adonijah Camara	1st Grade	Alexei Daunis	
LK	Dan Caspi	1st Grade	Elijah Ramirez	YRCS Waldorf
LK	Moshe Childs	1st Grade	Raya Searls	Home Study Program
LK	Ella Frederickson			
LK	Athena Guiliani	2nd Grade	Michael Caspi	Sade Abila
LK	Lucy Huseby	2nd Grade	Alexandria King	Anja Rice
LK	Hagen Mees	2nd Grade	Mina McCann	Etta Stewart
LK	Zoe Myers	2nd Grade	Kloe Ramirez	Jeremiah Avila
LK	Deon Petrizzo	2nd Grade	Mark Reid	Sequoia Riihiluoma
LK	Declan Quinn	2nd Grade	Kerynn Smith	Adriana Avila
LK	Gulliver Redd			Arianna Lang
LK	Ti'Elsie Weills	3rd Grade	Zaia Ackles	Blue Bouck
LK	Amora Williams	3rd Grade	Aidan Keller	Tenzin Travis
		3rd Grade	Utah Myers	
RK	Julia Barbieri			YRCS Little Creek Nursery
RK	Lucca Baum	4th Grade	Ambrosia Hayes	& Preschool
RK	Nicholas Druding	4th Grade	Lucia Lifland	
RK	Jasper Franklin-Follansbee	4th Grade	Nathaniel Welch	Pearl Baughman
RK	Anthony Gonzales			Cooper Carville
RK	Damian Killion	5th Grade	Holly McQuade	Aislinn Casey-Welch
RK	Clara Star Mairs	5th Grade	Adam Reid	Quinn Cassidy
RK	Victoria Potter	5th Grade	Mary Vogel	Oren Dion
RK	Hayden Williams	5th Grade	Cecilia Wondergem	Addison Haller
RK	Gopal Wilson			Julian King
RK	Nikairye Wondergem	6th Grade	Skoyles Leah	Aiyahna Mitchell
		6th Grade	MacKenzie Rock	Sophia Nichols
		6th Grade	Jilesen Timothy	Poppy Pachman
SPK	Arianna Ackles			Ian Reid
SPK	Cyrus Goode			Caroline Rioux
SPK	Maizie Hellegers	7th Grade	Jaccob McQuade	Stella Rosmarin
SPK	Ariya Herman			Jaden Ross-Glenn
SPK	Liliana Meadows	8th Grade	Chase Shepherd	Mimi Stewart
SPK	Jackson Sturgeon-Lacoste			
SPK	Mateo Wallis			

We are glad to have you & your families
join our community!