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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

GENEROSITY

FROM OUR DIRECTOR



We live in very interesting times in California. The state just passed its budget which will have some more money for education but they are borrowing money to pay for it. I expect the next governor will be taking it back after the election. While the state suffers from dysfunction and near bankruptcy, our immediate community has grown and continues to thrive. The faculty is currently considering a few small programs to add to our schedule and the charter council is studying the implications of replacing the pay cuts that were instituted last year.

In the faculty we have been discussing our independent study (IS) process and decided not to change it. As a school we are dedicated to having your children in school and we are not writing IS contracts for trips unless it is a religious observance, death in the family, or medical condition.

Please remember that this Friday is a minimum day and we have next week off for Fall Break. I hope everyone has a restful vacation, and take it easy on the media for our kids.

Sincerely,
Caleb Buckley

Grade 7 is hosting this month's virtue.

Generosity is giving and sharing. It is giving freely because you want to, not with the idea of receiving a reward or a gift in return. Generosity is being aware that there is plenty for everyone. It is seeing a chance to give what you have just for the joy of giving. Generous people share time, ideas, things, and money. It is one of the best ways to show love and friendship.

Without generosity, people who need help feel helpless because no one will give them what they need. When one person is generous, other people want to be generous too.

Adapted from *The Virtues Guide*
by Linda Kavelin Popov

"A cheerful giver does not count the cost of what he gives. His heart is set on pleasing and cheering him to whom the gift is given."

Julian of Norwich

"The more one gives, the more one has."

Chinese Proverb

"Whatever you give to others is also a gift to yourself."

Sanaya Roman

"That's what I consider true generosity. You give your all, and yet you always feel as if it costs you nothing."

Simone de Beauvoir

"Do it now. It is not safe to leave a generous feeling to the cooling influences of the world."

Thomas Guthrie

Bulletin Board

👤 One big thank you to all who gave a lending hand and support to me, my children, and my family after the birth of our child. You are all wonderful people who truly make a difference in people's lives. Thank You. Sincerely, Shirlene Stewart (mother of Mimi in preschool and Giovanni in Grade 1).

👤 Congrats to YRCS alumni Olivia Lawrence-Weilmann and Dylan Fitzwater for making it to the finals of the St. Francis debate tournament in Mountain View, CA. Competing against the top private schools in NorCal, Nevada Union debaters performed admirably. Congrats and good luck to NU Debate at Long Beach State.

👤 **Earth Encounters Fall Camp**, October 19 - 21, mornings. \$50 includes a healthy snack. Presented by the Nevada County Land Trust. We will do water monitoring, storytelling, learn about the local Maidu tribe, games, music and much more! Register online at www.NevadaCountyLandTrust.org or call Stacy at 530.272.5994 x7.

OFFICE NOTES

Parent volunteers needed over Fall Break to work on the Boat Yard Fence. Please sign up in the office for:

Tuesday, October 19th
and/or
Friday, October 22nd

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Jim our maintenance man thanks you!

Handwork With Mrs. Ronningen

****New Class Offering****

Parents now have an opportunity to learn knitting and crochet in their very own class! Parents are welcome to bring projects they are working on or to choose from several patterns available. This is a perfect time to get away for an hour. Make items to give as gifts this holiday season!

Who: Parents and Teachers

When: Friday Mornings from 9:30 - 10:30am

Where: YRCS' Sweet Pea Kindergarten Classroom

Beginning Friday October 29th*

Cost: \$8.00 per student, per class
(Prepayment of 4 classes at a time is requested)
\$10 materials fee per student (per 8 classes)

Call or email Mrs. Ronningen to sign up. Space is limited and classes fill up fast, so call now!

Deanna Ronningen teaches handwork at Yuba River Charter School to 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade students as well as the new Home Study class and offers after-school classes for students, teachers and parents on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

Private lessons are available by appointment for an additional charge.

Mrs. Ronningen may be reached at 913-4342 or kdronningen@aol.com

* Minimum 5 students per class, maximum 10.

Moondance 2010 *Community Celebration & Auction*

Save the Date!

Saturday, November 6, 2010

Nevada City – Miners Foundry Cultural Center

325 Spring Street, Nevada City, CA

Wine Tasting ~ 5:00P to 6:00P

(Lucchesi, Avanguardia, Renaissance & Clos Saron Wineries)

Silent Auction ~ 5:00P to 8:00P

Asia Fine Dining Restaurant Cuisine served ~ 6:30P to 7:30P

Live Auction ~ 8:15P to 9:15P

Sista Kat & Deja with Biblical and Soul Medic 9:15P to 9:45P

Dance to San Francisco's own **MONOPHONICS** ~ 9:45P to Close.

**Tickets are available in the YRCS school office, YaBoBo and Briar Patch.
\$25 in advance ~ \$35 day-of event at the Miners Foundry.**

JOIN IN THE FUN!



Moondance Committees are also looking for volunteers for pre-event and day-of support. See your class representative to have fun and get involved! If we all play a role, we are certain to have great success again this year!

Hello YRCS community,

As we near our fall break, it seems like a natural time to reflect on the recent change of seasons - cooler temperatures, shorter days, the celebration of the harvest. Speaking of the harvest, the YRCS Harvest Festival brought with it a sort of energy and excitement that permeated the school community. A lot of work went into the preparation and planning; many volunteers and class/council festival representatives giving time and energy. It makes a difference, so thank you all who contribute to making the school celebrations so successful.

The theme of volunteerism is by no means new to this school, but how often do we pause and think about all of the volunteer efforts that are going on, and what a huge difference it makes to our children and school community. On any given day throughout the school year, it takes many forms: families supplying vegetables for the class; parents joining class to help with crafts; others serving on a school committee, or helping with school administrative tasks; others still, planning the next festival, field trip, or fundraiser... Volunteer efforts are everywhere, and even the smallest contributions make a difference in building a better experience for our school community.

As you volunteer your time and energy, please note the following: 1) Melissa Seibold and Robert Wallis are co-chairing the School Service Committee Parent Council (PC) effort this year, so if you have any related questions or comments, please let them know. 2) Logging your volunteer hours really helps YRCS demonstrate the parents' commitment when the school applies for grants or other means of funds. So, please log your volunteer hours each month in your class log (your teacher can direct you if you don't know where the log is located in class).

Sincerely,

Mark Dahlstrom, on behalf of PC

Did you know?

In addition to representing your class, most PC reps serve in an additional capacity or liaison position. Please note the following PC contacts for the given areas:

Festivals	Veronica Morales-Combs Lisa Hooper (co-chair)* Chelsea Baum**
Fundraising	Kristin Welch
Hospitality	Lisa Gorbet
Parent Co-op	Mariana Nielsen
Parent Education	Joe Fajen
Sports Programs	Allison Gjertsen***
School Service	Melissa Seibold Robert Wallis

*Non-PC co-chair **PC co-chair/apprentice *** Co-chair TBD

Quote to Quote

“Those who stand for nothing fall for anything.” Alexander Hamilton

More Money for YRCS!

“Just ask!”

Even though California passed a budget recently, our state’s education is far from getting the boost needed to adequately fund our curriculum. Over four years ago YRCS offered many classes: games, Eurythmy, music and woodworking, all which have been cut, or cut back.

How can we, as a community, help with this challenge? Moondance 2010!

Moondance will be held November 6th at the Miners Foundry, Nevada City. This is *the one* opportunity we, as parents and community, can impact *this year’s school budget* and *this year’s programs*. Attending the auction for an exquisite night out “on the town” is a great way to support the Yuba River Charter School. And furthermore, acquiring silent and live auction items for the event is relatively easy to do --- with a minimal amount of effort by each parent and family in our school community.

Let me give you a couple of personal examples of how easy this can be. These efforts totaled about a ten minute investment of my time. . .with a benefit to the school of potentially \$500.00.

Seizing the moment #1: I went into a local garden supply store to shop for my home and garden. I had a Yuba River Charter School “Auctions Donation Form” with me and simply asked the question, as I was checking out: “Could I speak to someone who might be able to help me? I am a parent at Yuba River Charter School. We are holding our annual auction, Moondance - on November 6th at the Miners Foundry and I was wondering if your business would be able to help us and contribute to our event by making a product or service donation?” Five minutes later. . . I had \$400 plus in gardening supplies and equipment to donate to our Silent Auction.

Take two: My accountant. “I don’t know if you are able to help me out, but I am a parent at Yuba River Charter School. We have an auction coming up. Would you have a service to donate to us for our Silent Auction?” Thirty seconds later - I had the “Auctions Donation Form” completed with \$100-valued tax preparation discount for our school’s auction. It truly can be that easy. All you need is to carry the “Auctions Items Form” in your car, purse or wallet. And then ask. All they can do is say no. Or better yet, they might surprise you and say, “I just donated to your auction yesterday. . . When someone else from your school asked! Your school is on it!”

If each family contributes one item, Moondance will, once again, be a huge success. Remember, the donations are tax-deductible. And most businesses and people see the benefit of giving to our children’s education. Please, “just ask!”

PARENT CO-OPs for Childcare Between Pickup Times

Are you watching a child or group of children while waiting for older siblings to end their school day? The Parent Council Co-op was created to assist families who agree to share supervisory duties of children while on the school grounds. Please let us know you will be on the school grounds during these times. It allows us to provide indoor space for rainy days. It also provides the school with the important security of knowing that all parents are informed of the same rules and that fingerprinting is performed per district policy.

The paperwork is minimal. Fingerprinting is easy and will cover you for the length of your family’s participation at YRCS. You will need to have this done if you would like to participate in fieldtrips, so might as well get it out of the way.

Please call Mariana Nielsen at 292-3319 to find out more about how the co-ops work and to get the paperwork started.

SPORTS UPDATE

Cross Country

Kids are having a great time participating on the team.

Track and Field comes up in the spring. We need a coach to be able to attend for both of these teams. Anyone interested, please contact Allison @ Lyonstribelive.com

Flag Football

We have 16-24 kids showing up on a regular basis, sometimes 2 games are going on at once. I hear the walk over to the Fogiel's property where flag football is held, is beautiful! Go cheer them on Wednesdays and Fridays after school!

SCHOOL SERVICE

Hello YRCS Community,

The School Service Committee wanted to share with you some current news and updates. Melissa Seibold and I (Robert Wallis) will be co-chairing the School Service Committee this school year. We are very excited to serve in this capacity and look forward to working with all of you. Community service to the school and our children is a key component to the success of each of our children's education and to the YRCS community life that we all value so highly.

This success is built on the foundation of all our efforts. We encourage everyone to be involved and serve in some capacity. Attached to the Volunteer Registry in each classroom is a list of service opportunities. Please take a few minutes the next time you are in your child's class to select a service opportunity that interests you and make a mental commitment to be involved.

The Volunteer Registry is intended to be a living document. Please update it with your service hours as you are involved so that the YRCS Education Foundation has current data to use in their grant proposals and applications.

We look forward to everyone's involvement in the coming year. Together we can continue to enhance our children's educational experience.

Robert Wallis
Parent Council Service Committee Co-Chair

THE YRCS CURRENT NEWSLETTER

In our efforts to "Go Greener" and "Go E."lectronic, we would like to welcome every parent and family to receive our newsletter utilizing a variety of options. Please choose what works best for your family to receive the information in the newsletter in a timely fashion.

The Current is:

Accessible at

<http://www.yubariverschool.org/latestnewsletter.pdf>

Available via a direct email.

(Please provide YRCS your current email address if you have not received a past YRCS newsletter via email.)

Located in the YRCS front hallway, outside the main office.

Available to be sent home with your child.

(Please contact Barbara Inman in the main office to make this request.)

Why are we Going Green and Going "E?"

To help conserve our Earth's resources.

(Paper, copier usage)

To conserve human resources.

(Office staff time & energy)

To save operational costs.

(Copier wear, tear & maintenance, ink costs, less chemical usage)

The approximate hard-money costs the school will save is (conservatively) beyond \$5,500

(And again, think of the countless trees!)

The future is now.

Newsletter Statistics:

- YRCS prints an average of 6,000 newsletters per year.
- 6,000 newsletters per year equals 36,000 pieces of colored-paper.
- 36,000 pieces of paper equals 72,000 ink-printed sides of paper.
- 72,000 printed impressions made by our school copier with chemical inks.

PIZZA REFUNDS

The October pizza form charged \$1.00 too much for people ordering a single slice of pizza with a drink. If you ordered one slice of pizza with a drink and paid \$11.50 instead of \$10.50, please deduct \$1.00 from your November order. If you can't remember, contact Lisa Hooper at Lisa@ObjectiveInsights.com. Please have all orders in by Thursday, 28 October.

HOLIDAY WREATHS



22" Wreath



25" Swag
With Holly Berries



25" Candy Cane
with Holly Berries



25" Door Charm
with Holly Berries

Dear Yuba River Families:

The eighth grade will be selling wreaths, swags, candy canes and door charms that are assembled in Oregon and delivered fresh the week after Thanksgiving. These wreaths are beautiful to either hang up in your home or as a wonderful gift to bring the scent of the holiday to someone special.

Please support the eighth grade's efforts to raise funds for their trip together by purchasing a wreath. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Fill out the form below and place it, **with payment attached**, in the 'Wreath Envelope' in the office. You may also contact any eighth grade student to purchase a wreath.

Thank you and HAPPY HOLIDAYS,

Class of 2011

Wreath Order Form

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

	Without Bow	# To Order	With Bow	# To Order
22' Wreath	\$20.00	_____	\$22.00	_____
25" Swag With Holly Berries	\$23.00	_____	\$25.00	_____
25" Door Charm With Holly Berries	\$23.00	_____	\$25.00	_____
25" Candy Cane With Holly Berries (available in Right Hand ONLY)	\$25.00	_____	\$27.00	_____

Total Amount Due: _____

Please make checks payable to "YRCS Field Fund" **PAYMENT MUST BE INCLUDED WITH YOUR ORDER.**

WREATH ORDERS ARE DUE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH
THANK YOU FROM THE 8TH GRADE!!

Tuesday Sushi Lunch Order Form

Happily offered by the 6th grade
and Way Yum Sushi.

Sushi Lunch Dates:
Tuesdays: Nov. 2, 9, 16, & 30.

Orders are due by Thursday, October 28.

Choices:
6 piece Vegetarian Roll
(carrot, cucumber and avocado)
or
6 piece California Roll
(crab, cucumber and avocado)

Questions? Ask Deanna Ronningen 432-8990
or kdronningen@aol.com

Thank you for supporting
the 6th Grade class!

Parent's Name _____

Phone # _____

First Child's full name _____

Grade _____

Check one please

- Vegetarian Roll, no drink – \$19.00
- Vegetarian Roll, with 100% juice drink – \$23.00
- California Roll, no drink – \$19.00
- California Roll, with 100% juice drink – \$23.00

Second Child's full name _____

Grade _____

Check one please

- Vegetarian Roll, no drink – \$19.00
- Vegetarian Roll, with 100% juice drink – \$23.00
- California Roll, no drink – \$19.00
- California Roll, with 100% juice drink – \$23.00

TOTAL: _____

Friday Burrito Lunch Order Form

Burritos are offered by the 7th grade, contain organic
ingredients, and are guaranteed to be delicious!
They come with chips, but no drink.

Burrito Lunch Dates:
Fridays: Nov. 5 & 19

Orders are due by Thursday, October 28.

Questions? Ask Jenn Knapp @ 292-3501

Parent's Name _____

Phone # _____

First Child's full name _____

Grade _____

Check one:

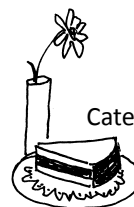
- Bean, Cheese, & Rice Burrito – \$9.00
- Bean & Cheese Burrito – \$9.00
- Bean & Rice Burrito – \$9.00
- Chicken, Bean, Cheese, & Rice Burrito – \$10.00

Second Child's full name _____

Grade _____

Check one:

- Bean, Cheese, & Rice Burrito – \$9.00
- Bean & Cheese Burrito – \$9.00
- Bean & Rice Burrito – \$9.00
- Chicken, Bean, Cheese, & Rice Burrito – \$10.00



Emily's
Catering & Cakes

Emily Scott, Owner/
Chef

TOTAL: \$ _____

Lunches are now being offered Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays!

ORDER INFO FOR ALL LUNCHES

Due date for all orders
is the
last Thursday
of the month.

ORDERS DUE 10/28!

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 pizza and sand-
wiches with one check. Burritos
and sushi checks each need to be
paid separately. Make checks pay-
able to: YRCS Field Fund.

LET'S MAKE "CENTS" FOR OUR SCHOOL!!!

Every month I will inform you of **EASY** ways for you to take quick and simple steps to help raise dollars and cents for our school. If we all pitch in, our efforts are sure to add up quickly with very little effort needed!!!

This month is GROCERY MONTH! Support your YRCS by shopping at the following local grocery stores:

- **Briar Patch Co-op** -Turn in a rebate voucher with every purchase made. A 1% rebate is donated to our school. Pick up your coupons from the shelf across from the office.
- **SPD Market** -Turn in the pink rebate coupon with every purchase made! A 3% rebate is donated to our school. Pick up your coupons from the shelf across from the office.
- **Raley's** -Pick up a Raley's Quality of Life Card from Melissa. You do need to register online in order for your purchases to benefit YRCS. I just did it! It took 5 minutes-tops!
- **Holiday Market of Lake Wildwood** -When you shop with your Rewards Card you earn a "wild point" for every dollar spent. Once you have earned 1000 points, you can tell the cashier that you would like to donate them to YRCS and they will then send our school a check for \$20. Check your points! You may have already earned them!

Keep these coupons and cards in your wallet! Keep a backup stash in your glovebox! Just remember to use them!!! They add up quickly! It's so very simple! A little effort goes a long way!

"CENTS" EARNED UPDATE... Thanks to all you Boxtop clippers out there! I just sent in 500 Boxtops and YRCS will be receiving a \$50 check soon!!!

-Kristin Welch, PC 8th grade and fundraising rep

ORDER YOUR 2010-2011 YRCS MEMORY BOOK!

Please turn this order form into the school office to secure your receipt of the 2010-2011 YRCS Memory Book.

The 40-page yearbook will include:

Individual Student Photos
Classroom Activities for each Grade
Festival Memories
Sports Team Photographs
8th Grade Graduating Class Highlights
And more!

The incredible keepsake can only be ordered in advance. After December 10th orders will no longer be placed. December will come up REALLY FAST. Each year many students and families really wish that they hadn't missed the opportunity to order the book.

Order forms can be placed in the manila envelopes in each classroom or in the main office.

MEMORY BOOK ORDER FORM

Memory Books are \$20 each.
You may make your check payable to "YRCS Field Fund."

Child's Name: _____

Grade: _____ \$20

Child's Name: _____

Grade: _____ \$20

TOTAL: _____

Order forms can be placed in the manila envelopes in each classroom or in the main office.

**ORDERS ARE DUE BY
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10th, 2010.
Order Now!**

Yuba River Charter School CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Fri	15 Oct	minimum day	
Mon-Fri	18-22 Oct	no school	Fall Break
Tues	26 Oct		Grade 2 to Bierwagons*
Wed	27 Oct		Picture Make-up Day
		3:30 pm	Parent Council Meeting
Thurs	28 Oct		Lunch orders due for November*
Fri	29 Oct	minimum day	Costume parade & Halloween-themed assembly End of First Trimester upper grades*
Mon	1 Nov	6:00 pm	Grade 5 Parent Meeting*
Tues	2 Nov	1:30 pm 6:00 pm	Rose Kindergarten Parent Meeting Lavender Kindergarten Parent Meeting*
Thus-Fri	4-5 Nov		Grade 8 to San Francisco*
Sat	6 Nov	5:30 - 11:30 pm	YRCS Moondance and auction @ The Miners Foundry
Wed	10 Nov	6:00 pm	Lavender Kindergarten Lantern Walk*
Thurs	11 Nov	no school	Veteran's Day*
Fri	12 Nov	no school	Teacher in-service day*
Mon-Wed	15-17 Nov	minimum days	Parent-Teacher Conferences - mandatory*
Wed	17 Nov	3:30 - 5:30 pm	Parent Council meeting in library*
Fri	19 Nov	minimum day	Parent-Teacher Conferences - mandatory*
Mon-Fri	22-26 Nov	no school	Thanksgiving Break*
Tues	30 Nov		Grade 4 to Sacramento Zoo*

* new item

Dishes are still sitting outside the Kindergartens on the courtyard side. Please remove them before Fall Break. Any dishes not removed by Wednesday are available for the taking.