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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

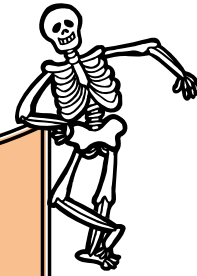
October 27, 2011

Calendar of Events

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Fri	10/28	7 – 10 pm	7 th & 8 th Grade Halloween Dance Grade 1 to Pumpkin Patch
Mon	10/31	4:00 – 7:45 pm	Halloween Festival Minimum Day
Tues	11/1		No School – Teacher In-service
Wed	11/2	5:45 pm 9:00 am	Grade 8 Parent Evening District Team Spelling Competition Grades 7/8
Thurs	11/3		Minimum Day
Fri	11/4		Newsletter Deadline
Mon	11/7	1:30 pm	RK Parent Meeting Grade 1 to Woolman
Tues	11/8	5:30 pm	Little Creek Winter Craft Night
Wed	11/9	5:30 pm	Grade 3 Parent Meeting
Thurs	11/10		Minimum Day
Fri	11/11		No School - Veteran's Day
Sat	11/19	5:30 – 11:00 pm	★ Moondance ★
Mon-Fri	11/21-11/25		Thanksgiving Break – No School



Halloween



Dear YRCS Families,

Greetings! On Monday, October 31st, (***note corrected date!***) our school will be hosting a Halloween Festival. There will be the royal king and queen, jugglers, jesters, storytelling, circle dancing, a fairy dell, outdoor bonfire, fresh baked bread and lots of beautifully carved pumpkins to help guide on the path.

Beginning at 4:00 pm, we will have tours of people come through our magically transformed school. The tours will begin every 5 minutes, with spaces in between some to allow for a smooth flow of activities. Once three tours (60 people) have assembled in the auditorium with the king and queen, a presentation will begin. Each tour will have 20 people total.

The last tour will end at 7:45 pm. The cost is \$5.00 per family, and when you sign-up, you may do so by your child's first name. Also, list the individual people on the numbered lines that follow who will be joining your family. Please place a star by the child's name for reference

Sign-up sheets are posted in the main bulletin board located outside the Office.

Bakers are still needed for this event. If you can help please contact Thea Blair: cpie55@earthlink.net.

Thanks!

Thea, Veronica and Mr. Simon – Halloween Festival Chairs

7th and 8th Grade

Halloween Dance

Friday, October 28th

7 - 10 pm

Yuba River Charter School

505 Main Street, Nevada City

\$5.00 Admission/Costumes Optional

Don't Forget Student ID

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Permission Slip...

COMMUNITY EVENTS

49er Fun Park's Fairyland Halloween

when: Saturday October 29, 2-7 pm

where: 314 Railroad Ave, Grass Valley

type of event: petting zoo, bounce house, costume contest

age range: all

www.49erfunpark.com

Halloween at the Fairgrounds

when: Saturday October 29, 2 - 5 pm

where: Nevada County Fairgrounds, Grass Valley

type of event: This event features a barbecue, games, treats for the kids, a pie auction and cupcake walk, a costume contest, a live auction and a scarecrow contest.

age range: All

www.nevadacountyfair.com

Fall Festival

when: Sunday October 30, 11 - 4 pm

where: South Yuba State Park, Bridgeport, Penn Valley

type of event: live music, living history, games, crafts, wagon rides, pumpkin painting , food and ice cream.

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Safe Trick or Treat for Preschoolers

when: Monday October 31, 10 am - 1 pm

where: Downtown Grass Valley

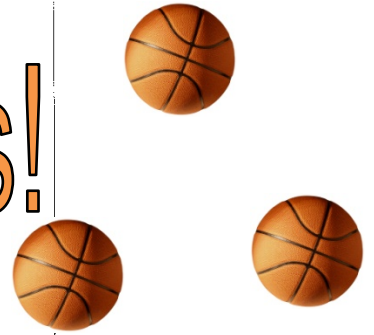
type of event: Safe Trick or Treat for Preschoolers is sponsored by the Grass Valley Merchants. Mill and Main Streets are closed to automobile traffic for safety. Kids ages 5 and under can trick or treat for goodies, free books and more.

price: Free

www.historicgrassvalley.com



Congrats Rapids!



2011 Yuba River Rapids Girls Basketball Team

Casey Baldwin

Unity Casey

Jannah Hadley

Anika Jackobsen

Crystal Lang

Olivia Ronningen

Eliza Rowe

Ellerie Smith

Sofia Van Valkenburg

The Yuba River Charter School Girls Basketball team did an awesome job at their tournament earlier this month. They entered the contest with an 8-2 record and did a fantastic job against two other highly ranked teams. The Rapids brought home the trophy for 2nd place in the Nevada County Small School Championship, being edged out of first place by only 2 points in the final seconds of the game! Thanks to all the YRCS families who came to the exciting games and tournament to lend their support to our girls.

Waldorf in the News

An excerpt from recent issue of the *The New York Times*

LOS ALTOS, Calif. — The chief technology officer of eBay sends his children to a nine-classroom school here. So do employees of Silicon Valley giants like Google, Apple, Yahoo and Hewlett-Packard.

But the school's chief teaching tools are anything but high-tech: pens and paper, knitting needles and, occasionally, mud. Not a computer to be found. No screens at all. They are not allowed in the classroom, and the school even frowns on their use at home.

Schools nationwide have rushed to supply their classrooms with computers, and many policy makers say it is foolish to do otherwise. But the contrarian point of view can be found at the epicenter of the tech economy, where some parents and educators have a message: computers and schools don't mix.

This is the [Waldorf School of the Peninsula](#), one of around 160 Waldorf schools in the country that subscribe to a teaching philosophy focused on physical activity and learning through creative, hands-on tasks. Those who endorse this approach say computers inhibit creative thinking, movement, human interaction and attention spans.

The Waldorf method is nearly a century old, but its foothold here among the digerati puts into sharp relief an [intensifying debate](#) about the role of computers in education.

"I fundamentally reject the notion you need technology aids in grammar school," said Alan Eagle, 50, whose daughter, Andie, is one of the 196 children at the Waldorf elementary school; his son William, 13, is at the nearby middle school. "The idea that an app on an [iPad](#) can better teach my kids to read or do arithmetic, that's ridiculous."

Mr. Eagle knows a bit about technology. He holds a computer science degree from Dartmouth and works in executive communications at Google, where he has written speeches for the chairman, Eric E. Schmidt. He uses an iPad and a smartphone. But he says his daughter, a fifth grader, "doesn't know how to use Google," and his son is just learning. (Starting in eighth grade, the school endorses the limited use of gadgets.)

Go to the [New York Times website](#) for complete article.

Yuba River Charter in the local news---



www.THEUNION.com

A one-acre farm located at the Sierra Friends Center is feeding 40 people three times a day and teaching third grade students from Yuba River Charter School where their food comes from.

On a recent sunny October day, children, dirt caked and laughing, buried themselves in piles of broccoli, pushed wheel barrows of straw for the compost, gathered and inspected insects and bunched kale and basil.

"I can almost become invisible here because they're so absorbed. Right now the garden is their teacher," said Carrie Reuther, a third grade teacher from Yuba River Charter School.

It's all part of the fun, and education, happening weekly as part of a farm to school link hosted by the Woolman Semester farm run by garden manager Malaika Bishop.

"I love working with kids and I feel it's so important for all schools to have a farm to school connection," Bishop said.

In 2001, Bishop co-founded the People's Grocery, an organization devoted to improving the health and economy of low-income inner city communities of West Oakland through local food systems.

Besides running the farm, Bishop serves on the Briarpatch Co-op board while juggling motherhood. She has two small children, ages 3 and 14 months. Recently she attended a food summit hosted by Live Healthy Nevada County, a gathering focused on improving meal programs in public schools.

After a day on the farm, teacher Carrie Reuther says she feels "complete" about her student's education.

"For me to have them out and really have the experience, it's better than anything I could offer them in the classroom... They're able to take in so much more than if I was lecturing," Reuther said.

Students expand their understanding of math by measuring and weighing produce and counting peppers and carrots as they harvest. Students recently picked 380 pounds of apples!



A group of third graders from Yuba River Charter School learn about beneficial insects during a recent visit to the Woolman Semester farm.

For the complete story go to The Union's site and enter Stinky Compost in the search box.

Painless Ways to support Yuba River Charter School throughout the year:

Holiday Shopping this year at **amazon.com** ?



Do you shop at [Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)? Shop and donate to the school at the same time. When shopping on Amazon.com use the links on our website or paste these into your browser: (Amazon.com) http://www.amazon.com/gp/redirect.html?ie=UTF8&location=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.amazon.com%2Fgp%2Fyourstore%3Fie%3DUTF8%26ref_%3Dpd_irl_gw%26signIn%3D1&tag=yrpaco-20&linkCode=ur2&camp=1789&creative=390957

(School Store highlighting Waldorf items)<http://astore.amazon.com/yrcs-store-20>

Grocery Shopping — If you shop locally You can help! We have programs with most all of the local grocery stores.

- SPD
- Safeway
- Raley's
- Briar Patch

Did you know that even out of town friends and relatives can help by registering their "Big Chain" (Safeway & Raley's) store cards with YRCS?

Box Tops for Education -  the difference
i can make.

Each box top is worth a dime. It doesn't seem like much, but it adds up and will help offset state budget cuts to provide the "extras" your children deserve. Clip and turn in to the collection box located outside the Office. Ask your friends and relatives to clip their box tops for you too.

Recycle -



- Ink cartridges
- Cell phones
- iPods/PDA's

Drop off in the Copy Room.

At the Farm - Yuba River Charter Home Study Farm Program



We collected apples from the trees on the farm to make dried apples. We built apple ladders for them out of willow to dry on.



We watched the calves get bottle fed. The farm has four calves now. They range from between two weeks old and five months old.



Our **Home Study Farm** Program is for Grades 1, 2 & 3 (ages 6-9). Classes meet on Monday's and Wednesday's at the Sierra Friends Center from 9-1:30. To schedule a "Day in the Life of the Farm Program" call Yuba River Charter School at 530.265.6060 ext. 110 or email us at raelynnnoel@gmail.com You can visit us at <http://www.yubariverschool.org/homestudy.html>

Notes to Parents:

Kidspace News

Space is limited, especially for "drop in" situations. Please make arrangements as soon as you are able. If you wait until the "day of" it is very likely there will not be an available space. If calling on the "day of" please listen carefully to the recording, as it will indicate if there are no spaces available. Please make sure you receive a confirmation phone call before relying on Kidspace for after school care if you leave a message.

Thanks for your understanding -

Wanted - Fieldtrip Photos!

If you are one of the many dedicated parents who participate in field trips, please consider sending photos to the newsletter.

Please send to info@yubariverschool.org. With a brief (or not so brief) accounting of the event, and the names of the students in the photo(s)

FAQ Box

Have a question that you'd like answered in the newsletter or on the website? Drop it off in the FAQ box located outside of the Office.

Lunch Order Forms for November are due!

They are available on our website and in the wooden wall file outside of the Office

Many Thanks

For your feedback regarding the newsletter. Making every effort to improve with each issue... Your opinion and your patience are appreciated!





Make it Your Party! Join the Fun!

Moondance is our one and only YRCS adult social and event each year. It is also an opportunity involve yourself in supporting the school in raising much-needed money for the current year's operating budget; AND to have "adult time" with your YRCS friends.

Many hands and much spirit go into planning, preparing, gathering and executing Moondance. Our school community, together, puts on this event and we ask all families to participate.

What can you do to help?

The volunteer sign-up sheets are posted in the main entrance of YRCS. I encourage you to please take time to review our "party needs" and join in the effort to throw an amazing party!

We ask all families to contribute donation items, whether asking your favorite local retailer to donate a tax-deductible good or service to be auctioned or to invite your neighbors or family members to purchase a ticket for "economical" and lovely evening out!

Please help support this event. We need "all hands on deck" to make Moondance more successful each consecutive year. See you at the Miners' Foundry on Saturday, November 19th.

CHILD CARE AT YRCS FOR MOONDANCE

Childcare will be available for Moondance attendees, at our school campus for the first time ever! Get your discount tickets at Harvest Festival and know that you won't have to scavenge for a last-minute babysitter; or worse yet. . . No babysitter at all!

The care will be available at 5:00pm the evening of Moondance and conclude at 11:00pm. Reservations must be made in advance through Melissa Seibold at melissa@yubariverschool.org. There will be a nominal hourly fee for this convenience. Come join your Community of Friends for the evening, while supporting our awesome school, and know your children are well-cared for only a few blocks away!

Yuba River Charter School ✦ 505 Main St. Nevada City ✦ 530-265-6060

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Moondance 2011

A BENEFIT FOR YUBA RIVER CHARTER SCHOOL

Saturday, Nov. 19th

5:30-11:00 P.M.

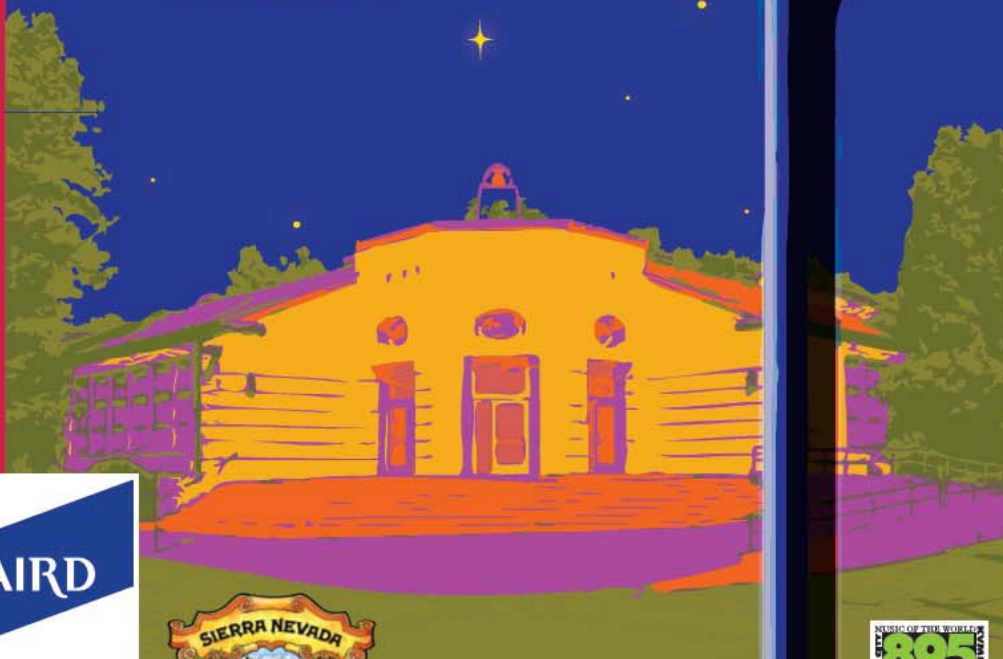
MINERS FOUNDRY
325 Spring St. Nevada City

LIVE & SILENT
AUCTION

WINE TASTING

MUSIC BY
SABROSO
FOOD BY
BLUE GINGER
CATERING

Tickets: \$25 Advance ✦ \$35 Door Available at Briarpatch Co-op & Yuba River Charter School



www.moondance-gala.com

