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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

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Thur	18 Nov		All lunch orders for December due
Fri	19 Nov	minimum day	Parent-Teacher Conferences – mandatory
Mon-Fri	22-26 Nov	no school	Thanksgiving Break
Mon	29 Nov	6:00 pm	Grade 6 Parent Meeting
Tues	30 Nov		Grade 4 to Sacramento Zoo Grades 5 & 8 vision and hearing testing
Fri	3 Dec	8:45 am	School Assembly with the Wild Things
Sat	4 Dec	9:00 am - noon	Winter Fair at school
Wed	8 Dec	6:00 pm	Parent Education Night
Thurs	9 Dec	8:30 - 10:30 am	Parent Education Morning
Fri	10 Dec	no school	Teacher In-service Day*
Wed	15 Dec	3:30 - 5:30 pm	Parent Council meeting in library
Fri	17 Dec	minimum day	Last day before Winter Break
	18 Dec - 2 Jan	no school	Winter Break

* new item

The next newsletter will be delivered Thursday 9 December. It will be the only newsletter in December. Submissions are due by the previous Monday at 5:00 pm. The Bulletin Board is free and contains free items, items of interest to children and families, and occasional items for sale. It is printed monthly. The limit is 50 words. No anonymous submissions please. Paid advertisements are not accepted. If you wish to receive paper copies of the newsletter, please inform the office. Contact Lisa Hooper, 272-1182, Lisa@ObjectiveInsights.com for more information.

Join Women of Worth's 9th HOHOHO (Helping Out Helping Others Holiday Outreach) November 1 - December 12.

Adopt a family, select a child's name

from The Union's "Giving Tree", or donate gift certificates or cash. For more information go to Women-of-worth.org or contact Nancy at nancy@women-of-worth.org or 530-272-6851.

For Sale: Power Mac G4 OSX 10.4.11 software, 867 MHz, 1.5 GB SDRAM, 20 inch Cinema display, keyboard, mouse, Altec Lansing speakers with sub. \$200. This computer is in perfect condition and ready for a new administrator. Contact George Cutter at georgecutter@sbcglobal.net or 265-5293.

Mandarin oranges are back! Lower parking lot leaving the school.

Calling all student musicians! You are invited to play at Victorian Christmas in Nevada City Wednesdays: December 1st, 8th and 15th, 5:00 to 9:00 pm and/or Sundays: December 12th and 19th, 1:30 to 6:00 pm. Contact Barbara Tanner at 265-8634 between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm before November 20th. She will schedule half hour performances on the dates and times requested as space allows. Similar times are available on Cornish Christmas Friday evenings between Thanksgiving and Christmas in Grass Valley. Call Howard Levine at 272-8315 for information.

Nikki Ronningen, recent YRCS graduate, is offering her babysitting services on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. \$6.00 per hour for first child. Nikki is very responsible and has experience as a daycare assistant with Teacher Suzanne (Kindergarten) and as an assistant to her mom in Handwork Camp. Call 432-8990 (before 8:00 pm) or email alwaysyourbff@aol.com.

Dear YRCS Parents,

As you may know, the Charter Council, in conjunction with YRCS faculty, Parent Council, and the Education Foundation, will spearhead a strategic planning exercise in January to assess our school's needs and strategic focus for the years ahead.

To prepare for the exercise, and to ensure that parents are broadly represented in the process, a survey has been developed to gather parents' views regarding the school's future. It is easy and quick, with only 9 multiple-choice questions. Just click on www.surveymonkey.com/s/YRCS_2010 to get started. For families who don't have a computer and/or internet access, a computer will be available on Monday, November 15th in the school office. The deadline for completing the online survey is Monday, December 6th.

These are "interesting times," as the ancient Chinese would say. Many dimensions of modern life are in flux, including the way education is conceived, funded, and delivered. But this much is clear: schools that are well-prepared and nimble will be in the best position to navigate the uncertainties ahead. The strategic planning exercise is one way YRCS is preparing to write its own future, and the survey is your opportunity to influence the process.

We would love to have input from all parents. Please fill out the survey today.

Respectfully Yours,
Torrie Mudd
Charter Council Chair

Winter Fair Saturday December 4th



9 am to Noon

\$4 fee includes all crafts and a trip through the Cookie Forest.

This year, the Winter Fair will be a scaled-down version, geared towards the younger child. It will be held in the lower grades classrooms.

- Craft projects
- A Magical Cookie Forest
- An Elfin Shoppe (children shop for family members - \$1 or less)
- Hot Beverages for sale for \$1 & \$2



(Please note that there is no Kinder Cafe this year, so you may want to come prepared with snacks.)

Please volunteer and help create a non-commercial, creative, home-spun experience for our children that celebrates the winter season and holidays.

If you have questions contact Shannon Becker at 477-6320, moosebeckery@earthlink.net or Anna Reischman at 272-1397, reischman5@att.net.

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
Thursday, DECEMBER 9th, 2010.

Order Now!

SPORTS UPDATE

Flag Football

Wrapped up their season last Wednesday with an "all you can eat" ice cream party! The teams had lots of fun playing at the gorgeous field.

An average of 20-25 kids played throughout the season. Flag Football was played as sandlot type games. Kids are now expressing interest

in playing in the small schools league next fall.

Coach Alan, YRCS thanks you for all your hard work and dedication!

Cross Country

Finished their season at the October Break.

The team is needing more coaching help next spring for the Track and Field events.

Thank you Coach Buckley for all you do here at YRCS!

Volleyball

Coach Deanna is continuing coaching volleyball this year.

Thank you Deanna!

The team is made up of 6th and 7th grade girls.

The 4th graders also have a team that participates in the GV recreation league.

The YRCS team has games on Saturdays, mostly at Scotten, some at Lyman Gilmore.

Game times are at 10:10 or 11:10 am

Have fun!

Contact Lyonstribelive.com for more information.



DIRECTORY UPDATES

If you have an addition or correction to the Directory, please complete an update form in the office as soon as possible!

Please make the following changes to your Directory:

Grade	Student	Parent	Please change to:
7	Miles Geenty	Cristine Kelly	128 Race St. (not 129)
3	Eloheim Napier	Kristi Shank	Nevada City 95959 (not Grass Valley)
3	Eloheim Napier	Justin Napier	10726 Ironclad Rd., Rough&Ready 95975

Farewell to . . .

Grade	Student
HS-3	Jeremiah Avila
5	Mary Vogel

PROOFREADER NEEDED

An editor/proofreader is needed for the newsletter.

Our wonderful editor/proofreader, Mariana Nielsen, will still provide the Virtues articles. However, other YRCS interests are calling her.

If you understand the nuances of the clear written word, this is an easy and satisfying way to make a contribution to YRCS. You would need to allot 15-45 minutes between the Tuesday morning and Wednesday early evening prior to the newsletter release. From home, you would proofread the newsletter for clarity, and spelling and grammatical errors. You would need access to email and be able to read pdfs.

Please contact Lisa Hooper at Lisa@ObjectiveInsights.com or 272-1182 if interested or for further information.

ATTENDANCE NEWS

Congratulations to our top classes for best attendance!

For the third Learning Period:

Grade 5 achieved 97.65% attendance and

Grade 7 is close behind with 97.20%!

Keep up the good work and stay healthy everyone! Be present for a quality education, and remember to always pick up a tardy slip if you are late.

Colleen,
ext. 109,
attendance@yubariverschool.org

SCHOOL STORE


Stop by the School Store
and see what we have!

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday

2:00 - 3:15 pm

We are located
Outside of the library

This is an all-school fundraiser.



**Yuba River Charter School
Grades 5-8**

Present
Children's Activities

Alpha Building
210 Broad Street
Nevada City

During Victorian Christmas
Wednesdays - December 1st, 8th & 15th - 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Sundays - December 12th and 19th - 1:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Gnome Home Building and Kit	A Cookie Forest
Tin-Punch Lanterns	Christmas Ornament Craft
Games	Wreaths
Cider and Cocoa	

Proceeds benefit participating classes' field funds.

Live Music & Sitting Area Provided for Weary Parents- See You There!

YRCS Parent Education Evening



Wednesday, December 8, 2010

6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

YRCS Building 2

Topics of discussion will include the following:

- Overview of the grades, including the developmental stages of the child.
- How the curriculum meets the child at each stage.
- The transition from early childhood to the lower grades and to adolescence.
- 9th graders going to a non-Waldorf high school.

Eugene Schwartz is one of the most sought after speakers on Waldorf Education and it is an honor to have him in Nevada County. He is an author and master teacher who has 33 years of Waldorf teaching experience. Eugene is known for his incredible insights into the development of teachers and children, as well as for a terrific sense of humor. See www.millennialchild.com for examples of his work including podcasts, videos, and articles.

All YRCS parents are invited to attend. Child care will be available for a small fee. Tea, coffee and light snacks to be provided.

YRCS Parent Education Morning



Thursday, December 9, 2010

8:30 am to 10:30 pm

YRCS Building 2

There will be a meet and greet refreshment time before the discussion begins.

Topics of discussion will include the following:

- The parents' role in supporting the school.
- Setting healthy rhythms in the family regarding media, computers, Facebook and texting.
- Developmentally appropriate age for participating in competitive sports.

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