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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



December 7th, 2011

Letter from the Director

When the first group of Waldorf teachers were being trained, Rudolf Steiner told them to always look to the human being to connect the children with the curriculum. In the third grade math block you will see how Mrs. Reuther has measured all the students' feet and has paper strips hanging in order of length. Mr. Bell in fifth grade is telling the students how the ancient Egyptians believed that the Nile was created by the arm of Ra which came down from the heavens to make the river and his fingers created the Delta. Meanwhile in grade eight, Mrs. Dunning is teaching anatomy and asked students to examine their desk partner's skin to see the diversity on the epidermis.

While we all rush into the Winter break, please be sure to look at the calendar every day for important events. Tomorrow, Thursday, is our Winter Assembly at the Vet's Hall. Children should arrive at 5:45, assembly starts at 6pm and will be over in about an hour. Friday morning we are having our morning assembly for the virtue of "grace." Next Wednesday at 9am the fourth through eighth grades are performing a strings concert in the auditorium. In the evenings, many of our parents are supporting the Victorian Christmas in the alpha building on Broad Street on Wednesdays and Sundays. Stop by and let's bring children's activities back to the historic local event. If you have not purchased your memory book, please fill out your order form this week.

I would sincerely like to thank all of our families that worked on the Moondance auction and on the Winter Fair. Although our annual fund drive does not begin for several months, if you would like to make a contribution in this tax year, donations made payable to the YRCS Educational Foundation may be brought to the office.

I hope all of you have a wonderful and celebratory holiday. Hopefully we will have some snow to shovel off of the front steps when we all return.

Sincerely, Caleb Buckley YRCS Director



YRCS Calendar of Events

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Thurs	12/8	6:00 pm	Winter Assembly – Vet's Building GV Minimum Day
Tues	12/13		Grades 5, 6, 7 & 8 Christmas Carol Play Field Trip
Wed	12/14	9:00 am	Strings Program in auditorium
Thurs	12/15		Minimum Day
Fri	12/16		Winter Garden Spiral in auditorium January Lunch Orders Due
Mon-Mon	12/19-1/2		Winter Break No School
Tues	1/3		Return From Break – Happy New Year!
Wed	1/4	3:30 pm 5:30 pm 6:00 pm	Grade 7 to Woolman Charter Counsel Meeting Grade 3 Parent Evening Grade 7 Parent Evening
Fri	1/6		Newsletter Deadline
Mon	1/9	1:30 pm	RK Parent Meeting
Wed	1/11	5:45 pm	Grade 8 Parent Evening
Thurs	1/12		Minimum Day
Mon	1/16		Martin Luther King Day – No School
Wed	1/18	6:00 pm	Grade 5 Parent Evening
Thurs	1/19		Minimum Day
Fri	1/20		Newsletter Deadline
Thurs	1/26	6:00 pm	Grade 5 Play Minimum Day
Fri	1/27	9:00 am	Grade 5 Play



Grade 5 is hosting this month's virtue.

Grace is our connection to the spiritual. It is a sense that we are loved and provided for in all circumstances. It is opening ourselves to bounty. Grace inspires us to give unconditional love to others. When we are gracious and elegant, others are drawn to our company. With grace, we can turn every communication and relationship into a thing of beauty. We grow in grace when we treat others with dignity, kindness and exquisite courtesy, and whenever we forgive. As we connect deeply with grace, we become the presence of grace to others.

People exhibiting grace think, move, and speak with gentleness and courtesy.

Adapted from the Virtues Project





"Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve.... You don't have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."

Martin Luther King, Jr.

"I seek constantly to improve my manners and graces, for they are the sugar to which all are attracted."

Og Mandino

"Virtue and genuine graces in themselves speak what no words can utter."

William Shakespeare

"In health the flesh is graced, the holy enters the world."

Wendell Berry





I am thankful for the gift of Grace. It sustains my life...

YRCS Winter Assembly - Thursday, December 8, 2011

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Dear YRCS Parents,

We are excited about the upcoming Winter Assembly, which will be held Thursday, 12/8/11, at 6 PM in the Grass Valley Veterans Hall (255 South Auburn Street). In order to have a positive experience and ensure our school stays in good standing for future facility rentals, we ask that the following guidelines be respected:

- 1. Please feed your family ahead of time NO FOOD ALLOWED AT ASSEMBLY.
- 2. If you have a student performing, please arrive 15 minutes early with your child dressed for the performance (5:45 PM).
- 3. Please keep watch of your children who are not performing. Children running around or talking loudly can be distracting to those in attendance, and is disrespectful to our talented performers.
- 4. Please review with your child (including performers) proper behavior for a musical performance. This is our chance to model for our children respect and reverence toward the performers.
- 5. To the extent possible, we ask that families stay for the entire performance and take in the talents of all the grades! If that is not possible, please use discretion in exiting so that performances are not disrupted, and choose seating that facilitates this (to the rear or sides of the hall).

Remember, we are GUESTS at the hall, and we have responsibilities to keep.

Also, performing students and teachers/instructors will be allowed into the performing hall first. After all the performing students are sitting in their assigned area, parents, siblings and other visitors will be allowed into the performing hall.

We look forward to a wonderful assembly and thank you for your cooperation

Sincerely, YRCS Staff & Volunteers



Moondance fundraising totals are in!

Thanks to the collaborative efforts of our entire community the YRCS Educational Foundation grossed over \$36,351 for our school and Waldorf education! The net profit, which will directly affect this year's operational budget and teacher's health saving benefits is just over \$26,000.

This year's class project efforts were absolutely the SHINING STARS of Moondance. The money raised from our parent and student efforts was \$7,381, which is over 20% of the gross earning for Moondance. Thank you Rebecca Bleau for holding and guiding the Class Projects and for each Moondance Class Representative!

And extra huge and honorable mention needs to be given to Gary Upton!

Gary is 2nd grader Maya Upton's most-talented, wood-artisan father. Thank you Gary for your commitment the Moondance 2nd grade class project, and for going "above & beyond" in creating the gorgeous "Koy at the Forest" wooden table, which was a near-superhuman feat! Gary designed and created the table using over 9,000-plus pieces of hand-cut, inlaid, rare & unique woods. He put over 200 hours of his own personal time and love and finances into this project, too. The project was partially inspired by a Japanese fable, which Gary brought to the 2nd grade class at the "unveiling" of the magnificent piece of art that all twentynine 2nd graders participated in co-creating. *The table earned YRCS \$3,500!* For more information on this project go to: http://www.theunion.com/article/20111119/ENTERTAINMENT/111119725&parentprofile=search

Congratulations to us all! Our community is truly amazing!

More Moondance Items to Bid Upon!

There are still a number of auction items that will be available to bid on at the Alpha Building during Victorian Christmas. Please join us in celebrating the Holiday Season with our Magical Cookie Forest, Holiday Crafting & the Cozy Café... And to bid on the following items:

Three Nights in Hawaii on Kauai Island / Wellness coaching session for health and wellness /Fresno Grizzlies autographed Edgar Gonzalez Baseball / Slate laser engraved quote by Charlie Parker / Flower Pancake Pan / Pellet Stove Service Cleaning and Adjustment / Perfume Oil with Phermones- "Flirty Little Secret" / Collection of Antique Cookbooks dating back to the early 1900s / Eight Hardy Boys Books / \$100 Gift Certificate to Organic Gardening Services / Three Hours Computer Service / "Autumn On The Farm" by Joe Sheffield / "Sundown Peaks" by Joe Sheffield / Beaded Pen / Tales from Greek Legends on CD / Fertility Consultation / Parent Coaching Sessions with Thea Blair, plus "Playful Touch" DVD ~ 10 massage routines for your child. / One Hour of Support & Therapy for Your Child / \$100 discount on Tax Preparation / Personal Work & Therapy Session Interior or Exterior Architectural Color Consultation ~ :90 / Hand-Painted Grey Cap with Snow Scene"Pyramids" Watercolor by 8th Grade Teacher Doris Dunning / Cloth "Bag It" Bag #6 / YRCS Kidspace Aftercare Program Mobile Chime / Signed Cindy Sheehan Poster from Peace Rally & March / Two Private Sessions in learning Byron Katie's "The Work." Book "The Work" included.

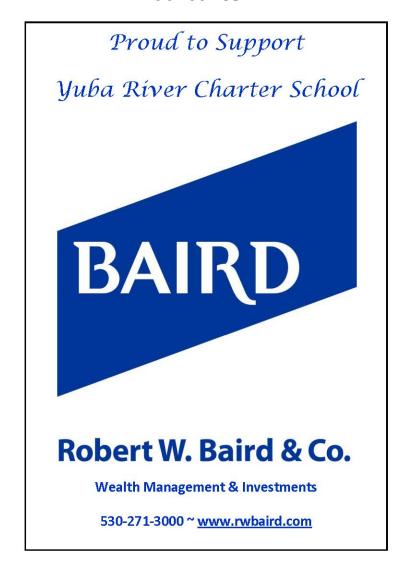
YRCS Annual Report Omission & Correction

It was brought our attention that one of our generous parent-donors was inadvertently not acknowledged in the 2010-2011 Annual Report list of donors. The Educational Foundational would like to acknowledge and thank Alexis Blair for her continued contributions to our YRCS fundraising efforts. Our sincere apology for the over-sight. We have much gratitude for every donor within our school community.

We can't Thank You Enough!

The YRCS Educational Foundation would like to offer our gratitude to Baird Wealth Management & Investments, our underwriting sponsor for

Moondance 2011.



Additionally, the YRCS School Educational Foundation would like to acknowledge and thank the following people and businesses for their generous support and contributions to Moondance 2011!

Beverage & Bar: Paul Frederickson and our many bartending volunteers including: Lisa Gorbet, Joe Hash, Gary Reedy, Katrina Schneider, Mark Mortensen, Joanne Mortensen, Lindsey Weills, Genevieve Buckley

Clean-up Crew: Cindy Cooper, Melissa Seibold, Roger Blair, Courtney Cook

Décor & Ambiance: Jen Scott-Lifland, Melody Wojick, Amanda Noakes, Benjie Wallis, Annette Fuchs & Kidspace Kids, Andrea Weeks, Shana Stratton, Derek Schultz

Donations Acquisitions: The YRCS School Community & especially James Robinson & Adriana Kelly!

Donations Management: Lisa Hooper, Adriana Kelly, Saron Rice, Myles Ericson, Brad Reynolds & Melissa Seibold, Colleen Ericson, Laurie Barnett

Entertainment: George Cutter & Friends and Robin Philips & Sabroso

Floor Management: Melissa Seibold, Cindy Cooper, Suzan Lang, Thea Beiling, Ben Blair, Wyatt Manjarrez,& YRCS Alumni Students

Catering: Blue Ginger Catering with Lisa Gorbet, Kiya Rios, Elise Hierman, Catherine Janicke, Anne Berreman, Lisa Quinn, Rachel McConnell, Martee Seuss, Denyse Shaw,

IT Team: Brad Reynolds, Denise Reynolds & Chris Prima

Live Auctioneering: Caleb Buckley with Krissa Connelley

Promotion, Marketing & Art Directions and Publicity: Betsey Leach & Melissa Seibold

Registration & Check-Out: Denise Reynolds, Brad Reynolds, Melissa Seibold, Roger Blair Alma Rowe, Casey McCormick, Cindy Cooper, Sara Wilson-Daley, Tim Smith, Suzan Lang, Chris Prima

Silent Auction Set-Up: Denise Reynolds, Jimmy Simanello, Cindy Cooper, James Robinson, George Cutter, Annette Fuchs, Laurence Fogiel, Benjie Wallis, Lori Lachman, Lori Ross-Glenn, Michelle McIntosh, Christine Harrell, Sarah Wilson-Daley

Welcoming Team: Shannon Frederickson, Kerri Kuelper, Joiex Duncan, Genevieve Buckley, Laura O'Brien, Laura Wilson, Joep Jilesen, Corine Laurijsen

If any names have been egregiously omitted, please accept our sincere apology. There are many people who have come together to make this event a success.







Winter Faire

A magical winter celebration









Thank You!

Many, many thanks to everyone who helped to make our Winter Faire such a magical day! The outpouring of helpful volunteers was incredible...we won't even try to name names! From the crafts to the food, the shopping to music, it was all such a sweet, festive experience. The community gathered together to create a really special day for our children! Can't wait to see you all again next year!

Happy Holidays! Benjie Wallis and Shannon Becker



Yuba River Charter School

505 Main Street * Nevada City, California 95959 * (530) 265-6060 *Caleb Buckley, Director

POSITION AVAILABLE

POSITION: Long Term Sub for Little Creek Nursery Director

Classified Position

SITE: Little Creek Nursery at the Yuba River Charter School

505 Main Street

Nevada City, California 95959

WAGE: \$95.00 per day 8am to 3 pm Monday through Friday

SUPERVISOR: YRCS Director

DUTIES: Responsible for the operation of the Little Creek Nursery a Waldorf Methods early

childhood education program. Implement Waldorf Methods early childhood education program and maintain quality of care and provide safe and healthy learning environment for children between the ages of 2 and 5 years. Supervise assistant

teacher.

Comply with all YRCS policies and procedures.

REQUIRED: Human Development / Early Childhood Education 1&2, 4&5 (preferred 3 semester or

equivalent quarter units shall be in administration or staff relations); and at least two years of teaching experience in a care center or comparable group child care program.

APPLY: Pick up classified applications at Yuba River Charter School or on our

website:

<u>yubariverschool.org</u> under employment opportunities. Return application along with resume and requirements to:

Caleb Buckley, Director of YRCS

505 Main Street

Nevada City, CA 95959 Fax: 530-265-6070

caleb@buckleydirector.com

DEADLINE: UNTIL FILLED

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 at least 6 - 10 songs per session

NEW 6 WEEK SESSION STARTING AFTER WINTER BREAK SPACE IS LIMITED!

email for information and reservations ronalcharles@live.com

Tuesday Pastie Lunch Order Form

Happily offered by the 5th grade

Pastie lunch dates: Tuesday, Jan 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Orders are due by Friday, December 16th

Questions? Ask Jenn Knapp: letloveradiate@yahoo.com
Parent's Name _______Phone #_____

First Child's full name _______Grade_____

Check one: _____Veggie Pastie - \$25 ______Beef Pastie - \$25 ______Chicken Pastie - \$25

Second Child's full name ______Grade _____

Check one: _____Veggie Pastie - \$25 ______Beef Pastie - \$25 ______Chicken Pastie - \$25

Total: \$______

The Cookie Forest Returns to Victorian Christmas!



Welcome to

Fun Class Fundraising & YRCS Community
Outreach at Victorian Christmas ~

The N.C. Chamber of Commerce wants us back!
Come to Victorian Christmas
and join the Holiday Spirit!

-Victorian Christmas Schedule-Sunday 12/11 11:30 – 6:00 (2 shifts) Wednesday 12/14 5:00 – 9:00 Sunday 12/18 11:30 – 6:00 (2 shifts) Wednesday 12/21 5:00 – 9:00

YRCS has been gifted with a wonderful Outreach opportunity for our school to be showcased at the Alpha Building in Nevada City!

The Chamber of Commerce loves us!

This is also an opportunity for the classes and parents who sign-up to make money for their class.

This is money that non-YRCS folks will happily contribute to our children's educational experience. (Bonus!)

All the money earned through our Victorian Christmas activities will be divided up equally amongst the classes represented by their participation. Please join in on the fun and "fun" draising!



Sign Up Now in the Rotunda

LAMPOST

PIZZA Lunch Order Form January

Monday Pizza Lunch Dates: January 9, 23, 30 Orders Due 12-16-11

NOTES: We are not offering a drink with this lunch, it is pizza, pizza and only pizza.

Questions: Jennifer Knapp <u>letloveradiate@yahoo.com</u>

Parent's Name		Pnone:	
First Child's full name:		Second Child's full name	
Grade		Grade	
Circle either cheese or pepperoni:		Circle either cheese or pepperoni:	
1 slice:	Cheese/Pepperoni \$7.50	1 slice: Cheese/Pepperoni \$7.50	
2 slices:	Cheese/Pepperoni \$12.50	2 slices:Cheese/Pepperoni \$12.50	
	Total:		

Parent Notes:

Please be sure to check the Lost and Found located next to the boy's bathroom.

Unclaimed items will be donated to a charity if not picked up before the winter break.

Most lunch orders for January are due by **Friday December 16**th **or before**.

Questions/Late Orders? Please contact the parent volunteer listed on the lunch order form.

Pictures and/or articles for the newsletter are most welcome! Please note deadlines on the calendar page and submit to Laurie - info@yubariverschool.org by due date. All submissions subject to space constraints and Director's approval. Thank You!

Tree Power

By Jennifer Scott-Lifland

People crack up when I say that I am an L.A.-trained arborist.

"Los Angeles doesn't have trees!" They tell me. And I then just want to hit them with a twig. I can assure you, there are trees in L.A., and I miss being there to see them.

In 1997, my neighbors and I planted 38 Golden Medallion (Cassia leptophylla) trees in our West Adams neighborhood-mid way between the La Brea Tar Pits and University of Southern California. I had moved to Nevada County in 2008, but when I go back I always visit those trees.

I remember once that Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa came out to do tree care with us on his first day in office – July 2005. The breaking news that day was "Mayor learns to prune". He also helped replace a struggling tree with a healthier specimen. This tree he publicly names "Suenos" or Dreams.

From the start, planting those trees brought our Fifth Avenue neighbors together. Families from one end of our two-block area got reacquainted on planting day.

"We thought you had moved away..." "Well yes we did, but we wanted to see the trees again." "We're still here." Those trees reconnected us all. Like the poles holding up the phone wires, these spindly trees restored and inspired communication amongst us. House by house. Family by family.

I remember during our first organizing meeting with 18 neighbors and some staff from TreePeople (where I worked), a neighbor named LeRoy spoke up. "I can't make the planting, but can I bring my Gospel Band to perform that afternoon?" That's West Adams at its best, baby!

Mrs. Archie baked her famous lemon cake on the big day. Lainie, our glamorous neighbor, came out and sang with LeRoy's band.

We called ourselves the Fifth Avenue Beautification Committee after our fabulous tree-planting/Gospel singing/weenie roast success.

Ten years later, in 2007, our trees now stronger, fuller...a young neighbor, Jamiel, was shot and died under the Gold Medallion tree named "Sueno," two houses and two trees away from his front door.

This tree was lovingly strung with balloons, wind chimes, photos of Jamiel. It became the site of a bronze plaque from the City to mark the young life stolen. Does this tree bloom longer? Stand taller? What dreams does Sueno hold? I wonder.

Many of the wonderful people who made that day so special have pass on now too. Mrs. Archie, LeRoy...and I wonder about Bertram, whose door I knocked on first...who said, without a moment's hesitation: "Well, sure, I'll be in your tree army..."

I have learned a lot from trees, I have learned that trees to better when planted in groups, weathering weather, pests and infestations – better than when planted solo and standing alone.

Seems like people do better together, too. Trees helped me see this. Some kind of magic.



Jen's Tree Power essay first appeared in <u>The Western Arborist</u> magazine, Fall 2011. It is reprinted here with permission of the author, Jennifer Scott-Lifland.

"Teacher Jen", as many here at YRCS know her, is the Arts and Crafts teacher in Kidspace, YRCS' after-care program. Jen is also a Certified Arborist, who worked at TreePeople, an L.A.-based environmental-healing organization, for 10 years. She specialized in stressed-out city trees (--lots of those!)

She has a BA in English from Stanford University and a Masters in Screenwriting from U.S.C. Her son, Noah, is in 6th grade and daughter, Lucia, is in 5th.

Jen's favorite tree on campus is the four-leader Spruce near the windows of 4th and 5th grade. (--a leader is the tip-top of a tree--where you'd place the star on a Christmas tree--4 leaders visible from the playground!) Check it out...

AT THE FARM

Yuba River Charter School Home Study Farm Program

Our Home Study Farm Program is for Grades 1, 2 & 3 (ages 6-9). Classes meet on Mondays and Wednesdays at the Sierra Friends Center from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. To schedule a "Day in the Life of the Farm Program" visit 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

See our new blog at http://yrcshomestudyfarmprogram.blogspot.com/



We cut back asparagus and thought they looked like Christmas trees.



We went on a nature walk and looked at deciduous trees.



We went to the Nutcracker and saw our classmate, Mia McKnight, in the play.



Burrito Lunch Wednesdays January 2012

Burritos are served on Wednesdays: January 4, 11, 18, 25 Orders are due by Wednesday December 14, 2011

Burritos are offered by the 7th grade and are provided by Emily's Catering and Cakes of Nevada City. Burritos contain organic ingredients, and are guaranteed to be delicious! They come with chips, and a 100% juice drink, if you choose. All lunches must be paid for separately. Late orders are accepted on a case by case basis, please do not leave late orders in envelopes.

Parents Name: Phon	e #:					
First Child's Name:	Grade:					
Bean, Cheese, & Rice Burrito —\$16.00 Bean & Cheese Burrito — \$16.00 Bean & Rice Burrito — \$16.00 Chicken, Bean, Cheese, & Rice Burrito — \$20 Juice box for the month - \$4.00	0.00					
Second Child's Name:	Grade:					
Bean, Cheese, & Rice Burrito —\$16.00 Bean & Cheese Burrito — \$16.00 Bean & Rice Burrito — \$16.00 Chicken, Bean, Cheese, & Rice Burrito — \$20 Juice box for the month - \$4.00	0.00					
Burrito Cost:Juice Cost:						
	g for many months in advance or have other questions ingen @ 913-4342 or kdronningen@aol.com					
Calzone Lunch Thursdays Calzones are offered by the 4th grade and are provided by Miner Moes, and served with marinara dipping sauce. Calzones are served on Thursdays: January 5, 12, 19, 26 Orders are due by afternoon of December 16 • Please return form to child's class • Please make checks payable to: YRCS Field Fund						
Parent's Name: Phone #:						
First Child's Full Name:	Grade:					
Veggie Calzone (Cheese, mushrooms, black olives) Canadian Bacon & Cheese Calzone —\$19.00	— \$19.00					
Second Child's Full Name:	Grade:					
Veggie Calzone (Cheese, mushrooms, black olives) Canadian Bacon & Cheese Calzone —\$19.00	— \$19.00					
Third Child's Full Name:	Grade:					
Veggie Calzone (Cheese, mushrooms, black olives) Canadian Bacon & Cheese Calzone —\$19.00	—\$19.00 <u>TOTAL DUE:</u>					

If you are interested in paying for many months in advance or have other questions just ask Anna Reischman @ 272-1397

Friday Sandwich Lunch Order Offered By the 6th Grade

Parent's Name:Phone #Phone #					
Child's full name:	Grade:	Child's full name:	Grade:		
Circle your choices:		Circle your choices:			
Choose one type of bread:	Multi-grain or Sourdough	Choose one type of bread:	Multi-grain or Sourdough		
Choose one sandwich: Ham	or Turkey	Choose one sandwich: Ham or Turkey			
	ich: Tuna or BBQ Chicken	Choose one specialty sandwich: Tuna or BBQ Chicken			
Choose from the following co	ndiments: Mayo Mustard	Choose from the following co	ondiments: Mayo Mustard		
Lettuce Tomato	•	Lettuce Tomato			
Choose if you want cheese: (.50 cents a slice) Cheese	Choose if you want cheese: (.50 cents a slice) Cheese			
Check any desired additions,		Check any desired additions, add the price and total.			
Sandwich	\$16.00	Sandwich	\$16.00		
Specialty Sandwich	\$18.00	Specialty Sandwich	\$18.00		
With cheese add	\$2.00	With cheese add	\$2.00		
Child lunch total:	· 	Child lunch total:	· 		
Make Checks Payable to	: YRCS FF	Grand Order Total:			

YRCS Faculty & Student Art 2012 Calendars

Just in Time for Stuffing Your Stockings!

Desktop calendars: \$10.00 / Wall calendars: \$12.00

These calendars are available "cash & carry." See Melissa Seibold in the Development Office to get yours now! A perfect, and beautiful, gift for all the people in your life whom need to know what the date is...





Remember when shopping at amazon you can earn money for our school. Simply go to the school site: yubariverschool.org and click on the amazon icon. A percentage of each transaction comes back to the school.

