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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

FROM OUR DIRECTOR



This month we have had several distinguished master teachers who are helping to complete the evaluations of our faculty. George Hofecker and Eugene Schwartz have both remarked upon the high level of teacher quality at YRCS and how engaged the students are in their lessons. We hope to have Terry Anne visit next semester to help us evaluate our early childhood program. In January we ask that each teacher state their intention to return for the next school year and the charter council approves contracts typically in April. In the grades we have a looping assignment whereby the 8th grade teacher takes 6th grade and the 5th grade teacher loops down to first. There is a process for teachers if they wish to apply for a different class or position. We are still hiring for the following positions: swing dance instructor, math teacher, and attendance clerk (5 hrs./week). Thank you so much to Colleen Chapman who has been doing attendance, we will finally let you retire if you must!

In terms of our school site, we are currently negotiating an extension to our lease on Bitney Springs Rd. The Nevada City School District is also considering renting their NCE campus and we are in discussions with them. I expect a clear direction by March. Our biggest site challenge has been flooding in the preschool. We have closed the program temporarily and we are moving the class to Building 9 to reopen in January.

The Educational Foundation will be kicking off the annual fund drive next semester. Some of us like to make a donation to YRCS before Dec. 31st for tax reasons and the foundation will gladly give you a receipt for the IRS if you would like to make your annual contribution this month.

Enjoy the holidays.

Caleb Buckley, YRCS Director

THOUGHTFULNESS

Grade 2 is hosting this month's virtue.

Thoughtfulness is being considerate about other people and their feelings. It is thinking about how your actions affect them and caring about how they feel. It is paying attention to what other people like and don't like and doing things that give them happiness.

Thoughtfulness is also showing that you care, such as when you do something to make life better for others. Thoughtfulness is showing love and compassion to someone who is sad or needs your help.

When you are being thoughtful, you think carefully about which gift would please someone. You take care to remember important events in people's lives. You don't create hardships for others, such as by leaving a mess for them to clean up or trip over. You act as if other people are just as important as you are.

Adapted from *The Virtues Guide*
by Linda Kavelin Popov

"Thoughtfulness for others, generosity, modesty, and self-respect are the qualities which make a real gentleman or lady."

Thomas H. Huxley

"We are here to change the world with small acts of thoughtfulness done daily rather than with one great breakthrough."

Rabbi Harold Kushner

"When you are older you will understand how precious little things, seemingly of no value in themselves, can be loved and prized above all price when they convey the love and thoughtfulness of a good heart."

Edwin Booth

Bulletin Board

🔔 **“The Barnyard Christmas Carol” Christmas Play** - presented by the McVicker Family/Touched by a Child Foundation. Free. December 10, 11, 17, 18, 20, & 21 at 7:00 pm. Presented at the McVicker Home Theater, 13810 Climbing Way, NC. Seating is limited, so please RSVP to 530-273-1112. www.touchedbyachild.org.

🔔 **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 and possibly in the office.

🔔 **Calling all student musicians!** You are invited to play at Victorian Christmas in Nevada City Wednesday: December 15th, 5:00 to 9:00 pm and/or Sundays: December 12th and 19th, 1:30 to 6:00 pm. You will be playing inside in the Alpha Building. Contact Mary Love at 265-2788 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.

- What do snowmen eat for lunch ? Icebergers !
- Where do snowmen go to dance ? Snowballs !
- How do snowmen travel around ? By icicle !

- What do you call a snowman on roller blades? A snowmobile!
- What do you get if cross a snowman and a shark ? Frost bite !

Sappy New Year!

OFFICE NOTES

– Please check for lost items by the office before the break.

– The Library could ALWAYS use your help!!!

Even 10 minutes while you are waiting for pick up!

Thank You
Catherine



FRIENDS OF YRCS

Mention "YRCS" when you check out at Violet Sprout. 10% of sales will go to YRCS!!!

- What do snowmen wear on their heads ? Ice caps !



LAST DAY TO ORDER!!!

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!

Gnome Homes!





Yuba River Charter School
Grades 5-8

Present
Children's Activities


Alpha Building
210 Broad Street
Nevada City

During Victorian Christmas
Wednesday - December 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!



Hello YRCS Families,

CC would like to thank everyone who participated in our online strategic planning survey. The results of the survey will help us determine the areas of importance to focus on for the years ahead. We will be organizing our planning process right after our winter break and will be holding the planning meetings toward the end of January.

Sadly, I would like to announce that Allison Gjertsen and Matthew Reischman will be leaving the board as of 1/1/11. The board wishes to extend a BIG THANK YOU to Allison and Matthew for their commitment and hard work on the council. The CC welcomes Mariana Nielsen and Robert Wallis to fill their parent representative positions as well as Newman Peery as a new community member. Welcome aboard!

CC is in the process of final revisions of our bylaws and thanks again to Susan Egan and Leila Barber for all their hard work with this project.

Our next Charter Council Meeting will be on Wednesday, January 12th at 3:30 pm in the YRCS library. Agendas are posted on the front door of the school and online at www.yubarivercharterschool.org 72 hours before the meeting. Parents are welcome to observe and/or participate in our meetings as well as speak at our 10 minute public comment portion at the beginning of our meetings.

Important topics coming up for discussion/approval at our meeting will be looking at additions to a few more school policies. Please check our upcoming agendas for more details.

Agenda requests must be submitted in writing to the CC Chair, Torrie Mudd, or the school Director, Caleb Buckley, one week prior to the CC meeting. Any questions or comments can be submitted by e-mail or by phone to any of your three Charter Council parent representatives:

- Robert Wallis 274-2246
robert@wallisdesignstudio.com
- Mariana Nielsen 292-3319
nielsenm@sbbmail.com
- Torrie Mudd 210-6507
torrie@torriemudd.com

CC wishes everyone a wonderful holiday season and we look forward to an abundant and inspiring new year.

Respectfully Yours,
Torrie Mudd
Charter Council Chair

The Most Beautiful Gift: Never-Ending Love

Have you noticed how much effort some folks put into finding just the right Christmas gifts for their child? I bet you know someone who doesn't think twice about spending endless hours - or even days - scouring store shelves for that awesome action figure, digital doodad, or doll their child has been wanting.

Let's think about it. Is there anything wrong with this? What's the problem with spending lots of time and energy looking for neat and nifty Christmas gifts for our kids?

Nothing. But...

What happens when we exert more energy on finding these gifts than showing our youngsters what a gift they are to us?

Ouch! I've done this. Yes, I've fallen into this trap! I've worn-out myself trying to make things so perfect that I've forgotten the most perfect gift of all: the expression of never-ending, unconditional love.

We're all wired to need it. All of us yearn for a relationship with someone who will love us forever, regardless of how stinky we behave. Isn't this the greatest gift we can give our loved ones? Isn't this what Christmas is really about?

During this Christmas season, my hope is that you'll...

- spend more time playing with your kids than you spend shopping for them;
- remember that the gift they really yearn for is you;
- hug them and smile into their eyes as often as possible; and
- show them through your never-ending love what a precious gift they are.

Dr. Charles Fay
Love and Logic Institute



PARENT COUNCIL NEWS

Hello YRCS community,

Hope you and your families are getting into the holiday season in a timely fashion. There are plenty of events to remind us of this great season. The Winter Fair this past weekend was a super experience for those who attended, and all the crafts available to the children will no doubt bring cheer to plenty of YRCS households. The YRCS activities at the Victorian Christmas are also creating a wonderful experience for the broader community through the crafts and gifts being shared. It is great to see such important festivities being driven by the YRCS community - a very crafty bunch, I might add. Kudos to all the children and parents who pour energy into these events and create positive experiences for so many.

As we wrap up the two last school weeks of the calendar year, PC wishes the best for you and your families. Enjoy the holidays, create lasting memories, and get much needed rest ahead of the new year that awaits us.

Sincerely,

Mark Dahlstrom, on behalf of PC

Did you know?

The PC provides funding for various school activities and programs, including sports teams, parent education events, and fundraising events. The ability to fund these activities comes largely from money raised via scrip and rebate dollars YRCS earns on YOUR purchases at local grocery stores: BriarPatch, Raleys, SPD, and Holiday Market of Lake Wildwood. If you are faithfully earning those rebate dollars for PC, thank you! The PC obviously couldn't give as much without your help.

If you are not doing so, it is a simple and easy process to get set up. For Briar Patch and SPD, you can pick up rebate coupons in the school office hallway to be used when you shop. For Raleys, Melissa has cards in the office to get you started. Holiday also uses a card that you can set up in the store. Kristin Welch is the PC Fundraising chair and can assist you with any questions.

In addition, the PC recently established a partnership with Amazon.com; for purchases made through the YRCS PC link, Amazon will offer a rebate to the school. If you missed the link in the recent email, here it is: <http://astore.amazon.com/yracs-store-20>. Do some holiday shopping and earn YRCS upwards of 4% on your purchases! Thanks for your support!

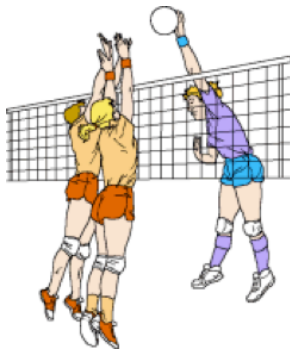
Quote to Quote

“Faith is not something you find; it’s something you have.”
Bobby Keller

SPORTS UPDATE

Girls Volleyball

Physical and skills training begins in January! Anyone interested in participating, in grades 6-8th, is welcome. Dates and times are still to be determined. Contact Deanna at kdronningen@aol.com.



Boys Basketball

A team of 7th and 8th grade boys is forming and will begin in January!



Tuesday Sushi Lunch Order Form

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

Sushi Lunch Dates:
Tuesdays: Jan. 4, 11, 18, & 25.

Orders are due by Thursday, December 16.

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

Questions? Ask Deanna Ronningen 913-4342
or kdroningen@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: January 7, 14, 21, & 28

Orders are due by Thursday, December 16.

Questions? Ask Jenn Knapp @ 292-3501

Parent's Name _____

Phone # _____

First Child's full name _____

Grade _____

Check one:

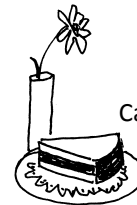
- ___ Bean, Cheese, & Rice Burrito – \$18.00
- ___ Bean & Cheese Burrito – \$18.00
- ___ Bean & Rice Burrito – \$18.00
- ___ Chicken, Bean, Cheese, & Rice Burrito – \$20.00

Second Child's full name _____

Grade _____

Check one:

- ___ Bean, Cheese, & Rice Burrito – \$18.00
- ___ Bean & Cheese Burrito – \$18.00
- ___ Bean & Rice Burrito – \$18.00
- ___ Chicken, Bean, Cheese, & Rice Burrito – \$20.00



Emily's
Catering & Cakes
Emily Scott, Owner/Chef
530.409.3716

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 that we
have school.

ORDERS DUE 12/16!

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.

Monday Pizza Lunch Order Form

Happily offered by the 8th grade.

Pizza Lunch Dates:
Mondays: January 3, 10, 24, & 31

Orders are due by Thursday, December 16.

Questions? Contact Lisa Hooper @ 272-1182 or
Lisa@ObjectiveInsights.com.

**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: _____

GLUTEN FREE PIZZA CRUST IS NOW AVAILABLE

- If there is enough interest, we will provide it. Please check the box below if you want your order on gluten free dough. If there is not enough interest, you will be contacted.



Yes, I want gluten free crust!

Wednesday Sandwich Lunch Order Form

Happily offered by the 8th grade.

Sandwich lunch dates:
Wednesdays: January 5, 12, 19, & 26.

Orders are due by Thursday, December 16.

Sandwiches are provided by the
Nevada City Classic Cafe.

Questions? Contact Lisa Hooper @ 272-1182 or
Lisa@ObjectiveInsights.com.

~The 8th Grade Thanks You For Your Support~

Parent's Name _____

Phone # _____

First Child's full name _____

Grade _____

Circle your choices

Choose one sandwich:
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:
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: _____



Yuba River Charter School CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Fri	10 Dec	no school	Teacher In-service Day*
Wed	15 Dec	3:30 - 5:30 pm	Parent Council meeting in library
Thurs	16 Dec		LUNCH ORDERS DUE*
Fri	17 Dec	Minimum day	Last day before Winter Break
18 Dec - 2 Jan		No school	Winter Break
Mon	3 Jan	8:15 am	Back to school*
Tues	4 Jan		Vision and hearing testing, Grades K & 2* Makeups for Grades 5-8
Wed	12 Jan	3:30 pm	Charter Council Meeting in the library*
Fri	14 Jan		Winter Assembly at Vets Hall*
Mon	17 Jan	no school	Martin Luther King Day*
Wed	19 Jan	3:30 - 5:30 pm 5:45 pm	Parent Council meeting in library* Grade 2 Parent Meeting*
Thurs & Fri	20 & 21	afternoons	Strategic plan delegates meetings*
Wed	26 Jan		Grade 8 Dinner Fundraiser at Matteo's*
Thurs & Fri	27 & 28 Jan	afternoons	Strategic plan delegates meetings*
Thurs	3 Feb	6:00 pm	Lavender Kindergarten Parent Meeting*
Mon - Sat	7-12 Feb		Grade 8 at the theater*
Wed	9 Feb	3:30 pm	Charter Council Meeting in the library*
Wed	16 Feb	3:30 - 5:30 pm	Parent Council meeting in library*
Fri	18 Feb	Minimum Day	Last day before February Break*
Mon-Fri	21-24 Feb	No school	President's Day and February Break*
Mon	28 Feb	8:15 am	Back to school*

* new item