

YES CHARTER ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

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A Word from Ms. Miller

Hello YES Families

In March we celebrate Read Across America Week and Women's History Month. In honor of these celebrations all quotes in this newsletter are from Dr. Seuss and women scientists.

March is also the end of the second trimester and the final parent/teacher conference of the year. YES teachers look forward to meeting with families to discuss progress and work with parents to help every student be successful. Please watch for a Parent Square invitation the week of March 2nd to schedule your conference. Conferences will be held March 16th through 20th.

Attending the conference sends a message to your child that education is important and builds a partnership with your child's teacher. Your child's teacher will have test scores, work samples and anecdotal evidence of your child's work and progress. Please bring questions to the conference. It helps to write your thoughts down so you make sure you get to everything you'd like to cover.

As we continue through the current cold and flu season and anticipate new viruses, YES is redoubling existing hygiene protocols. That means making sure that everyone is washing their hands and covering their coughs and sneezes. In fact, we are adding three new hand wash stations, reviewing hygiene lessons, disinfecting frequently touched surfaces, and making hand sanitizer and facial tissues readily available. We ask that staff and families follow similar precautions at home and that staff and students stay home from school if they notice symptoms of illness.

All of us at YES wish you a happy and healthy March!

Yours in education,

Louise Miller

Principal/Superintendent



IMPORTANT DATES

March 2-5 Read Across America Week

March 4 MVHS to present to 8th Graders

March 5 Creating Healthy Communities Workshop, 9:30am

March 8 Screening of Not If But When, Wildfire Solutions, a Documentary by Radu Sava

March 11 Master Gardener demonstrations at the Alcouffe Center

March 11 Vision and Hearing Screening

March 16-20 Early Release Days for Parent Teacher Conferences

March 23 AeroSTEM Academy to present to 8th Graders

March 26 YES Council of Directors Meeting

See page 3 for details of events

"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. And YOU are the one who'll decide where to go..."

- Dr. Seuss

DID YOU KNOW?

FREE TO ALL YES STUDENTS:

- School Breakfast
- School Lunch
- After Care Until 5:30pm



Nature Explore School Readiness Program Teaches Love of Nature

The YES Nature Explore School Readiness Program is thriving under the leadership of Instructor, Delphine Walz, and Parent Education Outreach Coordinator, Jessica Robles. The motto of the program is "Nature is the Teacher."

The three and four year old students are learning routines, exploring nature, playing games, creating music, and creating art using natural materials. The students receive a well-rounded experience that addresses their physical, mental, and emotional development.

An ongoing theme has been, A Thing of Nature, Mud. Children have gathered dirt, sifted it, added water, and found treasures such as clay and pebbles. They create art projects with clay.

Ms. Walz, Nature Explore School Readiness Instructor, is inspired to pursue an outdoor curriculum by her love of nature. She said, "Nature loves us. Let us love her back."

Parents work with students in the Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom. They also have a chance to work on projects and take classes lead by Ms. Robles and community educators. Scrapbooking photos of their children has turned out to be one of the most popular activities. Ms. Robles, Parent Outreach Coordinator said, "Parent participation has been amazing. It's wonderful to see the kids getting a different kind of connection by being with their parents in the Nature Explore setting."

Kudos to Walz and Robles for their inspired work building an exceptional program in its inaugural year!

Farm to School

Work in the YES School Garden and Greenhouse is led by Master Gardener volunteers, Tena Brown and Ethel Winchell. They consult with the YES cook, Cherrity Leyson, to plant crops that will be used in the school kitchen for breakfast and lunch menu items. At YES we appreciate the work and planning of Ms. Brown, Ms. Winchell, Ms. Leyson and students when we sit down to eat fresh, school grown food in our cafeteria!

The winter months are a time for planning and preparation in the garden. In January Mr. Kominsky's class rejuvenated two beds of strawberry plants by transplanting them to new beds to which soil amendments had been added. They also weeded beds of lettuce and kale.

In February Ms. Edwards' class weeded the greenhouse beds and cleared out some old crops. They discovered insect eggs, gathered marigold seeds, and harvested carrots. They checked on plant material that they had added to the compost tumbler a month earlier and noted that decomposition had started. They had an enjoyable time turning the tumbler and discussing the making and uses of compost. They learned how compost is different from mulch.

Sugar snap peas are one of the students' favorite crops. A trip to the greenhouse confirms that they are already planted and growing up the trellis for a spring harvest! Thank you students and Master Gardener volunteers for a successful Farm to School program.



"Sciences provide an understanding of a universal experience, Arts are a universal understanding of a personal experience... they are both a part of us and a manifestation of the same thing... the arts and sciences are avatars of human creativity" - Mae Jemison, first African American woman astronaut in space

IMPORTANT DATES

March 2-5

Read Across America Week

YES students and staff will celebrate reading with guest readers, spirit days, and more!

March 4

MVHS Counseling Department to present to YES 8th Graders.

Those who plan to attend MVHS please complete enrollment packets in advance.

March 5

Creating Healthy Communities Workshop 9:30am, YES Cafeteria, Hosted by Cathy LeBlanc from Rural Health Advocate, Camptonville Community Partnership

March 8

Screening of Not If But When, Wildfire Solutions, a documentary by Radu Sava will screen at the Sutter County Library at 4:00pm

March 11

Master Gardener demonstrations at the Alcouffe Center 1:00 to 3:00pm. The public is invited.

March 11

Vision and Hearing Screening

March 16-20

Early Release Days for Parent Teacher Conferences

Please watch for Parent Square invitation to schedule the conference for your child

March 26

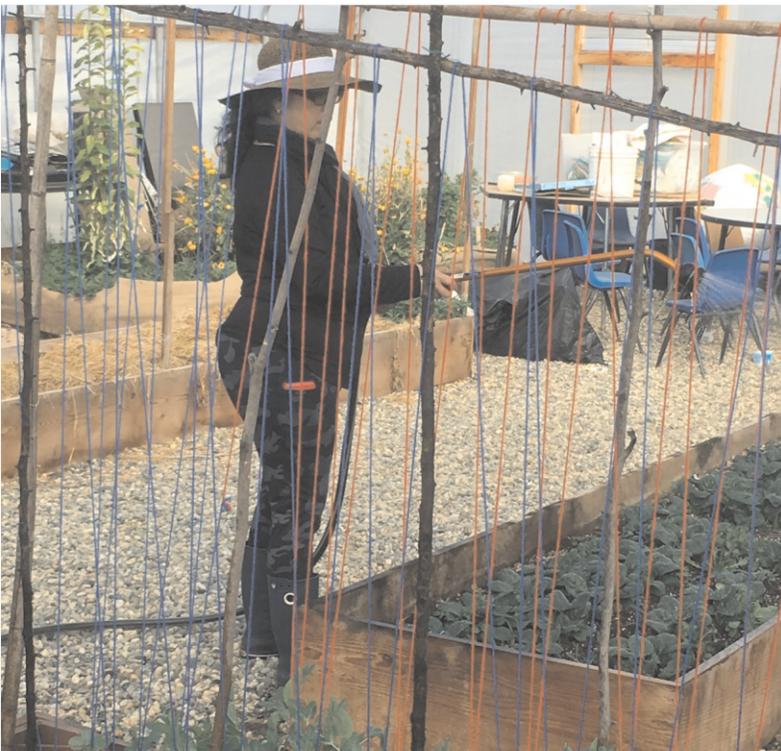
YES Council of Directors Meeting, 3:30 in the Conference Room.

The public is invited.

Contact the office at 530-692-2210 for more information

"We ignore public understanding of science at our peril" — Eugenie Clark, aka the 'Shark Lady' who redirected public discussion regarding sharks by focusing on their role in the marine food chain

YES Moments



Ethel Winchell, UCCE Master Gardener volunteer, seen through the sugar snap pea trellis watering greenhouse beds



Juniper, Nature Explore School Readiness student, wearing her Fox dress



Students beading in After-school Program



8th grade wood shop students working on cutting boards with instructor, Josh Nelson

"Don't let anyone rob you of your imagination, your creativity, or your curiosity. It's your place in the world; it's your life. Go on and do all you can with it, and make it the life you want to live."

- Mae Jemison, first African American woman astronaut in space

YES Moments



Shady Creek Outdoor School Naturalists



Ms. Nelson's students having fun at Shady Creek Outdoor School



Ms. Nelson's students drumming at Shady Creek Outdoor School



Ms. Nelson's students stacking rocks at Shady Creek Outdoor School

“Science makes people reach selflessly for truth and objectivity; it teaches people to accept reality, with wonder and admiration, not to mention the deep awe and joy that the natural order of things brings to the true scientist.” - Lise Meitner, physicist and one of the reasons we understand what nuclear fission is today

FEBRUARY Perfect Attendance

CONGRATULATIONS!

Addison S.	Jessi A.
Adian	Jewels V.
Anastasia U.	Jocelyn D.
Anthony E.	Johnny B.
Atom R.	Jon B.
Avery B.	Joseph V.
Ayala E.	Leah B.
Carson D.	Leah M.
Clovis M.	Mackenna W.
Daniel R.	Madelyn R.
Daphne N.	Major S.
Daria U.	Marianna S.
De Marcos V.	Marlee A.
Elidania M.	Mateo V.
Emelia S.	Maximus H.
Emma J.	Memphis A.
Evalynn J.	Micaela V.
Ezekiel R.	Micheal H.
Gavin L.	Nathaniel T.
Greyson H.	Nicolai K.
Hailey M.	Nox G.
Hudson D.	Ometeotl D.
Isaac A.	Reilly J.
Jacob D.	Russel B.
Jacqueline M.	Safiya D.
Jaiden A.	Violeta G.
Jaydon F.	Wyatt B.
	Zoey B.

Please contact the office with any questions about your child's attendance

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Celebrating Reading at YES

Recently Eve Domingo, Learning Center Teacher and Administrator of the Read Naturally program, visited classes to discuss with students how reading practice improves reading fluency. She asked students, "When can you add more reading time to your day?" Following are some of the creative ideas students shared:

"When you go home you can find a book you like and read it. Or you can read in the car." Daphne, 4th grade

"After you are done with homework, you can read over and over again." Nevaeh, 3rd grade

"When you are home or in the car." Madelyne, 2nd grade

"You could read at recess." Julyan, 8th grade

"Read at night." Nemo, 7th grade

"When you are bored." Harper, 2nd grade

"You can take a book home and time yourself." Memphis, 4th grade

"Afterschool." Hanna, 5th grade

PIT Crew News

Our Earth Day Celebration is going to be super special this year! The theme is "The Restoring 20's" asking the question, "What will you help RESTORE in the next decade and how will you take action?" We have guest speakers from SYRCL, 4 Elements of Education, and Apollo Honey! We will be facilitating all kinds of amazing eco-activities like a natural tie-dye workshop, eco conscious crafts, an upcycle fashion show, and showing environmental films by YES students, Radu Sava, and others! We will be featuring a local sculpture/fashion designer all month long and be revealing our plan for our 9 hole Disk Golf course.

Our Bok Kai Festival booth was a hit in the children's section thanks to parent volunteer Natalie Jones! If you would like to get involved with the great things that are happening here please contact Nicole Long come to a PIT Crew meeting on March 18 at 8:45 or 4:00!



"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." - Dr. Seuss



MARCH CALENDAR

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 Veg. Lasagna Green Beans	3 Nachos Black Beans Spanish Rice	4 Lemon Chicken Rice Pilaf Cooked Carrots	5 Green Eggs Pancakes Hash Browns	6 Pizza Muffins Macaroni Salad Mixed Vegetables
9 Spaghetti Green Peas Garlic Roll	10 Bean&Cheese Burrito Seasoned Brown Rice Corn	11 Meat Loaf Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Tabbouleh	12 Minestrone Soup Turkey&Cheese Sandwich Seasonal Vegetables	13 Butter Garlic Tilapia Grain Salad Broccoli
16 Pasta Bake Drop Biscuit Mixed Greens	17 Taco Pie Refried Beans Sweet Corn	18 Breaded Fish Potato Wedges Coleslaw	19 Sweet Sesame Chicken Split Roll Mixed Vegetables	20 Chili Corn Bread Green Beans
23 Macaroni&Cheese Green Peas Tabbouleh	24 Tostada Bowl Black Turtle Beans	25 Asian Noodles Salad Mixed Stir Fry Vegetables Fried Rice	26 Oven Fried Chicken Country Potatoes Hominy	27 Shepard's Pie Whole Wheat Roll Seasonal Vegetables

***Milk, fruit, and salad are offered daily and will not be listed on the menu.**

FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH FOR ALL STUDENTS!

- Lean & Green Monday
- Taco Tuesday
- Global Wednesday
- CA Thursday
- Fun Friday



- Students help develop menus!
- Students help grow food!
- Students help serve meals!
- Students learn to clean up!
- Students learn responsibility!



“Think and wonder, wonder and think.”
- Dr. Seuss

Parent & Community Education

YES Charter's Community Lending Library

Read Across America Celebration



Monday
3/2/2020

Fox in Socks
Mismatched socks day!



Tuesday
3/3/2020

Put Me in the Zoo
Polka dots, stripes, or animal print day!

Wednesday
3/4/2020

Wacky Wednesday
Inside out/backwards clothes or crazy hair day!

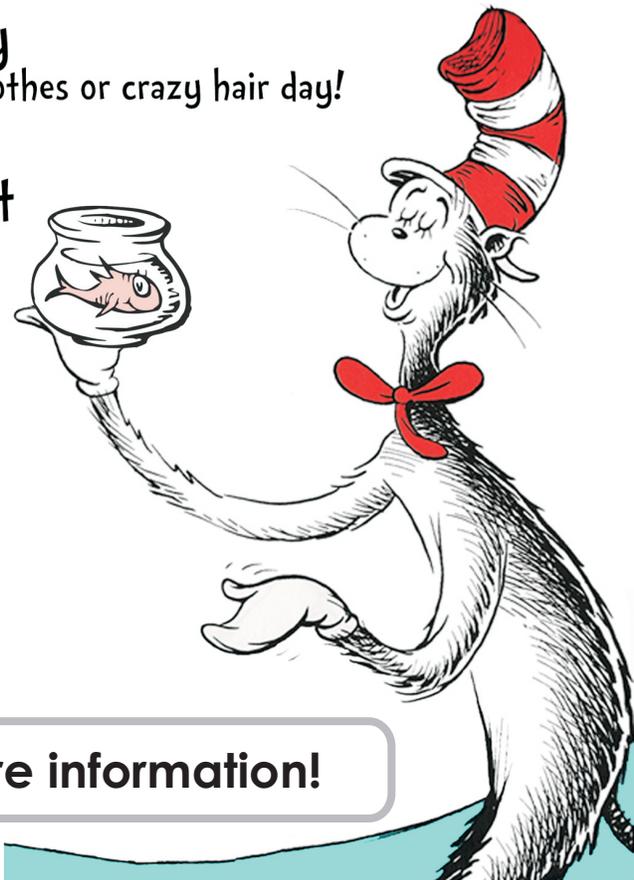


Thursday
3/5/2020

The Cat in the Hat
Crazy hat day!

Friday
3/6/2020

The Sleep Book
Pajama day!



Contact Ms. Miller for more information!

"Children want the same things we want. To laugh, to be challenged, to be entertained, and delighted."
- Dr. Seuss