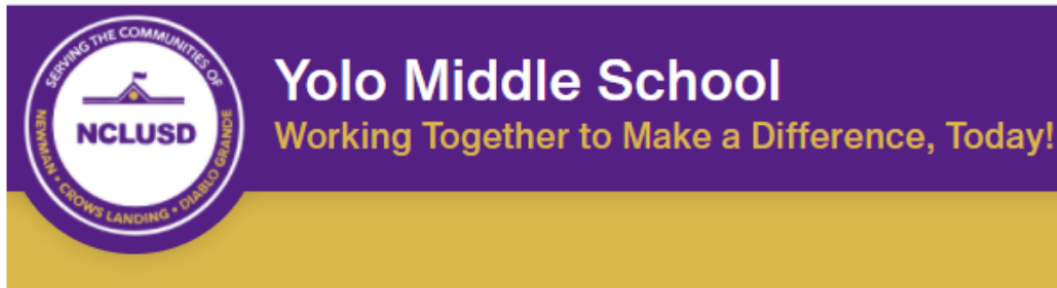


YOLO PARENT NEWSLETTER

Information for the parents of Yolo students



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Spring Break

We are excited to celebrate our spring break April 2nd-9th.

We hope you all take the time to relax and spend time your student in any way you can.

Here are some quick tips for spring break:

- 1.You don't have to travel to have fun.** Spending time together as a family is what is important. Go for a walk together, have a picnic, or play some games with the kids to make those lifelong memories
- 2.Spend time with those you love.** With covid we might not be able to do everything like normal. We can make the best out of it by having a friend or family game night on zoom, face-timing a best friend, or meeting outside with masks on.
- 3.Take time for yourself.** Inevitably, the days will be busier with students home and free from school. Don't forget to take time for the parents as well! Get up and have that morning coffee alone, or put the kids to bed earlier so the adults can relax. Kids are happy when their parents are happy too!

ANY QUESTIONS?

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Popcornopolis Fundraiser

Our popcornopolis fundraiser was
extended through April 11th!

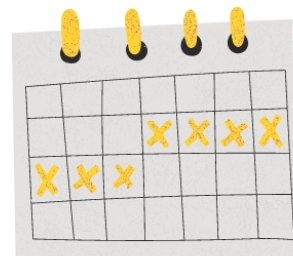
Support our students and order some
yummy popcorn.

To order, [CLICK HERE](#)



Coming Up this month

- 4/1: Gold Day- classes 5-8, Cohort 2 on campus
- 4/2-4/9: No School- Spring Break!
- 4/12-4/13: Cohort 1 back on campus
- 4/15-4/16: Cohort 2 back on campus
- 4/28: Second Cup of Coffee Parent Meeting



Positive Communication

This month, we discussed positive communication at our Second Cup of Coffee parent meeting. Some of the highlights we went over were:

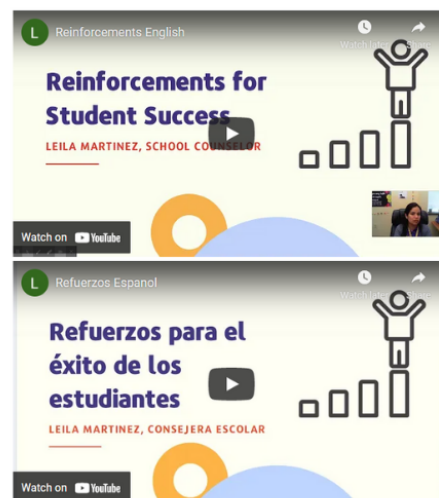
- **Talk with your kids anytime.** Most kids will open up more while doing other activities, like going for a walk or a drive.
- **Keep in mind your students talking style.** Some kids are morning talkers, others are night owls. We can respect their natural talking styles and reach out to them during those times for conversation.
- **Be human.** Sometimes it's appropriate to take off our parent hat and just as a person. It's okay to open up and show your students some genuine emotion.
- **It's all in the details.** Ask questions when your students open up and you will find the real story in the details.
- **Remember to talk about yourself as well.** In this, we can model healthy communication and build connection.
- **Lean toward advising instead of lecturing.** Whether they say they don't, our kids crave direction and advice. We can empathize that things and times are different now for students, while still sharing our wisdom with them.

Parent Videos: Reinforcements for Students

Our most recent parent video highlighted NO-cost and low-cost reinforcements parents can try with their students to motivate positive behaviors, or get students on the right track for school success.

Check out the English and Spanish recorded videos HERE:

<https://www.parentsquare.com/feeds/6827286>



SPOTLIGHTS: Get to know some of our students and staff each month

Student Spotlight

MEET: MADISON MAY

- Madison May is in 7th grade at Yolo.
- Her favorite class is Resource and her favorite teacher is Ms.O'Rourke.
- She has a three legged dog and a cat.
- When she's older she wants to be a ballet dancer.
- Something she does to relax is to listen to music.



MEET: JESSICA ARCHULETA

- Jessica is an 8th grader at Yolo
- Her favorite subject is ELA and her favorite teacher is Ms. Decator
- Jessica's hidden talent is that she can play the drums!
- She also has 3 pets
- When she gets older she wants to be a writer
- A coping skill she uses during this pandemic is to journal

Staff Spotlight

MEET: MARK MALMBERG

- Mr.Malmberg teaches English 7 here at Yolo.
- He has been teaching for 22 years.
- He became a teacher because he always did well in English and read a lot of books and wanted to share what he knew.
- If he was not a teacher, he would be a filmmaker.
- When he is not teaching, he is growing a vegetable garden and practicing piano.
- He has two children, girls.
- During the pandemic, he has been playing pinball and watching movies and shows to cope.



MEET: DEIRDRE O'ROURKE

- Mrs. O'Rourke teaches English 7 & 7th grade Resource at Yolo
- She has been teaching for 20 years.
- She became a teacher because she enjoys the challenge of meeting students where they are academically and helping them grow.
- If she was not a teacher she would be a nurse.
- When she is not teaching she is gardening, cooking and walking with her favorite music on.
- During the pandemic, she often thinks of things from a different perspective to help her remember how blessed she is, despite the limitations of COVID.



MEET: JAIME RICO

- Mr. Rico teaches Ag Exploration and Ag Science at Yolo.
- He has been teaching for 23 years.
- He became a teacher because he enjoys working with young kids, & helping them learn & grow into respectful & successful citizens.
- If he was not a teacher he would be a welding shop owner; running his own business.
- When he is not teaching he is in the outdoors: fishing, hunting, & building projects.
- He has 2 children with his wife and also has 4 step children.
- During the pandemic, he has coped by spending time with his family, and doing home improvement & electrical welding projects.

