



Valhalla Community School

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Christmas Season Approaching!

It's hard to believe, but the Christmas season is upon us already!

VCS students are hard at work learning and practicing parts and music for the annual Christmas concert. Only three weeks to go until performance!

A busy schedule of activity is underway. Students are learning their songs, working on their drama parts and will be getting set to help fill many off stage roles as well. The Christmas concert is one of the biggest avenues in the school year for our students to learn and demonstrate leadership, participation and citizenship traits.

The concert will run on December 15 at 1:30pm (dress rehearsal) and 7:00pm. Both performances are open to the public. December 16 is a back up date, should the concert have to be postponed due to road or weather conditions on December 15.

The last day of classes for VCS is December 17.

Christmas Concert Silent Auction Donations

Every year at the school Christmas Concert, School Council holds a silent auction. Our school council contributes to our school in many ways, one of them being an annual silent auction to raise much needed funds for supporting our students. This is the School Council's only fundraiser of the year. The Christmas concert is open to all VCS families and to the community and is scheduled for December 15th, 2015.

Any donations for the fundraiser are welcome. A letter is available at the office or through school council for you to take to anyone who might interested in donating. This is also a great time to talk to people about the fundraiser so they come to the concert prepared to bid! Please contact Sarah Miller School Council President @ 780.545.0523 or the school office 780.356.2370 for the letter. The letter is also attached to this newsletter.

IMPORTANT NOTE—VCS CALENDAR CHANGES

Please note the following important changes to the VCS calendar:

Grade 6 ELA PtA PAT is now May 12

Grade 9 ELA PtA PAT is now May 10

Grade 9 Science, Math, ELA PtB, Social are now June 20-24

No Kindergarten on December 11

Please see revised calendar for PAT details.



Bus Drivers' Corner

Winter weather is here!

Parent/Student Handbook:

Parents must ensure all students are dressed appropriately for the weather at all times. All students riding on school buses during winter months shall be required to wear winter footwear and outerwear and to carry with them winter headwear and gloves or mitts from November 1 to March 31. In those cases where students are not appropriately attired for winter conditions, the bus driver shall advise the parent and Principal.

School Guidelines:

All students riding on school buses must wear, which is preferable, or carry with them, proper clothing appropriate for the weather conditions. If a student is not wearing, or does not have in their possession, appropriate clothing suitable for the weather conditions the bus driver shall advise the parent, principal and document the discussion. In a situation that the Principal determines to be of significant risk to the student he/she may decide to keep the student at the school until they have appropriate clothing or the parent picks them up.

Thanks!

John Moutray (Transportation Director): (780) 978-1030

VCS Office: (780) 356-2370

Upcoming Events

November 24

Cowboy/Western Day

November 27

CSW - No School

December 1

School Council Meeting 7pm

December 7

Early Dismissal

December 8

School Spirit Day - Fluorescent Day

December 15

VCS Christmas Concert and Silent Auction

December 17

School Spirit Day - PJ Day

December 18

CSW - No school

School Council Meeting

Please note!!

The November School Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 1st @ 7:00pm

Please note this month the Grade 5 class is attending with a parent to do their meeting observation assignment. More info coming for the grade 5 class!

Poinsettia Orders

Thank you to everyone that ordered poinsettias from our Quebec Trip students. Our delivery date for the poinsettias is December 3rd. Please contact the school for any questions.





Comedian Jimmy the Janitor Brings His Good Clean Comedy to Valhalla!

He's been called "The Dean of Dust," "The Squire of the Squeegee", and "The CEO of CLR"...but mostly he's been called upon to entertain audiences across Canada and the United States for the past 25 years! Jimmy the Janitor brings his hilarious show to Valhalla on St. Patrick's Day - Thursday evening March 16th 2016 at the Valhalla Viking Centre! Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Dinner by the Mercantile Café starts at 6:30, and Jimmy takes the stage at 7:30. Tickets for the March 17th show at the Valhalla Viking Centre are \$50.00, available at the Valhalla Community School Office, or call Brandie at 780-356-3400.

Recommended ages 14+.



We Scare Hunger

Valhalla Community School recently took part in the WE SCARE HUNGER campaign. This project took course over 1 month. We would like to thank all of the families and students that donated towards this great cause. In total we have received 747 food items. Millions around the world go hungry every day and change starts here. We want to stop hunger in its tracks. On November 24, the student council will take the food to the food bank in Hythe. Thank you everyone for helping us make a difference in our community! VCS Student Council Term1

School Spirit Days

Our December School Spirit Days are;

December 8 - Fluorescent Day

December 17 - PJ Day

Dress up and show your school spirit. Every time a student participates in a school spirit day their name is entered to win a grand prize of gift cards movie passes and candy valued at \$100. The winner is announced at our year end assembly.

Operation Christmas Child

We would like to thank our community, families and students that participated in our shoebox collection. We collected 75 shoeboxes! Way to go Valhalla!

Calendar Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone that purchased a Principal Landscapes Calendar. The calendars are ready here at the school office to be picked up.

The Proceeds from your purchase are going to help fund the Missoula Children's Theatre for our students. Our students will have two public performances on Friday April 15, 2016, 1:30pm and 7pm @VCS. We hope you can make it.

Thank you for being part of our community.



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To Whom It May Concern,

Valhalla Community School (VCS) School Council is made up of Parents, School Administration and Staff, Foundation Board Members and community members. School Council serves primarily as an advisory board to the school administration and to the VCS Foundation Board. The Council also participates in fundraising. Funds raised by School Council are used to support programs and physical needs of the school.

As a Council we are excited to be able to raise enough money each year, mostly through generous donations, to provide funds for extra programming and specific items for the school.

We are hosting our annual silent auction during our school Christmas Concert on Dec 15, 2015. If you wish to donate an item for auction at this event please contact the individual listed below.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

Sincerely,

Sarah Miller
School Council Chair
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