

In an effort to improve communication between school and home, VCS is continuing a curriculum update program. We will be sending home class updates monthly, to help parents be better informed about what their children are currently studying and working on in their core courses (including Second Language courses). It is a short summary. If parents need or desire more detailed information than they are receiving, we encourage them to contact classroom teachers directly.

Kindergarten Class Update – Mrs. Stockman

May is going to fly by with having the first week off!

We have finished all our letters in the alphabet and are now working on review to make sure we don't forget the ones we did at the beginning of the year. We only have 15 Kindergarten classes left!

In Science, we will be focusing on the Butterfly Life Cycle and Bugs. Our butterfly larva should be arriving soon and will hopefully cooperate and hatch on a Kindergarten day!

We continue to work on our Language for Learning and Reading Mastery each class. It's so exciting to see all the kids sounding out and reading words! Well done Kindergarten!

In Math, we are working on More/Less, Big/Small and Weight. Lots of fun activities and crafts this month as well, so watch for those.

Grade 1/2 Class Update

Language Arts – Mrs Mumert

Language Arts- Grade 1's have started writing sentences from picture prompts, learning the facts about the calendar, making analogies about classes of objects, and learning about the 5 W's when listening to stories. Grade 2's are writing paragraphs from picture prompts, using logic to make deductions, correcting paragraphs for capitals, periods and subjects, and replacing proper nouns with pronouns.

The grade 1/2 class has excelled in their reading! They are all eager workers who try their best. Some groups are skipping lessons and passing tests five lessons at a time! This is due to a great number of parents reading with their child every night, so thank you so much! Every 150 books read at home means a free class.

Math – Mrs. Lowen

The Grade 1/2 class has also been busy in math. During the month of April the Grade One's completed a unit where they learned how to sort and organize all kinds of data. The Grade Two's completed two units, Geometry and Probability and data Management. Both groups are very excited to start their new workbooks! In the coming weeks both grades will be working on the

second Number Sense Unit of the year, further developing concepts covered earlier this year, as well as moving on to concepts not yet learned.

Science – Mr. Heikel

We have moved on to a new unit on building things. The first technique we have utilized has been folding. We made paper air planes and learned to follow step by step instructions. The project climaxed with a fight competition in the gym. In this unit we will also be building bridges towers and paper boats.

Social Studies – Mr. Heikel

Grade 1/2 social

We have just finished the text book on comparing the communities of Saskatoon Iqaluit and Meteghan. Students have evaluated the differences in landscape, history traditions. How livelihoods are made in the three regions of Canada were also addressed. We have completed projects on mapping, writing post cards and simple letters.

Students also have created a post card of their favourite thing from our region.

French – Mrs. Mumert

We have watched Muzzy in the French language for our free reward class. We are learning the names of shapes, describing objects, spelling numbers, and saying the parts of the head so we can play “Simon dit”!

Grade 3/4 Class Update

Spring is here and the end of this month is also the end of my maternity leave position at the school. When the students return to school on Monday May 9th, Mrs. Leblanc will return to her position as the Grade 3/4 teacher. I have thoroughly enjoyed this opportunity to teach your children and be a part of this great school!

Language Arts – Mrs. Lowen

In Language Arts the student’s paragraph writing has been steadily improving! They have been writing paragraphs on a variety of topics. They have even written a spring poem. These are now on display in the hallway. The students have also learned when to use the words “and”, “but” and “or” in their writing and are currently learning about nouns and adjectives. In Reading Mastery the Grade Three’s have started a new story this week about the famous sled dog race in Alaska called the Iditarod. The Grade Four’s have been reading a biography about Jane Addams.

Math – Mrs. Lowen

In math we recently wrapped up our measurement unit with lessons on time and temperature. The students are currently learning about different ways to display data using graphs.

Social Studies – Ms. Fowler

We are looking at the First Nations people in Alberta. Historical sites and their lifestyles in the past make for an interesting look at history. Stories, videos, assignments and creating teepees will involve students in chapter 8 of the text.

Science – Mrs. Lowen

In Science we are wrapping up our Animal Life Cycles unit. I have enjoyed listening to the students share their knowledge about animals. The grade 3/4's have been invited by the Kindergarten class to observe butterflies as they go through the stages of their life cycle.

French 3/4 – Mademoiselle Lewis

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Merci Beaucoup!

Mademoiselle Lewis

PE – Ms Fowler

Students will be working on Track and Field events as well as playing team games such as ultimate Frisbee, lacrosse, and kick ball. Long distance running as well as sprinting will be emphasized.

Grade 5/6 Class Update

Language Arts Grade 5/6 – Ms. Fowler

Grade 5's are nearly finished their reading mastery stories as they finish off with the adventures of Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn. Students are working on comprehension as well as writing and grammar on a daily basis.

Grade 6's are practicing for the PAT functional writing in May! We are practicing narrative writing and creating news articles. Students are working on characterizations, settings, and plot development.

We are finishing our unit “In the Spotlight this month and plan to start the novel,” Where the Red Fern Grows after some poetry in May.

Math 5/6 – Mrs. Flint

Grade 5/6 – We are currently at lesson 83 in our textbook. We will work for 1 more month in our textbook and then we will begin the review process for our year end final exam and grade 6 PAT in June. Concepts that we have covered are:

Grade 5:

- Similar and Congruent Figures and Polygons
- Problems about Fractions of a group/set
- Mass and Weight
- Geometric Transformations and Symmetry
- Classifying Triangles
- Angle Measures
- Tessellations
- Analyzing and Graphing Relationships

Grade 6:

- Decimals – naming, comparing and ordering, and writing tenths and hundredths as decimals
- Units of Length
- Changing Improper Fractions to Whole or Mixed Numbers
- Converting Units of Weight and Mass

- Graphing Points on a Coordinate Plane
- Prime and Composite Numbers
- Exponents and Square Roots
- Finding Equivalent Fractions, Reducing Fractions and GCF

Social Studies – Ms. Fowler

Students are looking at the structure of Local Governments and the steps in becoming a representative. Students look at issues in their community and work on ways of getting involved in bringing their concerns to government attention. We discuss ways to make change.

Science – Mr. Mumert

The grade 5/6 Science class has wrapped up its unit on Sky Science. For the balance of the year, we'll be doing a review of grade six science units not covered this year. For the Grade Six class, it will be a review to prep for the Provincial Achievement Test. For the Grade Five class it will be an introduction to units they'll study in depth next year.

Looking ahead, we'll be studying:

- Air & Aerodynamics
- Flight
- Evidence & Investigation
- Trees & Forests

It will be intensive and fast paced review. It is very important that students attend every class, focus really intentionally while in class, take excellent notes and ask questions. Equally important will be that students review each day's topics at home each day.

If you have any questions or concerns about our science class, or anything else that I might be able to help with, please feel free to drop in or give me a call.

French 5/6 – Mademoiselle Lewis

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Grade 7 Class Update

Language Arts – Ms. Lewis

Hello Grade 7 Language Arts parents!

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In Language Arts, we have now completed our Fractured Fairytale unit and have a solid start on our Poetry unit. Half way through May we will be moving into our Readers Theater unit where students will be making radio shows! Please be aware that they may require extra help, possibly at home, with this unit. In addition to our units, I try to give the students 15-20 minutes daily to

silently read a novel, as being a good reader is an essential skill, and or practice their cursive writing skills as well as memorization of literature.

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Math – Mrs. Flint

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Grade 7:

- Writing Fractions as Decimals
- Writing Mixed numbers as Improper Fractions
- Multiplying and Dividing Mixed Numbers
- Complementary and Supplementary Angles
- The Coordinate Plane
- Capacity
- Area of a Triangle
- Volume of Rectangular Prism
- Proportions

Social Studies – Mr. Heikel

We are coming close to a quiz on the topic of the American revolution and the war on 1812. Perspectives from both sides of the border were examined as well as the implication for natives French, American, and anglophone Canadian were addressed. The students completed a Research project on a battle during the conflict as well a did a film study. The next topic will be Confederation and the north west rebellion.

Science – Mr. Heikel

We are coming up on our unit exam on energy. Students were introduced to physics calculations in this unit. Energy use and transformations have also been discussed. The unit exam will be on Thursday.

Grade 8/9 Class Update

LA8/9 – Ms. Fowler

Students are practicing narrative writing and business letters as grade 9 PAT's begin in May with the writing portion.. They will be practicing the use of various punctuation and grammar in May. Interpretation of cartoons and poetry will also be a focus.

Math – Mrs. Flint

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Grade 8/9:

- Sequences and formulas for sequences
- Graphing Solutions to Inequalities on a Number Line and Inequalities with Negative Coefficients
- Special Right Triangles
- Direct Variation
- Fractions with Negative Exponents
- Percent of Change of Dimensions
- Area of a Trapezoid
- Polynomials
- Volume of Prisms and Cylinders
- Central Angles and Arcs

Science – Mr. Heikel

Students are half way through the unit on electricity. They have been working with calculating the cost of electricity as well as power current voltage and resistance. Basic electrical systems have been addressed as well as comparing batteries lights and parallel verses series circuits.

Social Studies – Mr. Heikel

We have been comparing the ideologies and world of views of collectivism and individualism. Trends of right and left shifts through Canadian history have been examined. Students are encouraged to place themselves in history and try to think of what their perspective may have been. Social programs such as public heath care have been discussed as case studies.

Grade 7/8/9 Combined Classes

French – Mademoiselle Mumert

We are learning the numbers 1-100, common “er” verbs, and tourist attractions in Montreal, Québec City and Ottawa. ;) Students are working on their Duolingo assignment which is due May 9. Please practice every day over the break, at least 10 minutes per day so you can get it done on time. There will be a written quiz on Monday, May 11 on the subjects mentioned above.

French – Mademoiselle Lewis

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PE Boys – Ms. Lewis

Hello Grade 7/8/9 P.E. parents!

We are quickly approaching our May break and after that we are on the home stretch to summer vacation! We have a couple of very busy months ahead of us, as students slowly begin to get ready for the end of the year. This means it is vital that your son is getting everything in and is

coming to class prepared and organized to have success. It would be a great idea to have a conversation with your child ensuring that they are on the right track, coming to gym class prepared, ready to participate, and putting in their best effort so that all is accounted for on their last report card in June 😊

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The boys have just about finished up the Badminton unit, while our Badminton teams still have until the end of April, beginning of May, to go. We will be sort of all over the place in terms of units from now until the end of June. Units will include Softball, Track and Field, Kickball, Ultimate Frisbee, possibly Bocce Ball and Organized Games. The weather has been fabulous and we are all itching to get outside more often for class. Please make sure your son has the appropriate gym strip for class in case of wind and colder weather.

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Upcoming Important Dates:

April 29 – May 8 – No School, Grade 8/9 Quebec Trip

May 9 – Regular Classes Resume

May 9 – Early Dismissal

May 10 – PAT Gr. 9 ELA Part A

May 10 – School Council Meeting 7pm

May 11 – Hot Lunch Forms Due to the office

May 12 – PAT Gr. 6 ELA Part A

May 13 – Hot Lunch

May 17 – Animal Day

May 23 – Victoria Day, No School

May 25 – Voice for Life Presentation

May 27 – CSW, No School

May 27 – BRHS Graduation

May 31 – Tattoo Day

June 9 – Beach/Hawaiian/Tacky Tourist Day

June 10 – CSW, No School

June 15 – PAT Gr. 6 ELA Part B

June 16 – PAT Gr. 6 Math

June 17 – PAT Gr. 6 Science

June 20 – PAT Gr. 6 Social Studies

June 21 – Track and Field Day

June 22 – PAT Gr. 9 Science

June 23 – PAT Gr. 9 Math

June 23 – PJ/Crazy Hair day

June 24 – PAT Gr. 9 ELA Part B

June 27 – PAT Gr. 9 Social Studies

June 28 – Year End BBQ and Assembly

June 28 – Last Day for Staff and Students

Information Items:

Missoula Children's Theatre A HUGE Success!

Missoula Children's Theatre has come and gone! Valhalla students from grades K—9 did a fantastic job of performing in the play Aladdin. Congratulations to all who participated and a huge thank you to all who helped and especially to everyone who participated in fundraising events to make this experience possible for our students!

School Council

The next school council meeting will be Tuesday, May 10 @ 7pm. Please note this is the School Council meeting that the Term 3 Student Council students are required to attend with a parent to do their meeting observation assignment. Please let Mrs. Flint know if your student can make it this meeting.

Provincial Achievement Tests

The Provincial Achievement tests are coming soon. The first round of tests will be Tuesday, May 10, Grade 9 ELA Part A and Thursday, May 12, Grade 6 ELA Part A. PAT's are very important to VCS we hope that parents partner with us and help students prepare for these exams. A good night's rest, a healthy breakfast and studying before the test are recommended. If you would like to try a free website to practice go to <https://questaplus.alberta.ca/>

School Spirit Days

Our Next School Spirit Days are:

May 17 – Animal Day

May 31 – Tattoo Day

June 9 – Beach/Hawaiian/Tacky Tourist Day

June 23 – PJ/Crazy Hair 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.

Track and Field Day

the VCS track and field day will be held on June 21. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the school office.

Year End Community BBQ and Potluck

VCS will have our annual year end community bbq and potluck on Tuesday, June 28. We hope all family, friends and community members can come and enjoy this day with us. Please bring a potluck item if you can make it.

See you later but not goodbye

VCS would like to thank Mrs. Joy Lowen for accepting the maternity leave position for Mrs. Leblanc. Mrs. Lowen's last day will be April 28th and Mrs. LeBlanc will return to VCS on May 9th. Thank you for being such a great team member and a very helpful teacher. We are grateful that Mrs. Lowen has agreed to continue on our sub list, so it is not goodbye but see you soon.

Voice For Life Sexual Health Presentation

Voice For Life will be giving their sexual health presentation to our students Grades 1-9 on May 18th. Please watch after the break for consent forms.

Hot Lunch

Our next hot lunch day is Friday, May 13th. Please have all forms and money returned to the school office by Wednesday, May 11.

If you have any questions about information on this letter please contact me anytime at the office, I would be happy to help. Please contact your teachers directly for any questions about your child.

Have a great day ☺

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