

With February nearly over, we are already well into the last half of this school year and some notable activities have been taking place.

It was a great pleasure to hear the Grade 7-9 4H Public Speaking Finals on February 16. The proficiency with which these students delivered their presentations and speeches was exceptional. In addition, the younger students were a delight and show great promise for the coming years. On March 3 at 1 p.m., the top 4H speakers of each category will be taking part in the District 4H Speaking Competition here in the Valhalla Viking Centre, everyone is welcome to come and support our students.

Basketball has ended for another season and we would like to thank the coaches, Mrs. Fowler, Miss Stuerenagel; and their assistants, Talon Fowler, Tim Lepp, and Dion Romeo. The teams had a wonderful season of skill development and some very thrilling games. It was particularly exciting to achieve another milestone by hosting a tournament at our school!

The board is now into the planning cycle of the school year, so discussions are beginning regarding the 2012/2013 school year. Please watch for opportunities to give feedback, as we will be seeking input through several methods including regular parent council meetings, our annual general meeting, and surveys.

With that in mind, the **Annual General Meeting** of the Valhalla School Foundation will be held on **Monday, March 26, 2012 @ 7pm** in the **Viking Room** of the Valhalla Viking Centre. This year two of our directors are coming to the end of their terms. Trone Arnet and Andre Harpe have both been involved with the Charter since its inception. Trone will let his name stand for another term. Andre is undeclared. In any event, interested individuals are able to let their names stand for election as a charter board director. According to our bylaws, a director must be 18 years of age or older, a parent or guardian of a child attending the VCS or a community member who is supportive of the mission of the VCS. Staff currently employed by the VCS may not be a director. Directors are elected for three year terms. An information package for potential nominees can be picked up at the office. Part of this package is *The VSF Director Nomination Profile Agreement*, which needs to be signed by anyone who is entering his or her name as a nominee for the director position and then returned to the school office by **March 15 at 4 p.m.** The names of the nominees will then be announced to our membership via the school newsletter and the school website. Please pass this information on to others who may want to consider the role of director.

Finally, thank you for attention. The support and input we enjoy from our families and community is invaluable, as we work together to be an effective school.

Enjoy the new snow; it's a great opportunity to get out to the Spring Lake Ski Hill!