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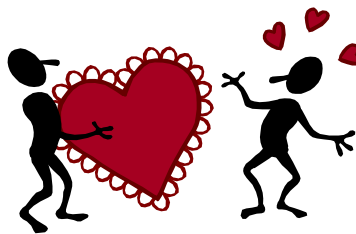
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Valentine Fun!

To celebrate Valentine's Day, we ask each class to challenge each other for the most participation by dressing in red or pink. The costumes will be given double points for challenging outfits or 1 point for dressing easily. Dress for the day and have fun supporting your class and challenging others. The afternoon activities begin at 2pm, and will include a Soc Hop and a movie.



Valhalla Community Library News

The Library has new hours effective Feb 1/2013

Mondays 10 am – 5 pm
Tuesdays 10 am – 5 pm
Wednesdays 10 am – 6 pm
Thursdays 10 am – 6 pm
Fridays: Closed

The Valhalla Community Library will have their **Annual General Meeting Wednesday, February 27th @4:30pm**. Contact Gail Perry: 780.356.3834 for further information.



New Registration Procedures Coming!

Much thought has been given over recently by administration to looking for ways to strengthen the relationship between the school and our families. We want to be more intentional about working with families and having parents involved and active in the school.

One of the avenues we're looking at is streamlining and improving the school registration process. (We know it is a lot of paperwork!)

Beginning this spring, we will be hosting a Registration Week. From April 22 to April 26, we will ask parents to book one evening appointment at the school to come in and complete the registration process for next year. Staff will be on hand to help with the paperwork. School fees for the next year will be accepted. If parents want to take the opportunity to meet with any teachers, they will be available too.

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We're hopeful that this will help make the process easier for families and allow us to let waiting list families know earlier about the availability of places for their children.

More information will be coming soon!

PE Skating!

Dates for skating have been set. PE classes will be doing a skating unit (K-9) between the dates of February 19 to March 6. **This is a mandatory unit for all students to participate in.** Students will need to bring skates and a helmet (any kind of helmet will do) for all sessions. The school has some extra hockey helmets but no skates. **If your son/daughter does not have skates, please try to beg, borrow or buy some.** We will also need parent helpers to volunteer to help tie skates. **See the attached schedule.**

Speech Competitions a Great Success!

The speech competition again this year demonstrated a tremendous level of public speaking skill by our students.

Our thanks go out to all the generous volunteers who judged and officiated for us and made this event possible!

All students who participated did an awesome job! Well done everyone.

Winners this year are:

Junior: 1st – Josie K.

2nd – Sabrina

Intermediate: 1st – Josie S.

2nd – Hallie

Senior: 1st – Ben

2nd – Daytona

Congratulations to all!!

Upcoming Events

February 14, 2013

Valentine's Day Celebrations!

February 15, 2013

Staff PD Day

No school for Students!

March 6, 2013

Basketball Fundraising Canteen

Enjoy great snacks! Support our teams!

April 22 – 26, 2013

VCS Registration Week

New Registration Procedures! More information coming!

AISI Corner

We are into the first year of Cycle 5 of the Alberta Initiative for School Improvement (AIS I) Projects. Our current project is called Neurodevelopmental Processing Improvement. The Kindergarten to grade 4 classes are participating in Simply Smarter online activities every day to improve their memory. Other students from the higher grades have enrolled to do the program at home. Every Friday there will be prizes in each class for the student who has spent the most time on their activities. Any time spent at home or school doing the Simply Smarter Project online will add hours to your login account. So get on those computers and improve your brain! Madame Mumert

Any students, parents or community members who wish to enroll in our project: it's not too late! Contact Mrs. Mumert for more info.

Basketball News

Basketball teams will be hosting a Canteen to raise funds for basketball expenses. The Canteen is scheduled for March 6 and will feature the sale of ice cream snacks and home baking. Please plan to support our basketball teams! GO VIKINGS!

VALHALLA COMMUNITY PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISER

Sobeys – Beaverlodge IGA Gift Cards
***Now available for purchase at the School Office ***
Card denominations of \$25, \$50, \$100
Cheques payable to : Valhalla Playground Committee
+13% of sales towards the Playground Project when redeemed at Beaverlodge IGA

Skating Schedule in PE 2013

Here is the Schedule for skating in our PE classes. Students in Grades 1-4 will need to wear their snowpants, hoodie or coat, gloves/mitts and a helmet on the ice at all times. Students in Grades 5-9 must wear a hoodie or coat, gloves/mitts, and a helmet on the ice at all times. We are in desperate need of parent volunteers to help tie skates at the Valhalla Skating Rink for grades 1-4 students or else they will have very limited time on the ice. Please call the school and let Anna know if you can help out. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's teacher.

Grade 9 9:30am -10:10am

Wednesday February 20
Thursday February 21
Friday February 22
Tuesday February 26
Wednesday February 27
Thursday February 28

Grade 5/6 2:30pm-3:30pm

**Please Note the Different Days
for this class**

Tuesday February 19
Thursday February 21
Tuesday February 26
Thursday February 28
Tuesday March 5

Grade 1/2 11:25am-12:15pm

Wednesday February 20
Thursday February 21
Friday February 22
Tuesday February 26
Wednesday February 27
Thursday February 28

Grade 3/4 12:30pm-1:30pm

Wednesday February 20
Thursday February 21
Friday February 22
Tuesday February 26
Wednesday February 27
Thursday February 28

Grade 7/8 1:30pm-2:20pm

Wednesday February 20
Thursday February 21
Friday February 22
Tuesday February 26
Wednesday February 27
Thursday February 28

We are now about halfway through our school year and there are some important updates to pass on.

Thank you to everyone involved in our school's Public Speaking event on February 7. It was a great pleasure to hear the skill with which these students delivered their speeches, though it made the judging very difficult. In addition, the younger students were a delight and promise more great speaking for the coming years.

As you may be aware, in response to a letter received by the board in November, we have been reviewing our bylaws regarding director qualifications. Our bylaws under Article 2: Board of Directors read:

Section 2: Qualifications

a) The Directors must be;

i) 18 years of age or older

ii) parents or guardians of children attending the VCS, or

iii) community members who are supportive of the mission of the VCS

b) Staff currently employed by the VCS may not be a Director

After several discussions, a motion was made, and tabled to the February 28 agenda, to amend Article 2 Section 2 a. iii) to read: "community members, *who do not have children eligible to attend VCS*, but who are supportive to the mission of the VCS". Our plan is to circulate this proposed change through this newsletter and parent council, invite feedback and then follow our bylaws regarding amendments, which includes the requirement for Ministerial approval for any changes.

The **Valhalla School Foundation Annual General Meeting** has been set for **Friday, March 15 at 7 p.m. in the Viking Room**. Thank you to the Valhalla Church youth group for offering to provide childcare in the gym during the meeting. Two directors are coming to the end of their terms and our interim position will need to be elected at that time. Diane Nordhagen has stated that she will not be letting her name stand for another term, Tara Fehr has not yet confirmed her plans and Donna Steyer has agreed to let her name stand for the position she has been filling in the interim. In any event, interested individuals, who fit the qualifications stated in the bylaws, are able to let their names stand for election as a charter board 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 entering his or her name as a nominee.

A few final notes:

In order to increase our superintendent's opportunity for time in the school, a motion has been passed to move May's **Regular Charter Board meeting** to **Wed., May 29, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

We are pleased to have been accepted to present about our school at the Rural Education Symposium in Canmore, March 3-5.

Our board has agreed to cook and serve breakfast on Sunday, June 30 for Valhalla's 100 year celebration. Let us know if you would like to help!

We expect to hear very soon regarding our renewal, however at this time notice has not been received.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me. We are grateful for the consideration, support and input we enjoy from our families and community, as we work together to be an effective school.

Happy Family Day weekend! It's a great opportunity to get out to the Spring Lake Ski Hill!

Jolene Kochendorfer, Chair

Quebec Trip Update

Dear Parents and Participant's,

At our latest meeting on the 7th of February, we discussed more fundraising events for the students. We decided on two fundraising activities to complete during the remainder of the school year. The first of the two will begin on March 25, 2013. The students will be selling Spring Plants: hanging baskets, planters, tomato planters, herbs and strawberries, geraniums, and Marigolds or Petunias. We will be going through DeVry once again. It will be the exact same set up as the Poinsettias fundraiser. We will need two parent volunteers to help organize the order to submit to the company, fill out receipts to all customers and be at the school for the delivery of the plants to receive and sort them. Please contact the school office and leave message if you are willing to do this. In order for this fundraiser to go through we will need two parents to step forward to organize the fundraiser.

All the order forms and information will be distributed to the students on March 25th.

On May 6th, we have decided to do a bottle drive. For this you may come to the school and deliver and sort your bottles here. Or if you live in a town further away you can do a bottle drive there and bring them into the local bottle depot and have a cheque written out to the school. This will be considered a group fundraiser. So all the money raised will be split between the participants. We will be meeting at the school for sorting at 1pm.

Please actively read your newsletters for further information on these fundraising events as their dates draw near.

Thank You