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Valhalla Community School

4H Speech Competition a Big Success!

Congratulations go out to all the 4H students in VCS for an excellent showing at the Speech competition last week.

Students worked very hard and it showed. Mr. Mumert was quoted as saying, "I'm very proud of all our 4H students. Some were nervous, but they still got up and did their speech and they all did a super job!"

Our thanks go out to all the volunteers who came and helped judge and officiate the event. It's a huge job to go through that many speakers in one day. Still, one judge who has been involved in 4H speech competitions for many years wrote, "... I was extremely impressed with the level of competence your students showed. ... It is rare to have so many young people so early in their 4H career be so good!"

We've all (students and staff) learned a lot from this competition and we know next year's event will be even better!

Flu Update

Well it is official! We know what parents have known for some time: we definitely have a flu bug going around our school community.

Students are reminded to take precautions, including frequent washing, no sharing of water bottles or



food, covering mouth when coughing or sneezing, etc.

We would ask that parents keep children home if they're showing symptoms of the flu so children can recover.

Nomination Time!

Valhalla School Foundation Annual General Meeting - Wednesday, March 23, 2011 - 7pm - VCS gymnasium.

Are you interested in letting your name stand for a three year term as a charter board director?

If you are 18 years of age or older, a parent or guardian of a child attending VCS or a community member who is supportive of the VCS mission, you can be a director. Staff currently employed by the VCS may not be a director. An information package for nominees can be picked up at the school office. To enter your name as a nominee for director, sign the Valhalla Director Nomination Profile Agreement, in the

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package, and return it to the school, attention Mary Ann Westad, electoral officer, by March 14 at 4 pm. After the deadline, names of nominees will be posted in the school newsletter and on the school website.

Survey Deadline Nears!

Thank you to all those who have returned the charter review surveys. We have about half of the surveys already back!

If your survey is sitting on the counter waiting for you ... please take the time to return it right away. ☺

Just a reminder; the review committee will be visiting our school from Feb.22-25 and we must have all surveys back before then. *We must have them all back in by Feb. 17, but earlier is even better!*

Get yours in now and get your name in the draw for a new Sony E-Reader!

We're also still seeking parents willing to be interviewed by the review committee. The purpose is to tell the committee how you think we're doing as a charter school. The interviews would take place during the week of the review at the school.

Basketball

Basketball teams are showing some skill with a hard fought battle in Elsworth resulting in a slight loss for our girls and victory for our boys.

Next, LaGlance comes to our school Feb.15. We practice Tuesday, Feb.22, followed by a game here against St. Mary's. Our teams will participate in a tournament in Wembley on Feb.26. Our parent challenge will be moved to

Tuesday, Mar.1 from 3:30pm to 5pm, followed by refreshments to end the season.

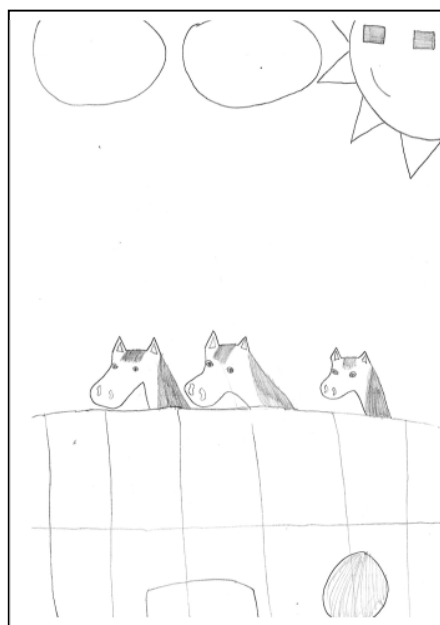
Badminton begins in March. If you have some talents in this field and are interested in coaching, please give the school a call.

Charter Bits

"On Cultural Literacy"
excerpt from VCS Charter

The VSF recognizes the important role of "cultural literacy". In an effort to maximize student potential, it has been named a priority to expose students to a variety of subjects and therefore broaden the scope of their awareness and improve their communications skills by enabling them to participate in a wider range of discussion topics.

In other words, students need a broad knowledge base to communicate effectively. We aim to give them that base!



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Upcoming Events

February 16, 2011
VCS Library, 4 – 7pm
Coffee and Info Session

February 21, 2011
Family Day – No School
Ski Hill Open!

February 22 - 25, 2011
VCS
Charter Review Committee at VCS

February 25, 2011
VCS
2nd Kindergarten Friday

March 23, 2011
7pm, VCS Gymnasium
Valhalla School Foundation AGM
Don't miss this important meeting!

Need Math Help??

Mrs. Flint will be available to offer students extra help with Math on Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunch. This would be a great opportunity for some one-on-one instruction and help to get those corrections caught up and complete.

*Valhalla Community Library will be hosting a coffee and information session **Feb.16th** at the library from 4pm to 7pm on the Valhalla Heritage building project; everyone welcome!*