

Valhalla Community School

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PE News!

Skating will begin in all our classes (K-9) sometime in February. 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. A schedule and more detailed information will be coming soon!

Basketball News

Student Fundraiser!

By Alexis and Faith

As a fundraiser for tournament entry fees and the payment of referees, our basketball teams are hosting an **“Anti-Bieber Fever Rally”**.

On Monday, January 23 and Tuesday, January 24, we will be collecting money at the office for this cause. Keep your donations coming ... “to play or not to play”?!

Boys Team Fundraiser Coming Soon!

Looks like it might be a pie thrower ... more information coming soon!

Please see attachment for updates and clarifications of the current basketball game schedule.

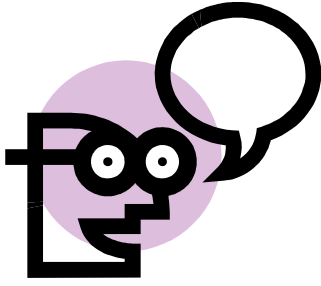


Parent Meeting Tonight!

There will be a parent/student meeting tonight, **Jan.24, at 5:30 pm**. The meeting is to begin planning our grade 9 farewell event. We would like to form a committee of parents, students and staff to plan this occasion. We are looking for input to ensure this evening is memorable and meaningful for all. **Please attend if at all possible**, we NEED to get organized. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

Spring Lake Ski Hill Opening!

We've had some snow! It looks like it might be enough to get the hill ready to open! On Sunday, February 5 from 12pm – 4pm a clean-up/orientation session will be held at the Ski Hill at Spring Lake. Come up and see what it is all about! For more information contact Anna @ 780.356.2370 or 780.897.2055.



4H Speech Competitions Coming!

Students in 4H (grades 7-9) are beginning to prepare for the 4H club's annual speech competition. The competition will be held on February 16, 2012.

Because of the large number of 4H members in our multi-club, preliminary competition will be held during school hours. Winners in each competition level will advance to a finals speak-off which will be held on the evening of February 16.

We will be looking for volunteers to help with organizing and judging the

speech competition.

Together with this event, all non-4H students will also do an age appropriate public speaking activity in class. The best of these will also present their efforts at the Feb.16 evening event.

While students will be given some time in school to work on their written and impromptu speeches, they will need to spend some time at home working on them as well to achieve their best effort.

Parent Council

A parent council meeting has been called for 7 pm, Monday, Feb.6.

One item for discussion is the future of swimming lessons provided by VCS.

Please plan to attend and be part of supporting our school!

Parent council wants to thank everyone for their generous support of the Christmas silent auction. \$1063 was raised for Parent Council!

Upcoming Events

January 24, 2012

5:30pm, VCS

Grade 9 Farewell Meeting

Come help organize our 1st Grade 9 Farewell celebration!

January 30, 2012

9am, VCS

VSF Charter Board Meeting

Students attending!

February 6, 2012

7pm, VCS

Parent Council Meeting

February 16, 2012

7pm, VCS

VCS 4H Multi-Club Speech Competition

4H Speech Finals and Non- 4H public speaking displays. Come support our students as they seek public speaking distinction!

A Few Reminders....

Piano Lessons

Please be advised that all piano lessons with Mrs. Krause have been cancelled for the rest of this week. Please contact the office (780.356.2370) or Mrs. Krause (780.356.2725) for more information.

Absences

If your child(ren) are going to be away from school, please inform the office and the bus driver.

Destination

If your child is going home with a friend or to a neighbor, please send a note to the bus driver and to the school.

Arrival/Departure

If your child is arriving late, or being picked up early, please sign them in or out at the office.

Utensils

If your child needs utensils for their lunch, please provide them.

And While We're Making Corrections...

In the January calendar that was sent home it was noted that CTBS testing would be conducted at the school January 30 and 31.

It is actually scheduled to be done over the week of February 27th to March 2nd.

Please note these dates on your calendar. Our apologies for the confusion!

Basketball Updates and Clarification

- Thursday, January 26 – VCS goes to Grovedale to play Penson School.

Bus leaves VCS @ 1:45pm. **Contrary to information on yesterday's consent form, the bus will wait at Grovedale and bring students back to Valhalla after the games are finished.** Of course parents are welcome to attend and support our students. If you attend and take your child/ren home please make sure the bus driver and Doug Kochendorfer knows your child/ren will not be on the bus for the return ride. Parents will be notified of approximate arrival time by parent phone fan-out.

- Friday, January 27 and Saturday, January 28 – VCS Boys' Team play in a tournament in Grande Prairie. As Friday is a CSW, the school will not be providing transportation to these games. Parents are responsible for transporting students to and from this event.
- Tuesday, January 31 – LaGlace plays us at Valhalla. Game planned to begin @ 2:30pm.
- Thursday, February 2 – The game previously (tentatively) planned this day with Elmworth School **has been cancelled.**
- Tuesday, February 7 – St.Mary's Catholic School (Beaverlodge) plays us at Valhalla. Game planned to begin @ 3:30pm. St.Mary's is only bringing their girls' team so there will be no game for our boy's team.
- Friday, February 24 – District Finals played in Hythe. **"A" teams** only.

Additional opportunities for games in March are being worked on. Information will be published as soon as they can be confirmed.

Scheduling games has proven thus far to be challenging.

Our sincere apologies for the inconvenience and confusion. We will continue to try to confirm games as far in advance as possible and limit changes as much as possible once initial confirmation has been published.