



Valhalla Community School

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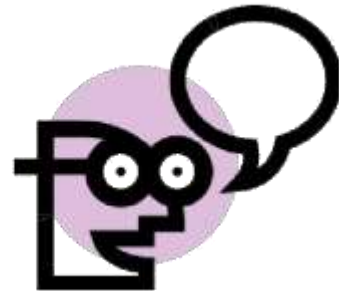
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PE News!

Although dates have not yet been set, PE classes will be doing a skating unit (K-9) in coming months. 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 when available!



Speech Competitions Coming!

Students in all grades are beginning to prepare for the VCS annual speech competition. The competition will be held on February 6, 2014.

All students will do an age appropriate public speaking activity in class. Preliminary competition will be held during school hours in class. The best of these in each competition level will advance to a finals speak-off which will be held on the evening of February 6.

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

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.



Check out the Valhalla Community Charter School

Facebook Page!



Library Hours!

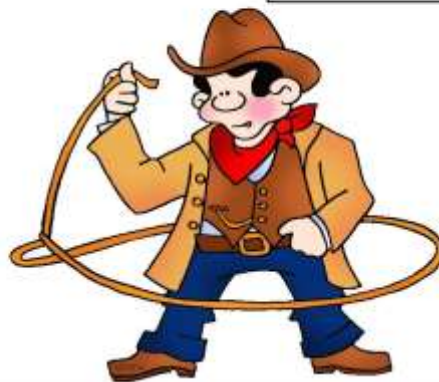
The Valhalla Community Library is open the following times:

Monday	10 - 4 pm
Tuesday	10 - 6 pm
Wednesday	10 - 8 pm
Thursday	10 - 5 pm
Friday	Closed

Cowboy Day!!

Dress Western! Cowboy Even!

Show your school spirit ... let's see if we can get EVERY-ONE to dress like a cowboy Thursday.
January 16, 2014



Message from the Superintendent

Greeting members of Valhalla Community School! Happy New Year!

As we move into this new year, it is a great opportunity to communicate with you about our school. It has now been my pleasure to work with the board and the staff at VCS for about a year and a half. In that time I have learned a lot, including the enormous challenges of transporting students in a rural community with the winter we have been having! I have also learned that the students at VCS are supported by a very dedicated Board of Directors and a wonderful group of teachers, administrators and support staff who are totally committed to their success.

Valhalla Community School is a perfect name – for this is a place where the community is involved, where community is taught, and where community is lived. Students come from all over this region to attend VCS and to benefit from the direct instruction program and the leadership of our dedicated teachers. I am proud to be able to serve this community and to participate in what is a unique charter school experience. As we move forward in our completion of this school year and planning for next, I would like to thank you for your part in the success of the school, and invite you to communicate with me at any time if you have thoughts and ideas about how we can continue to improve.

All the best

John Picard, Superintendent

Accountability Pillar Surveys

Every year Alberta Education seeks information from students, teachers and parents about how their education experience is going. This is done through surveys. Students and teachers participate in on-line surveys at school.

The parent survey is scheduled to be fielded in January and February of 2014. These surveys are mailed from Alberta Education and returned directly to Alberta Education. The parent survey in small schools (fewer than 120 students in grades 4-12) includes parents of all students in grades 4 and above.

The more parents who participate in the survey, the more accurate the information is, so we encourage parents to complete and return the surveys as soon as possible once they've been received.

Spring Lake Ski Hill

Opening weekend for the Spring Lake Ski Hill was a great success! It was nice to see all the returning customers and all of the new ones too. We are looking to see how much interest there is for ski/snowboard lessons. If you would like more information about lessons please contact Anna. It is a great family orientated place to come and visit and watch all the kids have fun. We will be open this Saturday January 18th and Sunday January 19th from 10am to 4pm. We are still looking for volunteers, if you haven't signed up yet please contact Anna @ 780-897-2055, aodd@valhallaschool.ca or call the school office.

Upcoming Events

January 16
Cowboy Day!

Show your school spirit the Western Way!!

January 17
CSW

January 23
VSF Board Meeting

January 24
Extra Kindergarten Day

January 31
CSW

February 3, 2014
School Council Meeting , 7pm

February 6, 2014
Time: TBA, VCS
VCS Speech Competition

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

February 14, 2014
School PD Day

No School

February 17, 2014
Family Day, No School

February 20, 2014
VSF Board Meeting

February 21, 2014
Extra Kindergarten Day

February 27, 2014
Report Cards Issued

Win a free family meal from your School Council!

A large 2 topping pizza from Anna's Pizza, just for reading our newsletter!

Sign this slip, have your child return it to the office draw box.

Winner will be drawn at next month's assembly! Students Name _____ Parent's Signature _____

School Council Question.... Would you like to have school council meetings held during daytime hours or evening hours? Daytime Hours Evening Hours

