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VSF Annual General Meeting

The Valhalla School Foundation (VSF) held its annual general meeting at 7pm on March 26 at the VCS school.

Attendance was good and a satisfying dialogue was had concerning the school's progress and future directions.

Two returning board members, Mr. Trone Arnet and Mr. Andre Harpe were elected by acclamation for new three year terms.

Parents and students attending had opportunity to connect with board members. They also got a first look at building plans for the school's new modular classroom addition and proposed renovations to improve administrative areas within the school.

People at the meeting also were given a chance to register their views on activities and events the school provides for students. A short survey was filled out by all present.

We would be pleased to extend the survey to the entire school community. **It would help us if you could fill out the survey attached to this newsletter and return it to the school.** The survey asks about satisfaction with the school's charter goals, the safe and caring aspect of the school, and your views on the opportunities provided by the school.

We need this feedback from you to include with our 3 Yr plan and Accountability Pillar Results which are



required by Alberta Education.

Thanks for your help with this!

Team X Begins!

We're starting a new initiative at VCS! Called Team X (X is for eXcellent!), we're hoping to use it to encourage students to be the best they can be; not only academically, but in all areas.

We want students to strive to meet the potential of their own personal character; to become leaders, to make good choices, to choose the best way over the easiest!

Periodically through the school year, VCS will have scheduled events and activities that we hope students will find really fun and want to participate in. To get to be involved, they will have to be nominated by their teachers. Nominations will be based not on best marks, but on effort demonstrated, good attendance, good character and citizenship contributions to school life.

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The first Team X event is set for April 5, 2012, and will be a movie afternoon for nominated students. Other events next year could include things like ski trips, camping outings, field trips to the multiplex in GP. Our goal is to do things students want to do! Our goal is to give students a positive motivation to strive for their highest!

Correction:

Last week's newsletter neglected to mention that Jenae received 2nd place in our VCS 4H Speech completion.

Our apologies Jenae!

ARPEGGA Science Olympics!

Congratulations go out to the students who participated in the APEGGA (Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists & Geophysicists of Alberta) Science Olympics on the weekend at the GPRC.

Team Bazinga, including Turje, Faith, Kayly, and Alexis, finished 4th overall and **Team Army Ants**, including Nick, Jenae, Katy, Braiden, Tyler and Lane, finished 5th with a win in the "Make a wish" competition.

Teams had three events to complete: one make at school project and two mystery events.

Our teams represented VCS very well.



Do You Have a Computer Headset Your Child Could Use at School?

We're working toward having each student from grade 3 - 9 assigned a headset for their exclusive use. At this time we don't have enough sets, so students have to share sets between them. If you have a headset with microphone that your child/ren could use at school, they could have the benefit of exclusive use of a set sooner!



Badminton Update

Miss Steuernagel

Parents:

There has been a change to the Badminton practice date. I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Practices will be on Tuesday now from 3:45pm-4:30pm. Districts will be taking place at Harry Belfour and PWA on April 25th. Zones will follow on May 5th destination is still to be determined.

Thank you for your support!

Hot Lunch to Go Weekly!

Upcoming Events

April 2, 2012
Early Dismissal

April 2, 2012, 6:30pm
VCS Valhalla Room
Parent Council Meeting

April 5, 2012
Afternoon, VCS
Team X Celebration

April 6 - 15
Spring Break!

April 16, 2012
Classes Resume

April 21, 2012, 7:30pm
Valhalla Viking Centre,
(gymnasium)
VHS Gary Fjellgaard Concert

Parent Council has decided to try hosting hot lunch at the school weekly, every Thursday for four weeks beginning next week.

The hot lunch form that was sent home for March 8 (no school that day due to teachers' convention), will be used for March 15.

Proposed upcoming hot lunches are:

- March 15 - Hot dogs
- March 22 - Pizza
- March 29 - Hot dogs
- April 5 - Taco in a bag

Forms will be sent home weekly, we'll try to stay a week ahead on hot lunch ordering.

In order for food purchases and cooking arrangements to be made in time for weekly hot lunches, orders will need to be returned to the school as quickly as possible.

Thanks for your support of this program!