



Valhalla Community School

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School News!

Report Cards at being issued today. This is **your copy**; we have a copy here at the school. **No need** to sign and return the report card.

Wednesday, November 26th is Parent-Teacher-Interviews. We will have all interviews on the Wednesday evening. Please phone the office to book your appointment time. 780-356-2370

Thursday, November 20th the students will be performing at the **Festival of Trees in Grande Prairie** and in the afternoon we will be going 10 pin-bowling at Bowling Stones. We hope many of you are able to **come and see the children perform at 12:00**. Students are invited to bring a **small amount of money** to shop in the "Secret Gift Shop" (no adults allowed) booth. All items are priced at \$7.00 or less and are wrapped for under the tree prior to leaving the shop. **Admission fee for parents is \$6.00.**

Tomorrow **lunch will be provided**; we will be eating at Wendy's at 11:00. If your child cannot have a child's meal please contact the school prior to 8:45am. Students will not need to bring anything.

Friday, December 5th is a regular school day for Valhalla Community School. In return, December 19th will be a CSW day thus allowing the students and staff to begin Christmas Holidays a day sooner.

The Christmas Child Shoebox campaign was a huge success. We collected \$143.00 and were able to fill 7 shoeboxes including the \$7.00 shipping for each one. What a wonderful way to share the Christmas Season.

The newsletter is available on the Valhalla Community School website.

Bus Drivers Corner!

Information regarding bus cancellations: We are following Peace Wapiti's basic guidelines for bus closure, therefore if **Peace Wapiti doesn't run, we don't run**. **Other decisions** regarding buses will be made locally when necessary. In any event, if buses are cancelled, notification will be given to **local radio stations: CJXX, and Sun-FM**, A notice will also be posted on the **Valhalla Community School website**.

www.valhallacommunityschool.ca Should you have any questions please contact Doug Kochendorfer, 780-356-2114 or his cell 780-831-5701.

The Charter Board wishes to announce that it has appointed Doug Kochendorfer as Director of Transportation. Any questions regarding bussing can be directed to him. 780-356-2114 or 780- 831-5701.

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Community News!

Valhalla Community Library: Regular library hours of operation: Tuesday 11 to 5, Wednesday 10 to 6 and Thursday 11 to 5. The next **Library Board Meeting** is **Wednesday, November 26th** at **1:30pm**. The book sale continues, \$0.10 a book, you read it correctly, **ten cents a book.**

Attachments: Introduction of Kim Murphy, our Student Teacher.

Susan Thomson
Principal

“Sometimes the joy is the source of your smile, but sometimes your smile can be the source of your joy.”
Edgar A. Guest

November 17, 2008

Dear Parents,

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Kim Murphy and I will spend five weeks with your children in the capacity of a student teacher as part of my third year in the Bachelor of Education Program at the University of Alberta, Grande Prairie campus. During my first week at Valhalla Community School, which I spent observing and participating in the routines of the grade 1 and 2 class, your children welcomed me warmly, and I look forward to getting to know them better in the coming weeks. I also look forward working under the close supervision of Susan Thomson. She will be present for the teaching that I do in her class, and will be aiding me with numerous teaching activities, including planning.

My prior experience in the classroom includes an observation practicum in a grade 1 and 2 split class through Augustana University College in Camrose, Alberta. In the coming weeks, my focus in teaching will be in math and science. I will also be involved in the annual Christmas concert.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns. Contact me by phone at (780) 882-3712, or e-mail at kam7@ualberta.ca.

I look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely,

Kim Murphy

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I am collecting pictures and assignments of the students during my teaching for use in my portfolio, which will be used to chronicle my professional development as a teacher. My portfolio will be viewed by potential employers. May I use pictures and/ or assignments of your child in my portfolio? If so, please sign and return the permission slip below.

Thank you.

I give Kim Murphy permission to take pictures and assignments of my child from school activities, and to use in her teaching portfolio.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Childs Name(s)

Date