
November 20, 2012

Valhalla Community School

Student/Parent/ Teacher Interviews

Report cards were issued last Friday.

This week, for most students on Wednesday evening, parent teacher interviews will be held. Parents are asked to contact the school to make appointments with their children's teachers beginning at 4pm on November 21. We'll book on the 22nd if we fill up the first day.

We will be continuing with a new feature in PTI's this year. In keeping with our charter's leadership development mandate, we are implementing "student-led" parent teacher interviews. This year students have set some learning/achievement goals for themselves and with teachers' help are keeping an electronic portfolio of their work to document their growth toward their own goals. We're asking students to attend PTI's with their parents and to lead the interview themselves (with some help ☺). They will be able to share the goals they've set themselves with their parents, show the work in their portfolios and take part in the discussion of how their year is progressing.

There will also be opportunity for parents to speak privately with the teachers if they wish.



Christmas Shoebox Campaign HUGE Success!

Thank you everyone for your great response to our Christmas Shoebox Campaign! Your generosity is amazing! Your children ... our students ... are benefiting tremendously from the model of kindness you are providing for them!

As of last Friday, 57 boxes had been dropped off for shipping at the school.

As it turns out, there was a misunderstanding about the deadline for shipping ... we can still deliver boxes this week. So if you still wish to fill more boxes, or weren't able to get yours quite done in time, bring it in this week!

Let's make a difference for as many children as we can!

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*A big **THANK YOU** to all parents who took the time to send comments back on the survey the last two weeks! Your kind comments and helpful suggestions are much appreciated!!*



Volunteer Needed!

VCS is seeking a volunteer School Correspondent/Reporter –

This person would be responsible for organizing photos and articles for distribution to local papers. Ideas include VCS events, student articles and accomplishments and VCS accomplishments. Work would be in coordination with school, teachers, students and other volunteers. Do you have an eye for reporting or the journalism bug? Please contact the office for more specific information.

Community News

Valhalla Community Library:

Library Hours:

Mondays: 11am – 4pm

Tuesdays: 11am – 4pm

Wednesdays: 10am-6pm

Thursdays: 11am-5pm.

Fridays: Closed

New members always welcome; memberships are free!

Book Fair is here! Nov 8 to Nov 22

For any information please contact Gail Perry: 780.356.3834



Valhalla School Foundation

Announcement

The Valhalla School Foundation would like to announce that the Charter Board will be seeking a parent to temporarily fill a mid-term director vacancy according to *Article 2: Section 9* of our bylaws. Information regarding the position of director and this process is available in the Director Nomination Package, which includes the Director Nomination Profile Agreement, our Charter and our Bylaws, and can be viewed on our website or paper copies can be requested at the office. Please feel free to call for more information. Jolene Kochendorfer (Chair) (780) 356-2114

Annual Education Plan

As with all schools in Alberta, VCS must submit an annual education plan to Alberta Education by November's end. We are seeking input from staff and parents.

Our superintendent, Mr. Picard, has completed a draft and has forwarded a copy to School Council chair, Barb Lind. If you would like to view a copy, and give us your thoughts, please contact Barb Lind or the school office.

Newsletter Submission Deadline is Monday 12pm.

If you wish to submit an item please have in a digital format. If received after this time it will be submitted in the following week's newsletter. If it is an attachment please have 85 hard copies to the office by the submission deadline.

Upcoming Events

Nov.21, 4pm
VCS

Parent Teacher Interviews
Phone to set up appointments beginning at 4pm

Nov.20, 9am
Valhalla Room
VSF Board Meeting

Nov. 22
Fund Development Meeting

Nov.23 – Day off in Lieu, no school

Nov.30 – CSW

Dec.18
VCS
Christmas Concert

Fund Development Committee Meeting

There will be a Fund Development Meeting 9:00am, Thursday November 22 @VCS. Everyone is welcome! Contact Tara Fehr 780-402-9301 for more information.

Bus Drivers' Corner

COLD WEATHER

All students riding on school buses must wear, which is preferable, or carry with them, proper clothing appropriate for the weather conditions. If a student is not wearing, or does not have in their possession, appropriate clothing suitable for the weather conditions, the bus driver shall advise the parent, principal and document the discussion. In a situation that the Principal determines to be of significant risk to the student, he/she may decide to keep the student at the school until they have appropriate clothing or the parent picks them up.

Please note the attachment regarding bus cancellation procedures.

Quebec Trip Update

Dear Parents,

At our last Quebec Trip meeting we discussed the list of confirmed student participants that have already signed up through EF Tours.

We kicked off our first fundraiser with the Poinsettias. Those are due back to the school on **Thursday, November 22, 2012**. All the money from the orders must be paid at this time as well. We cannot make orders for people without payment for the product. Parents you and your child will be responsible to ensure that receipts get delivered to those who bought the Poinsettias. It will also be your responsibility to deliver the flowers once they have arrived. Pat Moutray and I will be organizing the orders once they arrive and will call you to come and retrieve them from the school. Please pick up your orders as quickly as possible.

Along with the Poinsettias we also applied for the Clairmont bottle recycling. Our name has been entered into their draw. A draw is done every two months. If we win a draw I will be getting in contact with the parents to set up a schedule to retrieve the bottles.

During our Christmas concert we will be doing another fundraiser. We will have a dessert auction. Please bring a dessert to be auctioned off. Closer to the date I'll be sending out another reminder. The concert will be taking place on the 18th of December. The alternate date if the weather/roads are in bad condition will be the 19th.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at the school. I'll try to return your message as soon as possible. If by chance you don't hear from me please call again or email me.

Remember to look for updates in the newsletters sent home each week!

Mrs. Steele

Please Note the Correction! We need to have fundraising forms back for Thursday. There is no school on Friday!

Hot Lunch Order Form

Thursday November 29, 2012 (This is a Kindergarten Day)

Student Name _____ Grade _____

Subway 6 inch Sub

Pizza ___ x \$3.00 Total \$ _____

Vegetable ___ x \$3.00 Total \$ _____

Ham ___ x \$3.25 Total \$ _____

Turkey ___ x \$3.50 Total \$ _____

Cold Cut Combo ___ x \$3.25 Total \$ _____

Juice Box/Water Bottle ___ x \$0.75 Total \$ _____

Please Circle Juice Box or Water Bottle

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All orders are to be in to the office by Tuesday November 27, 2012

All Cheques made payable To Valhalla School Council

If you are willing to volunteer or for any questions please contact Anna Odd (780)

356-2370/ (780) 356-3055 or aodd@valhallaschool.ca

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