



## Valhalla Community School

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The newsletter is available on the Valhalla Community School website.

Please have items for the newsletter in on Monday of each week. Thank you.

Bus cancellations and notices are kept current on the website.

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

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.

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

Please welcome **Miss Alicia Westad**; she is a student teacher doing her practicum under the supervision of Mr. Mumert. Miss Westad is a **third year student** in the **Teacher Education North Program** at Grande Prairie Regional College and will be with us until December 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Report Cards** will be issued on **Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**. **Parent-Teacher Interviews** are **Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>** and on Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> if necessary. Please contact the office to schedule your appointments.

**Friday, November 20** is a school holiday.

**Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>** is the first day of **swim lessons** for the grades **3&4, 5&6**. Remember to bring your swim suit, towel, a plastic bag, and a snack for after swimming.

Come **cheer on the volleyball team**, or the **parents**, as they take to the court to bring the **volleyball** season to a close. **When?** Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup> (next week), **game time** is 4:00pm, here in the Valhalla Community School gym. Snacks to follow; each team member is asked to contribute \$5.00 to assist with the cost of the snacks.

**Basketball Season** (grades 5 to 8) is about to begin, first practice is Tuesday, **December 1<sup>st</sup>** from 3:45 to 5:00pm. Students are asked to have rides arranged for 5:00pm pick up. Practices will be held each Tuesday after school.

**Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>** at **1:00pm** we will be performing at the **Festival of Trees**. This event is being held at the Tech Centre, Evergreen Park. Students are asked to wear dark pants or skirt, school T-shirts will be issued to each of the students at performance time.

The school is sponsoring a **School / Community Calendar**. See the attached Order Form.

#### **School Council:**

We will be having a **silent auction** during the Christmas Concert. If you are able to donate an

item to this fundraiser it is appreciated. Donations may be dropped off to Mrs. Odd at the school office by Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup> (if possible). **Over...**

We are looking for **volunteers** to assist with the preparations for the Christmas Concert. If you can assist with props, staging, sewing costumes, etc please let Mrs. Odd know as soon as possible.

We continue to look for volunteers for operating the **ski hill** and **recycle** programs. Our next **hot lunch** will be Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Please see the attached order form.

**Bus Driver's Corner:**

Be certain to **dress** for the **weather**. Listen to the radio or check the website for changes to bus times or cancelations.

**Charter School Board:**

**November 2009 Board Meeting Highlights**

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! I know the staff has already begun the big job of getting ready for our Christmas concert which we so appreciate every year.

Meanwhile, Valhalla Community School's first volleyball season is coming to a close. We are so pleased to have this opportunity for our students and so grateful to Vivian Fowler for all her hard work. It has been a great season and we are happily anticipating more sports to come.

As mentioned last month, part of our Charter mandate is student leadership development. As a means to address this goal, the board has passed a motion to set up a 4H club as part of our school program for the students in grades 5-9. Staff and community members have taken the leaders' training and the board has committed to pay the membership fees for the club so that it will be at no cost to the students. In addition to the leadership skills, the students will choose a project in one of several areas. For more information, ask your child's teacher about this new initiative. Parent-teacher interviews are coming up next week. This would be a great time to find out more about any of the unique programming and curricular enrichments that you can expect at our school.

Next meeting is December 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am.

**Community News:**

Regular **library hours** are: Tuesday 11am to 5pm, Wednesday 10am to 6pm and Thursday 11am to 5pm. Next regular Library Board meeting is **November 25<sup>th</sup>** at 10:30am. The library has been weeding the stacks, there are adult fiction and "How to" books available for your to pick up and add to your personal collection.

Attachments:

Festival of Trees Field Trip Form

Telus Play Field Trip Form

Hot Lunch Form

School / Community Calendar

Susan Thomson, Principal

"Be proud of who you are, but don't lose the ability to laugh at yourself." Unknown