Valhalla Community School

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Student/Parent/ Teacher Interviews

First term report cards were released on Friday November 15th..

This week, 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 20. We'll book on the 21nd 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.

Scheduling Change …

Please take note:

Junior High Options have been moved from Monday and Wednesday afternoons to Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

Mondays and Wednesdays will now be Second Language classes for the last hour of the school day.

For students beginning the Archery option this term, please remember to dress appropriately for winter weather. We have a 10 minute walk to the Archery Club and a 10 minute walk back to the school. We go every option day regardless of the weather.

One final reminder: junior high options are designed to give students something enjoyable and different from core classes. If students find themselves getting seriously behind in homework and grades, they may be required to use the options blocks for studying instead.

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Oops! See Attachment for original text.

An interesting statistic for you:

45 students voting every day for **15** days gives us and additional **675 votes.**

That could very well make the difference in our getting into the semi finals or not!

Bus Drivers' Corner

Winter weather is here!

School Guidelines:

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. Bundle up! It is VCS Policy.

(Please note: several students have had to be picked up after school by parents as they came to school with inadequate winter clothing to ride the bus.)

Mark Standring, the Transportation Director will become familiar with the VCS, 4 bus routes over the coming weeks. Please expect some late pick-ups and drop-offs. We're sorry for any inconvenience.

Transportation Directors planned bus driving schedule:

Nov 12-14, Jason Bratland's route;
Nov 18-20, Janelle Trodd's route;
Nov 25-27, Pat Moutray's route;
Dec 2-4, Vicki Leman's route.

Thank you,

Mark Standring Transportation Director 780.897.3517

Upcoming Events

November 12-21
K-2 Swim Lessons

November 20
Parent Teacher Interviews
Extra Kindergarten day

November 22
Day off in Lieu of PTIs
No School

December 6
CSW
No School

December 18
VCS Christmas Concert

December 19
Family & Student Potluck 12pm @ VCS

December 20
CSW
No School

Valhalla School Foundation

The Valhalla School Foundation Charter Board would like to announce that we will be seeking a person 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

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 _____

Christmas Concert Silent Auction Donations

Every year at the school Christmas Concert, School Council holds a silent auction. Our school council contributes to our school in many ways, one of them being an annual silent auction to raise much needed funds for supporting our students. This is the School Council's only fundraiser of the year. The Christmas concert is open to all VCS families and to the community and is scheduled for December 18th, 2013.

Any donations for the fundraiser are welcome. A letter is available at the office or through school council for you to take to anyone who might interested in donating. This is also a great time to talk to people about the fundraiser so they come to the concert prepared to bid! Please contact Barb Lind,
School Council President @ 780.882.4508 or the school office 780.356.2370 for the letter.

Movie Night

The School Council will be hosting a Movie Night here at VCS on Friday November 22nd to fundraise for our playground. The first Movie, "Scott and Chrissy's Christmas Adventure" will begin at 6pm. A second movie, "Genius Babies" will begin at 8pm. Admission is $2.00 per person, Pizza is $4.00/slice and a snack concession will be available as well. Bring your blankets and pillows to make yourself comfortable. All children 11 and under must have parent supervision as babysitting is not available. For more information please contact Edwin Morales @ 780.978.3281

Artwork By: Sarah

Drama Club

Drama Club will be cancelled this Wednesday November 20th due to Parent Teacher Interviews. Regular practice is scheduled for next week, Wednesday November 27th.

Thank you,

Mrs. LeBlanc

Potluck Lunch

The School Council will be hosting a Student and Family Potluck here at VCS on Thursday December 19th, 12pm. All families are welcome to attend. Please bring a potluck item and join all of the staff, students and parents for lunch together.

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Paul Gibson
VCS Webmaster

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."If we make it into the semi-finals of the Aviva competition, we are guaranteed $5,000. Our standing in the semi-final round will determine how much we receive . . . up to $100,000.00. We are sponsored by Artesian Realty to be also in the broker competition which opens the door to the chance of an extra $150,000!! This comes to a staggering $250,000!!! . . . for getting people to spend a minute a day for 15 days to vote for us. Voting for Round 3 started on Nov. 11 and will continue for 15 days."

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