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Weekly Newsletter - Website Version

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Valhalla School Poets!

This is Home

They will never know
How special they are to me
The old musk and potato dirt
Grandpa's familiar farmer shirt
Homemade bread, a recipe in Grandma's head
Silky red quilt laced through my fingers
door slide opens and closes
I awake, pancakes waft through the air
leave my heavy warmth
Grandpa's laughter full of care
That's when I say, "Yes this is home."

This is Home

Kayly

Windfresh and Rainblow

Sarah

Windfresh and Rainblow

Sitting on the comfy sofa, pillow fluff.
Wind fresh and rainblow
Whistling through the window.
Dark shadows grasp me,
From the bed that hangs above me.
Leaves rustle sweet.
Starry night, sparkling oh so bright.
Springtime wraps me in sweet, internal,
Silence.

Do You Need to Get Started on Christmas??

Do You Need to Get Those Christmas Cards Sent Out??

**Do You Plan on Buying Gift Chocolates for Your
Friends and Family??**

Why Not ...

... Buy Through the School??

**The Gifts and Cards You're Buying Anyway Can Help
Support the School!!**

Thank You!!

The school wants to acknowledge and thank people who contribute in any way to our improvement and success.

Thanks to Arne Nordby for sharing his story with us at our Remembrance Day ceremony last week.

Thanks too to the ladies who supplied us with "War Cake" and to Gail Perry, Jean Perry and Lisa Arnet for serving and cleaning up after refreshments.

School Assemblies

Each month here at VCS, we hold a student assembly. As a rule they are held the Tuesdays following the early dismissal Mondays. We celebrate birthdays, deal with school business, give announcements, etc. We're also beginning to incorporate some student performances or activities as well. Assemblies are generally fairly short and begin at 12:40pm, shortly after the students' noon recess.

If you are a parent or relative of one or more of our students, or an interested community member, please accept our invitation to join us for these assemblies. You are most welcome.

(It may be a good idea to phone in the day ahead just to make sure the assembly time is as usual) ☺

Bus Drivers' Corner

We appreciate that our bus drivers take their jobs very seriously and that they are anxious to avoid leaving anyone behind. In order to help keep this from happening please be diligent about contacting your driver or the transportation director if your child will not be on the bus. If you know ahead of time that your child will be absent notify the driver and the school with written notes, even for students in the higher grades. This will avoid any confusion from mixed or forgotten messages and confirms your plans for your child.

If it becomes apparent that the student will not be on the bus after the routes are running (6:50 a.m.) contact the transportation director, Doug Kochendorfer 831-5701 or 356-2114, and he will radio the driver to inform him or her. It is illegal for bus drivers to talk on their cell phones when driving and it is unsafe for drivers to stop to check messages on busy roads. Our thanks to all of you for working with the drivers to ensure all of the students get transported safely and on time.

Greetings

Our next chance to make it to the semi-finals for the Aviva Community Fund competition starts Monday, November 15, 2010! This online voting contest holds with it the possibility of a \$160,000 corporate grant from Aviva Insurance to pay for two of our school buses and has also been a great way to share the story of our school.

Please consider registering and encouraging your friends and family to vote every day until November 26th when this round closes. Each registered voting email address is allowed 10 votes and can use them once each day until the end of the round.

We left off last time with 335 registered voters, so if each one votes every day we've got 3350 votes secured. 5 or 6000 is the target, which requires only 300 more committed email addresses, very doable.

Voting instructions are as follows:

1. Go to <http://www.avivacommunityfund.org>
2. To register, click the "register" link at the top right hand side of the page and follow the site's directions. This allows you to vote. After you've registered you will receive a confirmation of registration to your email address. (Check your junk folder if it doesn't arrive at your inbox.) The confirmation email will have a "click here" to confirm your registration, which takes you back to the Aviva page.
3. Then in the search ideas box near the middle of the page, type "acf7715" or "Valhalla" to head to our voting page or type our link: <http://avivacommunityfund.org/ideas/acf7715>
4. Login with each email and password and vote each day for 10 days!

Anyone in Canada can vote.

Aviva seems to be very conscientious about spam and promises not to sell the registered address list.

Thank you, Leslie Loberg

Operation Christmas Child

Christmas Shoeboxes Campaign Finishes

November 10 was the last day for our school to collect donations for Operation Christmas Child's shoebox campaign.

Students were asked to each bring one toonie to donate if possible.

The deadline for bringing donations was November 10, as supplies then need to be purchased and boxes filled in time for the Operation Christmas Child deadline. Please feel free to contact the school for more details.

PTI'S Changed!

Parents please take note: Due to some teachers being away at a conference on November 22 – 23, we have moved Parent Teacher Interviews to Wednesday, November 24.

We are making the change in the hope that it will make it easier for parents to connect with all their children's teachers on the same night.

If you have already booked an appointment for November 23, the school will contact you to arrange another time, hopefully on November 24.

We're very sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Festival of Trees

Can it be that the Christmas season is already approaching? So it seems as VCS is scheduled to sing at the Festival of Trees on November 19.

This year we hope to try something a little different. We are scheduled to sing at 12:15pm on November 19. Following singing we will be boarding buses and heading out to Hythe to sing carols for seniors at the Hythe Continuing Care Centre and the Hythe Pioneer Home.

We plan to arrive at the Continuing Care Centre at 2:00pm, sing and move to the Pioneer Home by 2:30pm, and leave for Valhalla by 3:00pm.

Of course if any parents wish to come hear the students sing we would be delighted. Families may also choose to pick up their children to stay at the Festival longer. We only ask that prior notice be given the school.

Parents please return signed consent forms to the school by to Monday November 15th.

Community News

Valhalla Community Library:

Library Hours: Tuesdays 11am-5pm, Wednesdays 10am-6pm, Thursdays 11am-5pm. New members always welcome; memberships are free!

Valhalla Archery Club:

Valhalla Archery Club Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:30pm to 9:30pm

Valhalla Lutheran Church:

Invites the Valhalla community to a Pancake Supper: 5:30 to 7:30pm, Saturday, November 20, 2010 Free Admission We look forward to seeing you there!

Upcoming Events

November 19, 2010

12:15pm, TEC Centre,

Evergreen Park

Festival of Trees

Meet us for early Christmas fun!

November 20, 2010

5:30 – 7:30pm,

Valhalla Lutheran Church

Free Pancake Supper

We look forward to seeing you there!

November 24, 2010

By appointment, VCS

Parent Teacher Interviews

Come see us for coffee and connecting !

November 30, 2010

5:30pm, VCS

Parent Council Meeting

December 10, 2010

1:15pm, VCS

Eva Olsson Presentation

Join us for Eva's inspirational presentation