



## Valhalla Community School

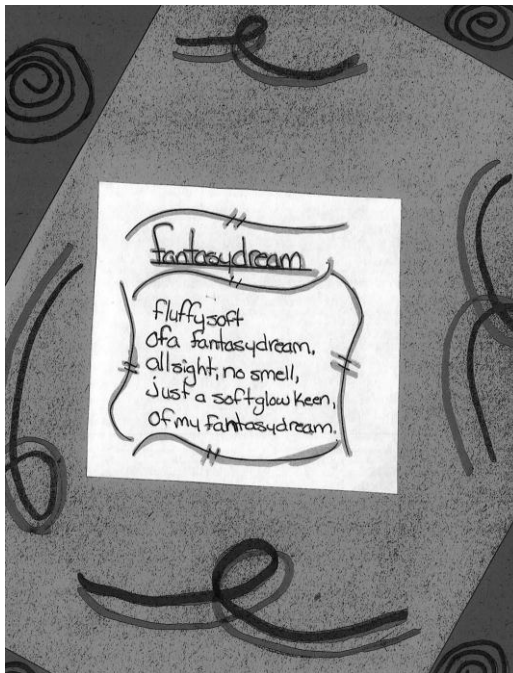
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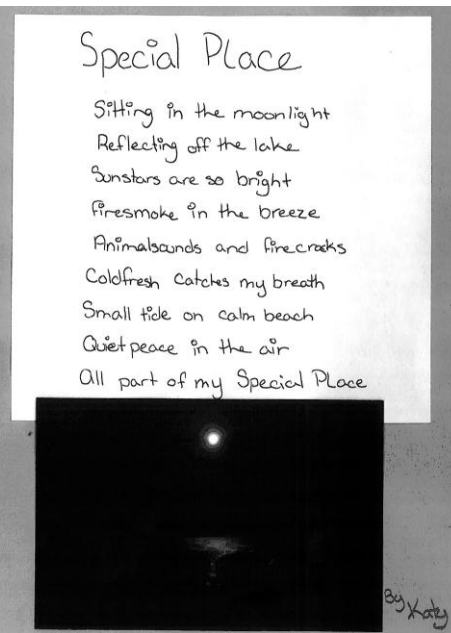
November 23, 2010

### Valhalla School Poets!

fantasydream *Carly*



Special Place *Katy*



**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!!**

**Reminder: November 24 is the deadline  
for getting chocolate orders in to the  
school or online. Prizes for top 3 sellers!**

## 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

Now that winter is arriving, we would like to ask parents to have your children dressed for the weather (boots on, mitts and toques along) in order that they are prepared in the event of bus trouble en route.

A reminder for parents, if you are wondering whether the buses are cancelled due to winter weather issues, you can check the school website, [www.valhallaschool.ca](http://www.valhallaschool.ca) or listen for announcements on either CJXX-93.1 or Sun FM-97.7 Fm radio stations. All effort is made to have any bus cancellation announcements ready for 7:00am.

## Greetings

Our next chance to make it to the semi-finals for the Aviva Community Fund competition ends Friday, November 26, 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.

Total: just over \$96! (Enough for 8 boxes)

## **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.

### *Postscript*

So Festival of Trees came and went for another year!

Word has it that the students performed well in all respects. It seems like it's a good thing to spend some time caroling at our seniors' homes.

Thank you to all staff and students for doing their part! Mr. Mumert was very sorry to not be able to be with the students as they sang, but was quoted as saying, "I knew the students would make us proud." And they did!

Next project: the Christmas concert. Be sure you join us as we celebrate the Christmas season. The scheduled date for the concert is December 14; performances at 2:30pm and 7:00 pm. Alternate date if weather should force concert cancellation is the next day, December 15.

## **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:** Time and Date to be determined Free Admission *We look forward to seeing you there!*

**Mrs. Krause's Piano Recital:**

Mrs. Krause's piano students will be performing at a recital to be held on Sunday December 5 at 2pm. The recital will be held in the LaGlace Bible Fellowship Church in LaGlace. Please join us to enjoy the music and support the students!

## **Upcoming Events**

**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 5, 2010**

2:00pm, LaGlace Bible Fellowship Church

Piano Recital

Join us for music and fun!

**December 10, 2010**

1:15pm, VCS

Eva Olsson Presentation

Join us for Eva's inspirational presentation

**December 14, 2010**

2:30pm, 7:00pm, VCS

School Christmas Concert

Celebrate Christmas with us!