



Valhalla Community School

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The newsletter is available on the Valhalla Community School website.

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 you are arriving late, or picking up your child(ren) early, please sign them in or out at the office.

Please have items for the newsletter in by 11:00am Tuesday.

Thursday and Friday, October 22nd & 23rd are CSW days for the students; the teaching staff are attending the Charter Schools Conference in Calgary.

Accolades to the parents, the staff truly appreciates your willingness to quickly pick up your child(ren) when we phone regarding illness. We make every effort here at school to encourage students to thoroughly wash their hands prior to snacks and lunch along with using hand sanitizer immediately after blowing their nose. Little habits can assist with stopping the spread of illness.

The Christmas Child Shoebox campaign is well underway in the community. This year we will again do a coin collection. The **students are invited to bring in a loonie or toonie** and the monies collected will be used to purchase the items needed to fill the shoeboxes. This way we will fill as many as we have monies to do so. We hope to assist with filling several shoeboxes using this method of collection. The collection container is at the office. A thank you to Mrs. Frieda Bratland for coordinating this program.

The Grande Prairie Storm Hockey Team has donated several **student tickets** to the school to distribute to students wishing to attend a Storm Hockey Game at **no cost**. These tickets are available in the school office. Please feel free to ask for them. They will be given away on a first to ask basis. The games run through to Feb. 2010.

Please remind your students to dress for the colder temperatures.

Volleyball: the upcoming schedule is as follows;

Wednesday, October 21st @ 3:15pm St. Mary's Sexsmith

Saturday, October 31st a tournament in Sexsmith

We appreciate the many efforts of Ms. Fowler with the volleyball teams.

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Swim Report Cards: Please send in to the office your child(ren's) **swim report card(s)**. If you have not yet done so, please send in the **swim fee of \$50.00 per student**. If you do not wish for your child(ren) to take part in the Leisure Centre swim program please let the office know.

Swim lessons will be **in the afternoons** and we will be leaving the school at noontime. Lessons begin November 9th.

School Council:

Hot lunch forms are due tomorrow, Wednesday, October 21st.

The School Council meeting is today, Tuesday, October 20th at 5:30pm. All parents are invited to attend. If you have a child attending the school, you are a member of the School Council. **Canceled due to illness.**

If you can assist with the hot lunch, the ski-hill or the recycle programs, please phone Anna Odd at 780-356-2370 or 780-356-3055 to sign up. Many volunteers make for a lighter workload for all.

Charter School Board:

Are you interested in part-time employment? Valhalla Community School is in need of two teacher assistants. These are both 8:15am to noon assignments. If you are interested, please send along your letter of application and a resume to the school office. Closing date is Friday, October 23rd at 4:00pm.

The next Charter School Board meeting is Thursday, November 12 at the Mercantile from 9:00am to noon. Note this is a change of day and date.

The school may be in need of dry, locked shop storage space. If you can assist us with this, please contact the school office. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Community News

Valhalla Community Library:

The author visit with Nicole Luiken was a success. The grade 5 to 8 students enjoyed the opportunity to visit with a 'real' writer and to learn that Nicole wrote her first novel at age 13 and when she was in grade 10; her 4th novel was her first to be published.

Regular library hours are: Tuesday 11am to 5pm, Wednesday 10am to 6pm and Thursday 11am to 5pm. Next regular Library Board meeting is **November 25th** at 10:30am.

Susan Thomson
Principal

“To receive everything, one must open one’s hands and give.” Taisen Deshimaru