
October 16, 2012

Valhalla Community School

Valhalla Vikings Rock!

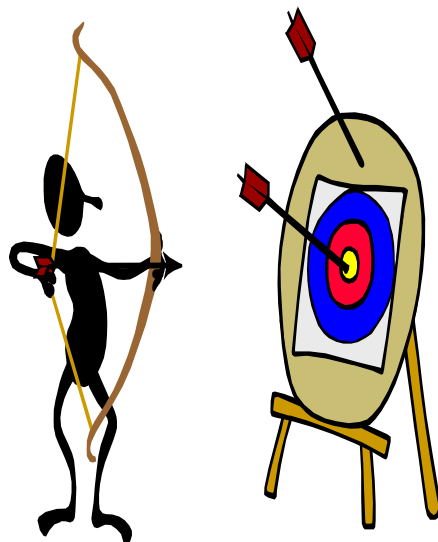
Vikings girls' volleyball team has been taking their game on the road! Demonstrating enthusiasm and discipline, our athletes have been making themselves outstanding representatives for sports and for our school!

Our players are to be commended for their great showing in the GP tournament earlier and in Hythe this past week.

Awesome work girls!

It is wonderful to see all the students' hard work at practice paying off. Keep up the great work athletes for the rest of the season.

Also, a thank-you to all the parents, for getting their kids to and from all the practices, games and tournaments.



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JH Options Update

The new options programs being piloted this fall in VCS are off to a great start!

Half way through the first term, students are discovering new skills in art and archery and pushing back physical limits in fitness!

New archery equipment arrived last week. Now all archery students have a bow of their own for the class and thanks to the generous support of the Valhalla Archery Club, we have a unique all-weather range to learn and practice this great skill!

Note: we're looking for some parent/community support for the archery program. We welcome financial support for the equipment and we're seeking someone with the time and skills to build a storage locker for equipment at the Valhalla Archery Club. If you can help, please contact the school office for details!

Playground Meeting

The playground at the Valhalla Community School is in need of replacing. It no longer meets the required specification and is too close to the school.

We will be holding a meeting at 7:00pm on Monday October 22, 2012 in the Viking Room at the school. Everyone in the community is welcome whether they have children in the Valhalla School or not.

Community News

Valhalla Community Library:

Library Hours:

Mondays: 11am – 4pm

Tuesdays: 11am – 4pm

Wednesdays: 10am-6pm

Thursdays: 11am-5pm.

Fridays: Closed

New members always welcome; memberships are free!

For any information please contact:

Gail Perry: 780.356.3834

Calendar Change

Please note: VCS year calendar has been changed to accommodate the statutory holiday of November 12, 2012

On Monday, November 12 there will be no school. Please replace any previous versions of the calendar with the current version.

Grade 5/6 Swimming Dates

Dates for the grade 5/6 swimming lessons have been confirmed.

Lessons will be held on October 15-18 and October 22-25 at the Beaverlodge Pool. Students will be bused from Valhalla, leaving school at 12:30pm and returning before bus time in the afternoon. Lesson cost is \$55/student. Consents and fees must be submitted at the school office prior to swimming lessons.

All grade 5/6 students are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity and sign up for the lessons.

Upcoming Events

Oct. 16, 9am
Valhalla Room, Viking Centre
VSF Board Meeting
Open to all parents

Oct. 18, 3pm
Wembley
B girls Volleyball Game

Oct. 20, All Day
VCS
B girls Volleyball Tournament

Oct. 22, 7pm
Viking Rm, Viking Centre
Playground Meeting

Oct. 23, 3pm
VCS
B Girls Volleyball Game

Oct. 26
CSW
No School

Oct. 30, 3pm
VCS
B Girls Volleyball Game

Oct. 31
VCS
Halloween Celebrations

Bus Drivers' Corner

From the afternoon of Wednesday, October 17, through the remainder of the week, our Transportation Director will be away.

Jason Bratland will be responsible for transportation at the Valhalla Community School during these days and will be able to radio your bus driver if needed. Jason can be contacted by calling **780- 814-1058**

COLD WEATHER

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.

Valhalla School Council News

VCS School council is going to have a busy year! Our last meeting was held on Oct 1. Here is an outline of what took place:

New Playground:

- It was decided to have those interested in building a new playground form a committee separate from School Council so that they are able to fund-raise and hold funds. This also allows the Playground Committee to set up as a charitable organization so they could potentially have access to additional community or government funding. All parents and community members interested in participating in the building of a new playground are welcome attend the first Playground meeting on Monday, Oct 22, 2012 at 7:00pm at the school.

Fund-raising:

- There was much discussion over fund-raising. There are a lot of things that need to be funded at the school throughout the year. School Council is limited as to how much money they can hold. We are going to look in to the regulations we are bound by to see if there is some fund-raising we can do to support programs and activities at the school.

Volleyball:

- A question was raised about having volleyball open to grade 5 and 6 students. Typically younger students are only chosen to compete on the volleyball team if there are not enough older students to participate. Through discussion it was decided that the school would look into the possibility of having a grade 5/6 co-ed team that could practice together at the school.

Foundation Board:

- There is a new Superintendent and a new Secretary/Treasurer on the Foundation Board.
- This is a big year for our school as it marks our first 5 years as a charter school and is also the Charter Review year. This means our school will be reviewed and it will then be decided if we can continue as a charter school.

Up for discussion at the next School Council meeting: More on fund-raising, behavior issues on buses and at school and much more!!

The next School Council meeting is Monday, November 5th at 7:00pm. All VCS families are welcome to attend. It is a great place to be involved in your school and bring your concerns or ideas. There is babysitting provided during the meetings.