

## Christmas Shoebox Campaign!

### Advance Notice!

This year's VCS Shoebox Campaign will kick off November 1. Boxes are already in the school. Think about making some child's

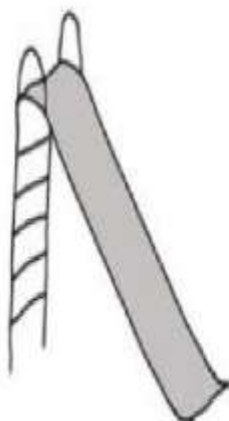
Christmas a time for celebration! More information will be coming next week!



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**AVIVA COMMUNITY FUND**

The Valhalla Playground Committee has made it into the second round of the Aviva Competition, but we need your votes if we hope to win \$250,000.00

Please take the time to register and vote. Second round voting started Monday October 21 and will continue for 15 days. Every email registered is given 15 votes and you can vote once a day.

[www.avivacommunityfund.org/ideas/aof17602](http://www.avivacommunityfund.org/ideas/aof17602)



### Bus Drivers' Corner

Our school has an enrollment of 115 students this year. Two of our buses are very near their capacity for the transport of students. During winter months our students will be wearing bulky winter clothing which will make for some tight seating on buses. This highlights the school requirement for parents or guardians to contact the school to get permission in advance of any busing changes for their children. It is not to be expected that certain buses will have the space available to transport your child to another destination as that bus may already be at capacity. To help us accommodate requests for students traveling a different bus, please contact the office or the Transportation Director two days in advance of anticipated needs. Thanks!

**Mark Standing (Transportation Director): (780) 897-3517**  
 VCS Office: (780) 356-2370

### Ms Fowler's Parent Teacher Interviews

Ms. Fowler will be away during the regular Parent Teacher Interviews scheduled for November 20th, 2013. Ms. Fowler's Parent Teacher Interview evening will be November 5, 2013 from 3:45pm to 8:00pm. She teaches Grade 3/4 Social Studies Physical Education, Grade 5 Math, Grade 5/6 LA, Social Studies and Physical Education. If you have any questions about how your child is doing in class, please contact the school office to book an appointment or email Ms. Fowler at [vmperin@gmail.com](mailto:vmperin@gmail.com)

**Please**  
*Note!!*  
 The newsletter is available on the school website. Bus cancellations are also posted on the website.

## Saskatoon Mountain

By Kirstin Hanson

On September 30th the grades three to six went on a field trip to Saskatoon Mountain. There were two guest speakers, Don Nelson and Megan Shur. Don Nelson is a concerned citizen of Beaverlodge who knows a lot about the mountain. The other guest speaker was Megan Shur. She is the manager of parks and recreation of Grande Prairie. Part of her job is figuring out how to protect Saskatoon Mountain. Forty four students attended and they were put in groups with three teachers and four parents. They walked around the mountain to special areas so they could see the evidence of erosion and the effect on plants and animal life on the mountain.

Saskatoon Mountain is a beautiful mountain and we need to save it so it can still be here for generations to come.

### Student Council News

SC is planning to host a Halloween Dance Oct.31 in the afternoon. Activities will begin after lunch bring your costumes to school and dress up at lunch recess. If your child has a weapon with their costume please keep it at home. Show your school spirit and dress up for Halloween!!



## School Photo Day is Coming! Paquin Photographs will be at our School on

**October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

Keep in mind for clothing choices that bold bright colours look great on the blue toned background. Send a comb or brush for last minute touch-ups.

Three photos will be taken of your child on picture day with proof order envelopes being sent to your school the next school day. Please note that there is a specified return date for your order to be returned to the school. After the school return date has expired proof envelopes can be dropped off at Create-a-Portrait - #103, 12125-99 St. in Grande Prairie and are subject to a late handling fee.

Families with 3 or more children who attend schools photographed by Paquin's are eligible for a family discount. See below for list of schools. See the proof envelope for details and the REQUIRED family discount coupon.

Retakes are done at the Create a Portrait store (address above) Oct 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> and also Oct 25<sup>th</sup> to Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>. See the proof envelope for exact times.

Late orders and retakes DO NOT QUALIFY for the family discount special offer.

Thanks! Call Paquin Photographs if you have questions - 780-532-2180

**Get your family photos on!!**  
A fundraiser for the  
Valhalla Playground  
Committee

**Nov. 8 10am-7pm**  
**\$50/session**  
**Perfect for Christmas!!**  
at the Valhalla  
Community School

Proceeds to Valhalla  
Playground Committee  
Help us build a new  
playground and get your  
Christmas photos at the  
same time!!

For more info or to  
book your spot with  
one of 3 photos for the day  
contact  
Terri Corbett  
creeksbendphotos@gmail.com

[www.facebook.com/CreeksBendPhotos](http://www.facebook.com/CreeksBendPhotos)



### Upcoming Events

**October 24,25**  
Staff PD Days  
No School

**October 29**  
VCS  
School Pictures

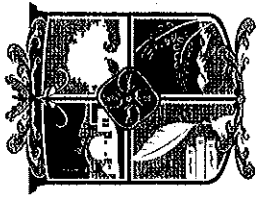
**October 30**  
6 pm, VCS  
VSF Board Meeting

**October 31**  
Halloween!

**November 1**  
Christmas Shoebox Campaign Starts

**November 4**  
7 pm, VCS  
School Council Meeting

**November 7**  
1 pm, VCS  
VCS Remembrance Day Ceremony



**Valhalla**  
Community School

# Valhalla Community School

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Box 143, Valhalla Centre, AB T0H 3M0

## November 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Early Dismissal Every Monday @ 3:10pm				<b>1</b> Christmas Shoebox Campaign Begins	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	School Council Meeting 7pm	<b>5</b> Ms. Fowlers Parent Teacher Interviews	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Remembrance day Ceremony 1pm	<b>8</b> CSW	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	Remembrance Day Holiday No School	<b>12</b> Swim Lessons Begin Kindergarten to Gr. 2	<b>13</b> Swim Lessons Kindergarten to Gr. 2	<b>14</b> Swim Lessons Kindergarten to Gr. 2	<b>15</b> Report Cards Issued /Swim Lessons K-2	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	Swim Lessons Kindergarten to Gr. 2	<b>19</b> Swim Lessons Kindergarten to Gr. 2	<b>20</b> Parent Teacher Interviews/ Swim Lessons K-2	<b>21</b> Swim Lessons Finish K-2/School Board Meeting 6pm	<b>22</b> Day off I lieu of PFI	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

John Picard, Superintendent  
 Steve Mumert, Principal  
 Anna Odd, Admin Asst  
 Reanna Stockman, Gr. K & TA  
 Cindy Mumert, Gr. K, 1/2  
 Jennifer LeBlanc, Gr. 3/4  
 Vivian Fowler, Gr. 5/6  
 Robert El-Tantawy, Gr. 7  
 Margaret El-Tantawy, Gr. 8  
 Kelli Flint, Gr. 9  
 John Heikel, Gr. 7/8/9 Social/Science  
 Lorraine Gerow, TA  
 Laura Wade, TA  
 Angie Tetreau, TA  
 Cora Lee Rath, TA  
 Don Morton, Custodian  
 Director of Transportation  
 Mark Standing  
 897-3517 Cell Phone  
 Bus Drivers:  
 Jason Bratland  
 814-1058  
 Vicki Leman  
 354-8881 / 402-1385  
 Pat Moutray  
 356-2372 / 831-9150  
 Janelle Trodd  
 830 -9943

# Spring Lake Parent Group

For the past five years the parents of the Valhalla Community School have voluntarily operated the Spring Lake Ski Hill as our main school fundraiser. The ski hill operates from January until April every Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 4pm. The volunteering consists of running the concession, cooking burgers, wiping tables, cutting vegetables and visiting with customers. In the rental shack we set skis and snowboards, and size boots. Outside volunteering consists of running the T-Bar, it is as easy as setting a bar under a kids butt!! As you can tell it is very easy to do and it is a lot of fun. We offer an incentive to our volunteers: each day you volunteer gets you a free day of skiing or snowboarding.

We use the funds that we generate from the ski hill to purchase items for the school to benefit all of our children. Over the past five years we have purchased choral risers, 30 student desks, 5 new desktop computers for the teachers, \$3000 of Science Equipment and donated \$5000 to the purchase of our new stage curtains. They are all large sum purchases. In 2012-2013 our new purchases were new globes for each classroom, \$900 to support Team X field trips, \$5000 of Sports Equipment and \$2700 for the purchase of the school's new Student Information System: Maplewood.

We would like to thank all of the families involved in the 2012-2013 Ski season that volunteered their time to help better our facility.

A special thank you to:

Beaverlodge Building Centre for donating lumber for new picnic tables.

Mike Trodd built the picnic tables.

Roger Stedel, Tim Corbett and RDS Boarding and Taping, for the boarding, taping and paint in our chalet  
Normie Johnson for creating our season pass tickets.

Byron Bue, and Devon Canada for the fire wood.

Participation and volunteering at the ski hill has been declining. The same parents that are there every weekend from January until April are looking for help to run it. **We are asking for every family to volunteer one weekend/or two separate days of their time from January until April to help assist in fundraising.** If there is no interest we understand and will need to re evaluate and decide if selling chocolates and wrapping paper would be a better fit for our group instead. This would still involve your participation so you can choose how you would like to assist with our very important cause..Fundraising for our wonderful school. Please email your feedback along with your choice of volunteer days to [aodd@valhallaschool.ca](mailto:aodd@valhallaschool.ca)

We look forward to a great 2013-14 Ski Season!!

If you are interested in further information, volunteering or have questions please contact Anna Odd [aodd@valhallaschool.ca](mailto:aodd@valhallaschool.ca) or 780.897.2055 or Lorraine Gerow @ 780.831.4627. Check out our facebook page.

Sincerely,  
Anna Odd

I/We \_\_\_\_\_ am willing to volunteer one weekend/two separate days of my time from January 2014 to April 2014. Please choose from the dates below that work for your schedule.

My phone number \_\_\_\_\_

My Email \_\_\_\_\_

Once everyone has chosen the dates they would like to volunteer, a calendar will be sent out via email with the set schedule. Remember opening and closing dates depend on snow.

When choosing a date please mark beside the date you would like to volunteer and the names of people volunteering that day.

- Saturday January 4<sup>th</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_ ( Names of people Volunteering this day)
- Sunday January 5<sup>th</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_ ( Names of people Volunteering this day)
- Saturday January 11<sup>th</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_ ( Names of people Volunteering this day)
- Sunday January 12<sup>th</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_ ( Names of people Volunteering this day)
- Saturday January 18<sup>th</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_ ( Names of people Volunteering this day)
- Sunday January 19<sup>th</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_ ( Names of people Volunteering this day)
- Saturday January 25<sup>th</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_ ( Names of people Volunteering this day)
- Sunday January 26<sup>th</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_ ( Names of people Volunteering this day)
- Saturday February 1<sup>st</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_ ( Names of people Volunteering this day)
- Sunday February 2<sup>nd</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_ ( Names of people Volunteering this day)
- Saturday February 8<sup>th</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_ ( Names of people Volunteering this day)
- Sunday February 9<sup>th</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_ ( Names of people Volunteering this day)
- Saturday February 15<sup>th</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_ ( Names of people Volunteering this day)
- Sunday February 16<sup>th</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_ ( Names of people Volunteering this day)
- Family Day Monday February 17<sup>th</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_ ( Names of people Volunteering this day)
- Saturday February 22<sup>nd</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_ ( Names of people Volunteering this day)
- Sunday February 23<sup>rd</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_ ( Names of people Volunteering this day)
- Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_ ( Names of people Volunteering this day)
- Sunday March 2<sup>nd</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_ ( Names of people Volunteering this day)
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- Saturday March 29<sup>th</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_ ( Names of people Volunteering this day)
- Sunday March 30<sup>th</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_ ( Names of people Volunteering this day)
- Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_ ( Names of people Volunteering this day)
- Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_ ( Names of people Volunteering this day)

Please complete and send back to the school office for Anna.

Thank you.