



Valhalla Community School

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October 29, 2013

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! See the attached information on how to pack a shoebox gift!



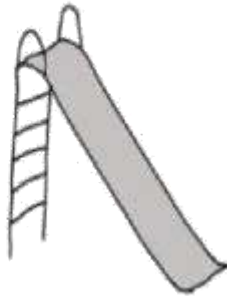
If you'd like more boxes than your children bring home, please let the school know so we can send them home. Let's make a difference for as many children as we can!

We would love to end up with one shoebox per student if possible!

School Supplies:

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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/aof17502



Bus Drivers' Corner

During the first month of school your child/children participated in a bus evacuation drill. This practice drill teaches children the importance of remaining in their assigned seat and exiting the bus in an orderly manner. This highlights the needs for children to be properly dressed for bad weather and the practice of good behaviors while on the bus.

Thanks!

Mark Standring (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

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

Student Council News

SC is planning to host a Halloween Dance Oct.31 in the afternoon.

Activities will begin after lunch.

After lunch recess some classes will have Halloween Activities in their home room.

At 1:40pm (class break), students will dress in their costumes and at 1:50 pm the Costume Parade will take place in the gym.

A Halloween dance will follow.

Students who prefer not to participate in the dance may choose from two classroom movies: "Hotel Transylvania" or "Smurfs".

If your child has a weapon with their costume please keep it at home. Show your school spirit and dress up for Halloween!!

... show your Halloween School Spirit!



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 photogs for the day
contact
Terri Corbett
creeksbendphotos@gmail.com

www.facebook.com/CreeksBendPhotos



School Photo Day Was Today!

Three photos were taken of your child on picture day. Proof order envelopes will be sent to your school the next school day.

Please note that your order must be returned to the school by November 6.

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 1st to 5th and also Oct 25th to Nov. 2nd. 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

Upcoming Events

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

Pack Shoeboxes

Each shoebox is an opportunity to help a child -- so pack one today!



1. SELECT A SHOEBOX

- Use a regular-sized shoe box or shoebox-sized plastic box. If wrapping your shoebox, please wrap the lid separately.



2. BOY OR GIRL?

- Determine whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl, and the child's age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14.
- Write Boy or Girl and the age group and attach to the outside of the box.



3. FILL YOUR SHOEBOX

- Fill your shoebox with a well-balanced variety of items from the following categories:
- **School Supplies** - Items such as pencils, pens, pencil crayons, note pads, and picture books
- **Toys & Other Gifts** - Items such as stuffed animals, small musical instruments, hair clips, toy jewelry, t-shirts, socks, and candy (loose, individually wrapped hard candy in a sealable bag)
- **Hygiene Items** - Please place soap in a sealable bag
- **Personal Note** - Include a personal note and/or a photo in your shoebox (not inside the donation envelope)



DO NOT INCLUDE:

- **Toothpaste** (due to customs regulations)
- **Food and any chewy, crumbly, or soft candy:** Including gum (due to customs regulations)
- **Used items** (due to customs regulations)
- **Playing cards** (other card games such as UNO are allowed)
- **Liquids or items that could leak, melt, freeze, or break** - Shampoo, creams, lip balm, bath gels, mirrors, or glass, etc. (these can damage other items in the shoe box).
- **Items that can scare or harm a child** - War-related toys, knives, and toy guns, etc.
- Using a **backpack** instead of a shoe box is problematic because it creates unfair circumstances at distribution events. Backpacks can also cause problems when cartons are being packed, and when shipments are going through Customs.

4. MAKE YOUR DONATION

- Please donate a minimum of \$7 for each shoebox you prepare to cover project costs – including shipping. Simply make your donation online at [SamaritansPurse.ca](http://www.samaritanspurse.ca) or place your cheque or cash donation in the attached envelope.
- Tax deductible receipts will be issued for donations of \$15 or more. Samaritan's Purse does not provide receipts for the value of gift items included in a shoebox.

5. DROP OFF YOUR SHOEBOXES

- Send your shoeboxes to the school with your students or drop them off yourselves. The school will ensure the boxes are taken to a Samaritan's Purse collection center.

- See more at: <http://www.samaritanspurse.ca/rss/operation-christmas-child/get-involved/operation-christmas-child-packing-your-shoe-boxes.aspx#sthash.XTpkHOPa.dpuf>