



## Valhalla Community School

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**September 7, 2010**

**WEEK TWO!!!**

The newsletter is available on the school website. Please note; bus cancellations are also posted on the website.

**School supplies:** We do ask that each student bring: a non-marking pair of running shoes for inside use, a back pack, a lunch kit. Please put your child's name on all their belongings.

**Resource Fee:** As a Public Charter School we do not charge tuition fees. Like other public schools, we do charge a fee for materials provided for the student's personal use. The fees charged are on a cost shared basis between the parent/guardian and the Valhalla Community School. Fees are as follows; Resource fee for Kindergarten \$75.00 per year, Grades 1 to 9 \$100 per year and textbook rental for grades 1 to 9 \$50.00 per year. A family total maximum is \$300 per family per year. Fees may be paid in installments or in cases of financial hardship a waiver may be made. Please contact the office for more information.

**Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup>** is early closing. Students will be dismissed a half hour early that day.

**Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup>** will be the **Terry Fox Run**. Let's support our students' leadership efforts as they organize and carry out their fundraisers for this worthy cause! The actual run is September 24 from **2:15 to 3:20pm**.

### **Student Fundraisers for Terry Fox:**

September 8 at 12pm the Grade 5/6 class will host a bake sale and a second look sale consisting of toys, books and movies.

September 16 at 12pm the Grade 3/4 will host a lemonade and cookie sale.

September 23 at 12pm the Grade 7/8 are hosting a concession stand(see attached order form). September 13-24 raffle draws and candy guess jars.

September 24 at 12pm the Grade 1/2 will host a fruit sale.

**Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>:** Mark your calendar! There will be an Open House here at the school beginning at 7:00pm. Come out and meet many of the school staff and the school board members. We'll put the coffee on! ☺

**Swim Program** is going to happen beginning September 27:

Grade K, 1&2, 5&6 Swim Lessons: 1-2pm Sept 27,28,29,30, Oct 4,5

Grade 3&4. 7&8 Swim Lessons: 1-2pm Oct 6,7,12,13,14,15

Busses will leave each day for swimming at 11:40am and return for regular bus departure at the end of the day. There is a \$50.00 fee for swim lessons. Please have the attached swim registration form completed and handed back into the office by September 20, if you wish your child to attend.

**Art display:** In the main entrance of the school there is an Art Display of Canadian Artists. The students can take a look at the displays and there will be prizes in December for a quiz on the artists. We will hand out the prizes at the Christmas concert.

**A few reminders:**

If your child(ren) are going to be away from school, please inform the office and the bus driver.  
If your child is going home with a friend or to a neighbor, please send a note to the bus driver and to the school.  
If your child is arriving late, or being picked up early, please sign them in or out at the office.  
If your child needs utensils for their lunch please provide them.

Students are **not to have** any **recording devices** at school or on school buses. Cell phones, cameras, video, speech recording, etc is not permitted as it may be a violation of the FOIP Act. The School Board has policy that forbids the use of a cell phone and electronic devices during school hours. If you feel your child needs a cell phone, the phone should remain in the student backpack. The school accepts **no responsibility** should the student misplace or lose their cell phone.

**Student Agenda, message for all students K to 8:** Parents are asked to initial the student agenda **each evening**, and in return, teachers will make every effort to do so each day. The agenda is an excellent way for the **home and school to communicate**. Notes regarding absence, bus travel, parent pick-up may also go in the agenda; let your child know to share your message with the teacher and office if need be.

Look for the weekly **Newsletter** on **Tuesday**. The **oldest** child will be the official carrier.

**Want to Volunteer at VCS?** – Please contact Tara Fehr @ 780.356.3527

**Kindergarten begins September 7!**

**Playschool:** Registration is Wednesday September 8 at 10:30am. Please contact Angie Tetreau at 780. 356.3500 for more information.

**Volleyball Tryouts** – Grade 5 – 8 Boys and Girls: Wednesday, Sept. 8 3:40 – 5:00pm, Friday, Sept.10 3:40 – 5:00pm, Monday, Sept. 13 3:40 – 5:00pm.

Parents please give your son or daughter permission to come to volleyball try-outs by writing a quick note in their agenda. Students must have prior written permission in order to stay and participate. Thank you! We are still looking for any parent volunteers who would be willing to help coach volleyball.

**VCS Charter Board Meetings:** School board meetings are generally held the first Tuesday of each month at the Mercantile Café in Valhalla Centre. The next meeting is September 14 @ 9:00am, and the following meeting will be October 12, also at the Café. *Parents are welcome to attend.*

**Bus Driver's Corner:**

We want to welcome all our returning students and their families back to VCS and a big welcome to students and families who are new to us this year.

Returning this year as bus drivers are Vicki, Ivy, Pat and Jason, as well as a list of sub drivers available to assist them when needed. Thank-you to all our parents for your patience as pick-up times are fine tuned and routes are finalized. Please remember to call your bus driver if your child will not be on the bus. If you need to contact your driver during their run, you can call Doug Kochendorfer, our director of transportation, on his cell @ 831-5701 or home @ 356-2114, and he can radio your driver for you. Remember to be at your pick-up spot 5 minutes before your pick-up time so our buses can stay on time.

New for this year, the VSC Charter board has had a camera and audio system installed on one bus. The unit will soon be up and running. If you have any questions please call Doug.

We hope you all have a safe, wonderful year.

## *Community News*

**Valhalla Community Library:** Alberta Art Day is Thursday, September 16 from 1-4pm in the Valhalla Community School Gymnasium. Everyone is welcome to submit crafts or artwork. Deadline for submissions is Thursday, September 16 12:30 pm; please provide your own display as space is limited. Library hours are as follows: Tuesdays 11am-5pm, Wednesdays 10am-6pm, Thursdays 11am-5pm. New members are always welcome; our memberships are free! For any information or to register for the Art Day please contact Gail Perry 780 356-3834.

**Valhalla Heritage Society:** The Valhalla Heritage Society is looking for casino volunteers. September 22 & 23. Anyone in the school community interested in helping out would be greatly appreciated. To volunteer, contact Emile Loberg (780.356.2403).

### **Valhalla Lutheran Church:**

Sunday School classes begin September 12, 2010, at Valhalla Lutheran Church. Classes start at 9:45 am for anyone ages four to adult. For more information or if you have any questions, please call Shirley Skaksen at 356-2354.

### **Attachments:**

Concession Order Form  
Swim Lesson Registration Form  
Piano Lesson Registration Form  
Bantam-Rona Bulldogs Football  
Kidsport Society of Alberta

Steve Mumert  
Principal

*“Our Mission: That students acquire the attitudes, knowledge and skills necessary for success in a rapidly changing economy; and that students develop strong ethical and civic standards, a solid commitment to their families, neighbourhood, province, country and global community.”*

