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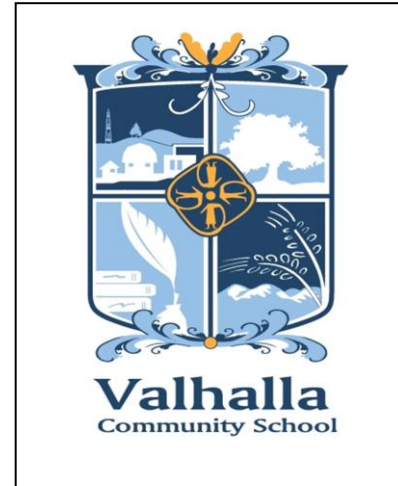
# Valhalla Community School

## Busy Evening Planned!

September 25, 2012 looks to be a busy evening at VCS. Several meetings have scheduled to occur that night, the hope being that one full evening will be easier for parents than several meetings on separate dates.

Planned are the VCS yearly "Meet the Teacher" night to run from 7-8:30 pm, a quick meeting for parents of students interested in attending next year's grade 8/9 field trip to Ottawa and Quebec (at 8 pm), and the start up meeting for this year's Parent Council (7:00pm). Parents can visit teachers, tour the school, etc. following the school council meeting.

All parents are asked to attend if at all possible. Council serves an important advisory /communication role.



*We Need Your  
Participation!!*

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### Welcome to School Council!

*A school council is a collective association of parents, teachers, students and community representatives who work together to effectively support and enhance student learning. It is a vehicle for parents to advise and consult with the principal and to advise the charter board on matters relating to the school.*

*We are hoping that you will consider lending your time and talents to our school council. Your support is important to the education of the children within our community and we know that you will find this experience rewarding.*

*There are many opportunities for involvement, in addition to attending the regular school council meetings, sitting on a short term committee or offering to share your skills with the group. We welcome your participation in any way that works for you.*

### **Please Note!!**

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

## Resource Fees

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 parent/guardian and the Valhalla Community School.

Fees are as follows:

**Resource fee** for Kindergarten: \$75/yr, Grades 1-9: \$100/yr. and **textbook rentals** for grades 1-9: \$50/yr. A family 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.

## Agendas

All K-6 students are given agendas to help organize their school activities. Parents are asked to initial the agenda **each evening**. Teachers will have homework and messages written in agendas. The agenda is an excellent way for 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.

Junior High teachers can be contacted directly by parents.

## 2013-2014 Grade 8/9 Quebec Field Trip

An organizational/information meeting will be held at VCS the same night as "Meet the Teachers" (Sept.25).

If your student will be in grade 8 or 9 NEXT year, come to this meeting. Information will be shared so families can decide if they want to participate in the trip. Fee discounts are available for early enrollment in the trip.



## Books Needed!

Our grade 7/8 class is in need of good quality, good condition used novels suitable for junior high aged readers.

If you have some well written novels with appropriate content and are willing to donate them, please contact Mrs. Steele at the school.

Thanks!

## Bus Driver's Corner:

Our drivers and I would like 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, Pat, Jason and Janelle. As well we have a list of sub drivers available to assist them when needed. Please remember to be at your pick-up spot 5 minutes before your pick-up time so our buses can stay on time. Thank-you to all our parents for your patience as pick-up times are fine tuned and routes are finalized. Please call your bus driver the night before if your child will not be on the bus.

**Please call your driver before 6:50am, all our drivers leave their homes around 7:00 am.**

**Please do not call or text your bus driver during their route.**

If you need to contact your drivers during their runs please call Doug Kochendorfer, our director of transportation, on his cell @831-5701 or home @ 356-2114, and he will radio your driver for you.

We hope you all have a safe, super year.

If you have any questions please call me anytime.

Doug Kochendorfer



## Reminders

If your child is going to be away from school, please inform the office and the bus driver. **If your child is going home with a friend or neighbour, please send a note to the bus driver and 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 lunch, please provide them.

## Volleyball Practice

There will be volleyball practices today and Thursday after school until 5:15pm. Your daughter will receive a season schedule after Thursday's practice. I would also like to hold a brief parent meeting after practice on Thursday (5:15-5:30pm). I will discuss everything from practice, game and tournament schedules to bus transportation. Please plan to attend. Lastly, remember to send a note for permission for your daughter to stay and practice. Thanks and see you Thursday after practice.

Mrs. Flint

## Terry Fox Fundraisers!

Help us raise money in Terry Fox's honor to fight cancer!

Support your children as they support each class fundraiser!

Grade 1/2 & 7/8 - The Gr 7/8 and the Gr 1/2 class will be holding a bake sale on Sept. 28, during recesses and when you return from the Terry Fox Run. Load up on sweets and get extra energy for the run! ;-D

Grade 3/4 – On Monday, September 24, 2012 the Grade 3 and 4 Class will be holding a "Bring Your Own Banana" Split sale to raise money in support of the Terry Fox Foundation. Everyone is encouraged to bring their own banana and \$3 for the ice cream and toppings to create their very own banana split OR bring \$5 and the banana will be provided with the ice cream and toppings. If you are not a banana fan, fear not! For \$3 you can buy a plain ice cream sundae with the toppings of your choice!! We hope you will help to support this worthy cause =)

Grade 5/6 – Carnival. If all goes according to plan the grade 5/6 class plans to have a class carnival for the students on Sept. 25 from 11:45 - 12:30. This will consist of a pet show,

treats, photos in costume, and games in the gym. The money is raised in conjunction with the Terry Fox campaign and all money made will go to that cause. Details to follow.

Grade 9's are running a school store called The Fox Cantina on Wednesday Sept 26 at lunch. Items are \$1 and include items such as chips, chocolate bars, pop, and gum.

## Terry Fox Run

Our school's Terry Fox Run will be held this year on September 28 from 12:30pm – 3:30pm. Grades K-2 will participate on school grounds. Grades 3-9 will be bused to RR 101, one mile west of Valhalla where they will take part in a 5K run on county and private roads. Please make sure consent forms have been returned to the school.

Parent volunteers are very welcome! If we have enough people we can use volunteers to man water stations at road intersections, have a vehicle following the students in case someone needs assistance and have adults accompanying student groups on the run itself. And of course it goes without saying that we'd love to have you join us in the run itself ☺



## Upcoming Events

Sept.21  
**First CSW Friday**  
(No school)

Sept.24  
**VCS**  
**Gd 3/4 Fundraiser – Banana Split Sale!**

Sept.25  
**VCS**  
**Gd 5/6 Fundraiser – Carnival!**

Sept.25  
**VCS, 7pm – 8:30pm**  
**Meet the Teacher/Parent Council/Field Trip**

Sept.26  
**VCS**  
**Gd 9 Fundraiser – Fox Cantina!**

Sept.26  
**VCS, 9 am**  
**VSF Charter Board Meeting**  
Parents, Visitors Welcome

Sept.28  
**VCS**  
**School Pictures**

Sept.28  
**VCS**  
**Extra Kindergarten Day**

Sept.28  
**VCS**  
**Gd 1/2, 7/8 Fundraiser – Bake Sale!**

Sept.28  
**VCS**  
**Terry Fox Run**  
Whole school run/walk for cancer

HELLO TO ALL BUDDING MUSICIANS!

IT'S TIME FOR PIANO LESSONS AGAIN.

IF YOU HAVE TAKEN PIANO LESSONS FROM ME (RHONDA KRAUSE) OR ARE INTERESTED IN TAKING LESSONS PLEASE FILL IN THIS FORM AND RETURN IT TO THE SCHOOL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THIS WILL ENABLE ME TO PLAN A SCHEDULE AND GET STARTED WITH LESSONS. I PLAN TO BEGIN THE MIDDLE OF SEPT.

STUDENTS WILL HAVE INDIVIDUAL INSTRUCTION ONCE A WEEK AND WILL BE EXPECTED TO PRACTICE THROUGHOUT THE WEEK SO A KEYBOARD OR PIANO IS A NECESSITY.

MY FEE IS \$17.00 PER LESSON PAYABLE AT THE END OF EACH MONTH.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS PLEASE CALL ME AT 780-356-2725.

I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING NEW AND RETURNING STUDENTS.

NAME OF STUDENT \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE IN SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

IF YOU ARE A NEW STUDENT PLEASE TELL ME WHAT MUSICAL TRAINING YOU'VE HAD IN THE PAST

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**( First Come first Serve )**

Wednesday September 19th

Dress Like A Pirate Day!

Students may dress up like a  
Pirate while attending normal  
classes.

Hope to see you in Piraty attire,  
**ARRRRR!!!!**

