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September 27, 2011

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# Valhalla Community School

## Busy Evening Planned!

September 27, 2011 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 5-8pm, a quick meeting for parents of students interested in attending this year's grade 8/9 field trip to Montreal (at 6:45pm), and the start up meeting for this year's Parent Council (7:30pm).

We'd love to see you here. Parent Council in particular is a really important group and we need your participation with it!



### Mural Ideas?

Have you got ideas for a new mural for our Main Entry or hallway? Would you be interested in helping design and paint it? Students are welcome to get involved!

Renovations removed the old hallway mural. We'd like to replace it with a new one. If you'd like to be involved contact Mrs. Stockman at the school!

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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!!

*Students: Don't forget to bring money on Thurs and Fri for fundraisers!!*

## Agendas

All K-9 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.

## Fun and Fundraising!

Thursday, September 22 saw a successful fundraising effort by the grade 5/6 class. Then put on a carnival with multiple activities that other students could participate in ... for a small charge of course!

### Ms Fowler Ready for Pie!



## Bus Driver's Corner:

Please remember to have your children at their pick-up spot 5 minutes before your pick-up time which helps us keep our buses on time.

Thank-you to all our parents for your patience as pick-up times are fine tuned and routes are finalized.

Call your bus driver the night before if your child will not be on the bus.

**Please remember the new distracted driving law. Do not call or text your driver while they are on their run.**

If you need to contact your driver during their run 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 are accepting applications for Spare Bus Drivers

Experience preferred, training will be provided.

Applications are available at the Valhalla Community School.

## Volunteering

We need volunteers at VCS! If you can help please contact the school or **Linda Mackay at 780.354-8504**

We're very appreciative of the volunteers who are already coming in to help out around the school!

The school is also very much in need of volunteers who have the time and interest to work in the classrooms on a regular or semi-regular basis. This work involves supervising students, helping teachers with students in class. We also need volunteers who can help students with simple computer tasks, such as logging onto user accounts, understanding computer directions, etc.

Please contact us if you can help!

## Student Assemblies etc.

At Valhalla Community School, we have a few regularly occurring events

We have a regularly scheduled early dismissal day the first Monday of each month. (We apologize that we missed printing this in last week's newsletter)

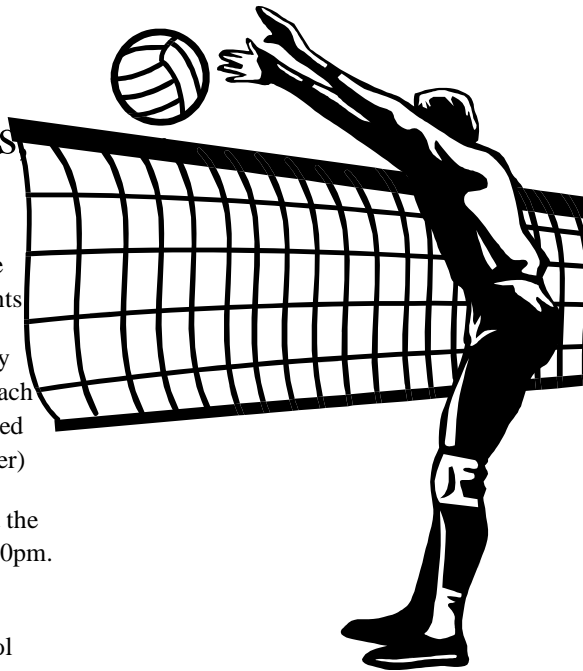
Student assemblies are usually held the first Tuesday of each month at 12:40pm. Visitors are welcome to attend.

VCS also uses a Compressed School Week calendar. This means that **in general**, every second week there is no school on Friday. However, sometimes the CSW is moved from its regular spot to a different day to accommodate a special need. For example, a couple were moved from their original date to days surrounding the May long weekend to make time for the grade 8/9 Quebec field trip this year.

CSW Fridays (no school) are shown on the monthly calendar that goes home with students, and are also on the year calendar on the school web site. Please check to confirm dates. Feel free to contact the school if you are unsure if a particular Friday is a school day or a CSW.

## Babysitting Course

If anyone is interested in Participating in a babysitting course please contact the school office. If we can receive a good response we may be able to host a course here at VCS!



## Upcoming Events

**Sept.27**  
**VCS, 5pm – 8:30pm**  
**Meet the Teacher/Parent Council/Field Trip**

**Sept.29**  
**VCS**  
**Grade 1/2 Terry Fox Fund Raiser**  
Fruit Sale

**Sept.30**  
**VCS**  
**Grade 7/8 Terry Fox Fund Raiser**  
Popcorn & a Movie (following run)

**Sept.30**  
**VCS**  
**Grade 9 Terry Fox Fund Raiser**  
PJ/Wacky Hair Day, Waffles

**Sept.30**  
**VCS**  
**Terry Fox Run**  
Whole school run/walk for cancer

**Oct.4**  
**Assembly & 4H Organizational Meeting**

**Oct.10**  
**Thanksgiving Monday**  
No School

**Oct.11**  
**School Pictures**

**Oct. 14**  
**Valhalla Viking Centre Open House**

## Community News

### Valhalla Community Library:

Library Hours: Tuesdays 11am-5pm, Wednesdays 10am-6pm, Thursdays 11am-5pm. New members always welcome; memberships are free! For any information please contact Gail Perry: 780.356.3834

Grade 1/2 Fruit Sale!  
Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>

50¢ per bag  
Please come help us  
Support Terry Fox!  
The Best Fruit  
Money Can Buy!



Congratulations to all the students who made the **Valhalla Vikings 'B' volleyball teams**. We know that you will represent our school well and make us proud!

*Note: The online edition of the VCS newsletter has omitted these student names as per Valhalla School Foundation policy.*

A special thank-you is due our volunteer coaches for the boys' team, William Moutray and Robert Robertson.

Please ask your son/daughter for a copy of the entire season's volleyball schedule. It includes all practices, games and tournaments. If you have any questions, please contact Kelli Flint at the school.

**AISI Corner:**

Remember what AISI stands for? Alberta Initiative for School Improvement! All students are now enrolled in the Raz-kids online home-reading program. Some have commented on how they're enjoying their reading. As soon as they register with their teachers to get a password, anyone can go to the [raz-kids.com](http://raz-kids.com) website and start reading to earn points in their own account. They can use their points to decorate their rockets, or teachers may have their own ideas for their points! Contact Mrs. Mumert for more info.

# The Hidden Potential

## A Neurodevelopmental Approach to Labels

This WORKSHOP is for parents and professionals who refuse to accept the lowered potential that comes with labels!

**If you have said, “I know my child is capable of so much more ...”**

- **Why can't he** learn to read, spell, run, play, write, walk, talk, follow directions....etc?
- Why are his social and behavioural abilities so different from his peers?
- Why has he lost his self-confidence? Why is he so angry, explosive and impulsive, or engaging in such unusual behaviours like spinning, flapping, etc?
- Why was my child labeled with **ADHD, Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Learning Disability, Dyslexia, Asperger, Language Disorder, Down Syndrome, etc?**
- What did I do wrong? Am I a bad parent? **What can I do to help him?** Will he always be like this? What can I do to make him more independent & prepared for life?

**...then this workshop is for you.**

**This interactive workshop will provide:** Insight, some simple program activities to help you get started and the hope for improvement.

You can increase the learning potential of gifted children, delayed children and the “normal learner.”

Children with Down Syndrome and Cerebral Palsy can be helped to reach higher function.

Drugs do not need to be the solution to hyper activity, poor focus or impaired long-term memory.

### WHEN AND WHERE

Date: Saturday, October 15, 2011

Time: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Location: Neighbourhood Resource Centre, Beaverlodge, AB

Please bring a bag lunch

By Donation: \$20 (suggested)

For more information contact: Jolene (780) 356-2114 [jdkoch@gpnet.ca](mailto:jdkoch@gpnet.ca)

### PRESENTER

**Sylvia Funk of PATHWAYS for NeuroEducational Development. Website: [www.pathways-nd.com](http://www.pathways-nd.com)**

**Sylvia is Certified by the International Christian Association of Neurodevelopmentalists and brings over 11 years of personal and professional expertise. First as a parent of a child with labels she then went on to take extensive and ongoing training in this work.**

## Attention Parents

Alberta Womens' Institute are in the process of changing Alberta Girls Club to include Alberta W.I. Youth Club. This involves both boys and girls age 6 to 16. The motto for this organization is "For Home and Country". Aims of this group are to encourage and to have fun with crafts, and home economics, to encourage the practice of public speaking, art, story Writing etc. Youth of any religious domination or ethnic heritage are welcome. There is no religion or political study at the club meetings. If you are interested in having your Children join we are looking for people to help organize. Please contact Kay Saastad 780 356 2536 or Eunice Horte 780 356 2378 or Lilian Nordhagen 780 356 2291.

***Valhalla Alberta Womens' Institute is holding their annual Fall Supper***

***October 8, 2011 at the Homestead Hall from 5:00pm to 6:30pm.***

***Admission is \$12.00 per person***

***12 and under \$8.00***

***6 and under FREE***