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Valhalla Community School

Welcome Back!

2011-2012 has begun; excitement energizes the hallways. With many new students, staff assignments, new facilities and a new grade 9 class as well, we're looking forward to a busy and rewarding year as we work together in the best school in Alberta!



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The staff ...

and their present assignments are as follows (these may change):

Reanna Stockman is K program instructor and general Teaching Assistant
Cindy Mumert is overseeing the K program & teaching grade 1/2 and French
Jennifer Leblanc is teaching the 3/4 class and 1/2 Math
Vivian Fowler is teaching grade 5/6
Margo Steuernagel joins us teaching junior high LA, SS and Options
Kelli Flint is teaching junior high Math, Sciences and PE as well as gd 3/4 PE
Judy Hauger is our speech and general Teaching Assistant
Frieda Bratland is our German instructor and a general Teaching Assistant
Shelly Dachuk is a general Teaching Assistant
Anna Odd is our Administrative Assistant
Steve Mumert is our Principal and teaching gd 9 LA, gd 1/2 PE, Science, junior high options/leadership
Jason Bratland, Vicki Leman, Pat Moutray and Janelle Trodd are our bus drivers
Jennifer White is our custodian
Ray Battochio is our school Superintendent
Jolene Kochendorfer is our school board chairperson
Mary Ann Westad is our Secretary-Treasurer
Doug Kochendorfer is our Director of Transportation

Please Note!!

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

School Supplies:

We do ask that each students 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 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. Grade 5-9 students will have to pay a \$10 **deposit for their locker lock**. The deposit will be refunded when the lock is returned at the end of the school 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-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.

Swimming:

Kindergarten and Grade 5/6 swimming lessons are on September 12-19. The pool and the school need swim forms, fees and consent forms back this week if students will be participating. Swim fees this year are \$55/student payable to Valhalla Community School

Volunteering

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

Very quickly we need help with volleyball coaching; we don't yet have boys team coaching in place. Any adults or older (high school) students interested in helping out with practices please contact Mrs. Flint at the school.

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, Pat, Jason and new with us this year is Janelle Trodd. 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 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 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, wonderful 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.