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Weekly Newsletter - Website Version

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Student Wins Big in Remembrance Day Contest

VCS Staff

Grade 8 student, Faith Nayko recently received news that a poem she wrote for last year's Legion contest had won second place at local, area and command levels. Congratulations Faith!

Terry Fox Run

Friday, September 24th 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 3:20 pm. Except in case of extreme weather, the run will go ahead rain or shine. Parents please make sure students come dressed appropriately for weather conditions.

Student Fundraisers for Terry Fox

September 23 at 12 pm, the grade 7/8 are hosting a concession stand.

September 13-24 the grade 7/8 are doing raffle draws and candy guess jars.

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

VCS Open House

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

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 best performance on a quiz on the artists. We will hand out the prizes at the Christmas concert.

Swim Program

Swimming lessons for our students will begin September 27 at the Grande Prairie Leisure Centre. Busses will leave VCS each day for swimming at 11:40am and return for regular after school bus runs at the end of the day. There is a \$50 fee for swim lessons.

Swim Dates are:

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

Kindergarten Parents Please Note

Monday, September 27, Wednesday, September 29 and Monday, October 4th are not full kindergarten days. There will be no kindergarten programming here at VCS on those mornings. Please bring your kindergarten children by 11:30am to the school those days if they will be taking swim lessons. They can ride the bus to lessons and return home as usual on the school bus.

Everyone Please note:

Due to fewer numbers of families signing up for lessons and the cost of the program, VCS is having to consider discontinuing the swim program for next year— at least at the older class levels. If you have an opinion on this issue please let us know ...

School Assemblies

Each month here at VCS, we hold a student assembly. As a rule they are held the Tuesdays following the early dismissal Mondays. We celebrate birthdays, deal with school business, give announcements, etc. We're also beginning to incorporate some student performances or activities as well. Assemblies are generally fairly short and begin at 12:40pm, shortly after the students' noon recess.

If you are a parent or relative of one or more of our students, or an interested community member, please accept our invitation to join us for these assemblies. You are most welcome.

(It may be a good idea to phone in the day ahead just to make sure the assembly time is as usual)

Valhalla School Parent Council

The Annual General Meeting for the Valhalla School Parent Council will be held on September 21, beginning at 7pm in the school gym. We will be electing a vice president to make this group operational. If you have a child attending VCS, you are a member of the School Council. We hope to see you there; the coffee pot will be on!

VCS Charter Board Meetings

VCS charter board meetings are generally held the second Tuesday of each month at the Mercantile Café in Valhalla Centre. The next meeting will be October 12 at 9:00am. Parents are welcome to attend.

VolleyBall Times

Volleyball practices will be held on Tuesday, September 21 and Thursday, September 23 after school. A schedule of volleyball practices and games will be coming out as soon as possible.

Want to Volunteer at VCS??

Please contact Tara Fehr @ 780.356.3527

We currently need volunteers to water trees once a week (on weekends), to mulch the new trees and to stake five larger trees that were moved and replanted. Contact Steve Mumert for details.

Thank You!!

A huge thanks to Mr. Pete Tofteland for his generous donation of time, trees and equipment. Mr. Tofteland supplied and planted 15 beautiful new spruce trees on our school grounds and moved several older trees to improve their growth and appearance.

VCS is very grateful for the support of our community and volunteers!

Charter Schools: What are we about?

Every charter school must have a unique focus. With this unique focus, charter schools impact the education system by "testing out" new innovations in education for future use in interested regular public schools.

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

Valhalla Heritage Society:

VHS is looking for casino volunteers for September 22 & 23. Anyone in the school community interested in helping out would be greatly appreciated. To volunteer, contact Emile Loberg: 780.356.2403

LaGlace Ceramics:

The LaGlace ceramic shop will be starting up on Tuesday, September 21. Hours of operation are Tuesdays 9am-3:30pm, 6pm-9:30pm, Wednesdays 6pm-9:30pm. Everyone is welcome! Contact Leona Farnsworth for more information: 780.568.2116

Upcoming Events

September 21, 2010

7pm, VCS Gym

Valhalla Parent Council AGM

Hear what's going on. Add your voice to the discussion.

September 22, 23, 2010

Valhalla Heritage Society Casino

Come volunteer. Help support our school and community!

September 23, 2010

12pm, VCS

Grade 7/8 concession stand

Selling pre ordered pizza, juices, snacks

September 24, 2010

12pm, VCS

Grade 1/2 Fruit sale, 7/8 Raffle

Selling fresh fruit! 7/8 raffle draws and candy guess jars

September 24, 2010

2:15-3:20pm, VCS and community

Terry Fox Run

We need adults to help supervise. Come run with us!

September 28, 2010

7pm, VCS

School Open House

Come meet the staff and board members

October 11, 2010

Thanksgiving

October 12, 2010

9am, Mercantile Cafe

Charter Board Meeting

Parents Welcome