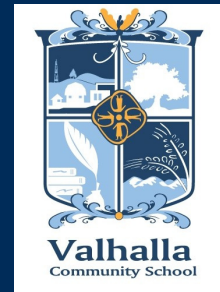


# VALHALLA COMMUNITY SCHOOL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**APRIL 2026**



Spring is here... we  
hope...

April has arrived, bringing a slightly quieter pace to our school as we transition into the heart of spring. With swimming lessons wrapping up, students and staff will be settling back into regular routines and focusing on classroom learning and upcoming activities after the spring break.

Spring Break will take place April 3-12, offering students and families a well-deserved opportunity to rest, recharge, and spend time together. We hope everyone enjoys a safe and relaxing break.

Parent-Teacher Interviews are scheduled for April 2nd. This is an important opportunity to connect, discuss student progress, and celebrate successes. We encourage all families to attend and take part in these valuable conversations. Please call the office if you would like to book a time.

Registration for the 26/27 school year is open! Registration forms went home at the beginning of March, please send them back to the office!

As the weather begins to warm and days grow longer, we look forward to a positive and productive month ahead at Valhalla School.

## Key Dates To Remember

- April 3- Spring Break Begins
- April 13- First Day Back
- April 13- Early Dismissal
- April 17- Hot Lunch
- April 17- Book Character Day
- April 20- Board Meeting 6:30pm
- April 21- Parent Council Meeting 6:30
- April 24- CSW

### **FACT:**

Attendance is the  
#1 predictor of dropout  
& graduation rates



# Registration for the 2026-2027 School Year is Open!

Valhalla Community School is more than a school—it's a community built on values, relationships, and belonging. We partner closely with families to create leadership learning experiences that honour student voice, strengths, and growth.

If you're looking for a public school where your child is known, supported, and set up to thrive, we welcome you!

Learn more and register today at <https://valhallacommunityschool.ca>



## VALHALLA COMMUNITY SCHOOL



FIELD TRIPS

ENVIRONMENTAL  
STEWARDSHIP

**Choose the Charter Difference.**  
**Where Community Engagement Shapes**  
**Meaningful Learning.**

**Kindergarten to Grade 9**

**CHARACTER  
BUILDING**

**BUSSING  
AVAILABLE**

**EXCELLENT  
STAFF TO  
STUDENT RATIO**

### **Charter Differences**

- ✓ Confidence in Public Speaking
- ✓ Environmental Stewardship
- ✓ Reading Mastery
- ✓ Entrepreneurship
- ✓ Outdoor Education
- ✓ Volunteerism

### **Valhalla Community Charter School**

9702-100 Ave. Valhalla Center, AB

### **Registration Information:**

780-356-2370 or

[reception@valhallacommunityschool.ca](mailto:reception@valhallacommunityschool.ca)

# Moving our Education Plan to Action

## Priority # 3- Charter Goals

We are so proud of our students who shared their speeches at Speech Night!

Public speaking can be scary—even for adults—but our students showed courage, confidence, and hard work as they stood in front of their peers and community. Each speaker did an incredible job, and it was inspiring to see their voices and ideas come to life.

Opportunities like this are part of the charter difference—encouraging students to challenge themselves, grow in confidence, and develop skills that will serve them for a lifetime.



# Moving our Education Plan to Action

## Priority # 2 - Excellent Teachers & Leaders



Valhalla Community School is steadfastly committed to its second priority of fostering excellent teachers and leaders, and this dedication is clearly demonstrated through its structured professional development initiatives. On the first Monday of every month, students benefit from an early dismissal to allow teachers to participate in a focused one-hour session with the Alberta Professional Learning Consortium. During these sessions, teachers collaboratively engage in the process of new curriculum implementation, exchanging insights and strategies to enhance instructional effectiveness. This targeted professional development not only enriches teachers' instructional practices but also empowers them with the tools and knowledge to lead their classrooms with innovation and confidence, ultimately benefiting the students and the broader school community.

## Priority # 3- Charter Goals

We are thrilled to share how our junior high students are embodying the core goals of our charter through various leadership initiatives. One exciting development is their active role in morning announcements, allowing them to hone their public speaking skills and take charge of daily communication within the school.

In addition, our students have embarked on student-led research meetings, a platform where their innovative ideas and collaborative spirit truly shine. This initiative not only fosters critical thinking but also empowers them to take ownership of their learning.

Furthermore, in partnership with the Beaverlodge Blades hockey team, our students engage in volunteering opportunities by assisting with ticket sales and security at home games. These experiences not only enhance their leadership skills but also strengthen their connection with the community. We are immensely proud of our students for stepping up and making a positive impact both within our school and beyond.

# UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Community Powwow Practice & Youth Groups in Hythe!

Join at the Hythe Community Centre for fun, connection, and movement this season.

Powow Practive- Select Tuesdays 5-7PM

Youth Groups (Ages 10-15)- Select Tuesdays 3:30-5:30PM

Open to All!

Register at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc-sHn1KVw-Vz5QfMvjFxFxWoo4a3PCoqqYlqxbzPNlot7jmNNQ/viewform>

Questions? Email: [teenhealthyr@gmail.com](mailto:teenhealthyr@gmail.com)



## Youth Groups

Held select Tuesdays at Hythe Community Centre  
3:30-5:30 PM

Separate groups for young women  
& young men

Dates for each group in registration



**About**

- \* Open to Indigenous & non-Indigenous
- \* 2SLGBTQ+ Welcome 
- \* Snacks provided

**Contact**

Monique   
[Teenhealthyr@gmail.com](mailto:Teenhealthyr@gmail.com)

Scan QR code  register 



## Drop-in

### Community Powwow Practice

held in the gym at Hythe Community Centre

Select Tuesdays 5-7pm

Nov 25 . Dec 19 Jan 20. Feb 17. March 17.  
April 21. May 26



Open to everyone of all ages, abilities & backgrounds. Children 12 and under must have supervision of someone 16+

# UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

**TEEN SKILL** *For Teens Ages 13 - 18*

## MASK PAINTING

Exploring Emotions Through Art

Presented by: Gryphon & Phoenix Youth Program

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2026

4PM-6PM

NUVISTA ENERGY CENTER

**FREE!**



Everyone has emotions—just like everyone has thoughts. And while we're often taught to label some feelings as "bad" or "too much," emotions aren't the enemy. They're your body's built-in alarm system, letting you know when something matters, when something hurts, when something needs attention.

In this teen mask-painting session, we'll explore the feelings we show to the world... and the ones we keep tucked away. Using a mask as our canvas, teens will create two sides: the "outside face" people usually see, and the "inside face" that holds what's often hidden. It's creative, hands-on, and a low-pressure way to reflect, express, and start conversations—without having to find the perfect words.

Perfect for teens, and reassuring for parents: this is about understanding emotions, not judging them!

***Pizza dinner & refreshments included!***

Pre-Register by April 3 by calling 780-354-4057 or email [rstockman@beaverlodge.ca](mailto:rstockman@beaverlodge.ca)



**Resource Centre**  
FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION

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## LEVEL UP: *TEEN LIFE SKILLS*

**THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026**

**4pm-6:30pm @ NuVista Energy Center**

Level up your money skills, health habits, and confidence. Learn real-world skills to help you feel more confident, capable, and prepared for everyday life.

### **FEATURED SESSIONS:**

#### **Banking 101 with ATB Financial**

- Banking basics
- Saving and investing
- Credit and loans
- Fraud prevention and scam awareness

#### **Oral Health Tips with Dentistry on 43**

- Brushing and flossing techniques
- Preventing cavities and gum disease
- Healthy habits for a strong smile
- Nutrition and oral health


#### **Self-Defense Session with Engage Athletic Performance**

- Build confidence
- Learn practical safety skills
- Gain techniques for everyday situations

**FREE!**



**PRE REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY  
APRIL 13, 2026**

780-354-4057 

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