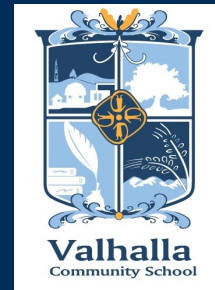


VALHALLA COMMUNITY SCHOOL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

MAY 2026



May is Here: Warmer
Days and Full Schedules

As we move into the month of May, it's wonderful to finally feel the arrival of warmer weather and longer days.

With a calendar full of events, learning opportunities, and celebrations, students and staff will be engaged in a wide range of experiences both inside and outside the classroom. The pace certainly picks up this month, and we're excited to make the most of every moment.

One of the highlights this month is Spring Sing. This special event is always a favorite, giving students the opportunity to showcase their talents, creativity, and confidence. It's a great celebration of student voice and a chance for our community to come together and support their efforts. We look forward to seeing so many of our students shine on stage.

We'd also like to remind families that registration is now open for the 2026–2027 school year. We encourage you to complete your registration early to help us with planning for classes and programs in the coming year.

Thank you for your continued support, and we hope you enjoy all that May has to offer!

Key Dates To Remember

- May 1- CSW
- May 4- Early Dismissal 2:30pm
- May 8- Spring Sign- 1PM
- May 8- Hot lunch/ Star Wars day
- May 11- Mothers Day Tea
- May 12- Gr 5/6 Walk thru the forest
- May 14- Highway Cleanup
- May 15- CSW
- May 20- Parent Council Meeting 6:30
- May 21- Grade 9 Part A LA PAT
- May 22- Grade 6 Part A LA PAT
- May 23- Bottle/ Battery Drive
- May 25- Board Meeting 6:30pm
- May 27- C.A.R.E Grade 9's
- May 29- CSW

FACT:

Attendance is the
#1 predictor of dropout
& graduation rates



Registration for the 2026-2027 School Year is Open!

Please Return Registration forms to the office!

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



Valhalla
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

For more information

- 780-538-2820
- info@buildingtomorrowtoday.com

VALHALLA COMMUNITY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP 2026

Scholarship is open to all students who completed grade 9 at Valhalla Community School and plan to attend post secondary school.



APPLY NOW!



<https://nafgives.com/studentawards/>

- Scan the code
- New users create an account with the Community Foundation of Northwest Alberta
- Start applying

ABOUT US

We believe in volunteerism, a strong work ethic, civic engagement and entrepreneurship.

We aim for our students to become well educated and engaged citizens, with strong civic, ethical and democratic standards.

We aim to instill a readiness for leadership by equipping students with both knowledge and skills necessary for success in the communities they serve in this rapidly changing economy.

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



Youth Mentorship Programs

Girls groups held Feb 3, March 3,
April 7, May 12
Boys group held Feb 10, March 10,
April 14, May 19

1 Tuesday per month
3:30-5:30

Scan QR to register

Open to ages 10-14
Make new connections
Have fun, while learning
Snacks provided
Free



for more info
Contact **Monique**
Teenhealthyr@gmail.com



GPFC POWWOW DANCE PRACTICE

Open to Everyone
all ages
abilities 
or backgrounds
who are open to learning



When:
1 Tuesday per month
Feb 17
March 17
April 21
May 26
Time: 5-7 PM
Location:
Hythe Community
Centre gym
*Drop in *



Fancy Dancer
Inti Burnham to teach men's styles

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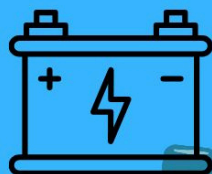
**Valhalla Community
Charter School**

Bottle & Battery Drive



**Saturday
May 23**

10:00am-4:00pm



Can't Make It Out?

Drop off your bottles for us
in Hythe! 😊 Donations can
be made at the Hythe
Bottle Depot under the
Valhalla Community
School.

**Parent Council will
also have 5\$ BBQ
Burgers & Iced
Tea for sale!**



CANADA DAY

VOLUNTEERS

REQUIRED

BY THE VALHALLA

HERITAGE SOCIETY

PLEASE CALL
BRANDIE SKAKSEN

 **780-933-3400**



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