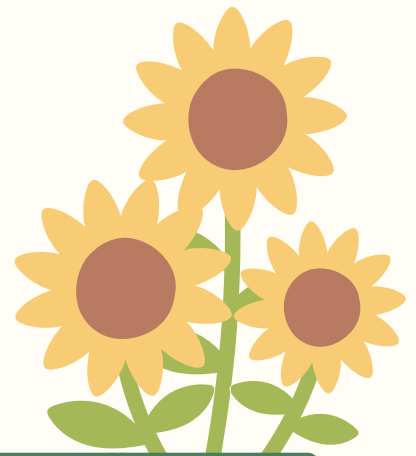


VALHALLA NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2026 |



Welcome Back

What a busy September it has been! As we settle into the school year, we want to take a moment to thank all of our families for helping make the start of the year such a positive one.

We are looking forward to the beautiful fall season ahead and all the learning, growing, and memories it will bring. Most of all, we are thankful for our wonderful students, supportive families, and dedicated staff who make our school such a special place to be.

Thank you for being part of our school community. We wish everyone a happy and wonderful fall season!



Reminders

Chip Orders are due on Oct 5

Apple Orders will be available for pick up on Oct 7

We raised \$1,135.00 for the Terry Fox Run! Thank you so much!!

Upcoming Events

- Oct 2- Kindergarten Starts Fridays
- Oct 5- Early Dismissal 2:30pm
- Oct 9- No School
- Oct 12- No School
- Oct 23- CSW
- Oct 30- Halloween

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STUDENT GROWTH AND **ACHIEVEMENT**

Numeracy & Literacy Update – Grades 1–5

Students in Grades 1–5 have been busy working on their Numeracy and Literacy skills! In Numeracy, we are focusing on number sense skills, while also working on relationships between numbers. In Literacy, students are completing assessments to help us see where they are sitting after the summer break.

Alberta Education assessments are currently underway, along with school-based testing. Results are due to Alberta Education by October 9th. Parents will receive their child's assessment results sometime after October 9th.

Thank you for supporting your child's learning as we get the school year off to a great start!

EXCELLENT TEACHERS, **LEADERS AND GOVERNANCE**

Teachers participated in professional development that focused on developing assessment-capable learners by breaking down curriculum outcomes into clear, student-friendly learning goals and success criteria. Teachers explored how to use these components to help students understand what they are learning, monitor their progress, and take greater ownership of their learning.

Specialized Supports at VCS

We are proud to offer a variety of specialized supports to help our students succeed. Miss Lewis, our Inclusive Learning Lead, works with staff, families, and our support team to meet individual student needs. Our school has access to a Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP), Occupational Therapist (OT), Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH) support, Counsellor, and Psychologist. Together, we work to ensure every student feels supported and has the opportunity to thrive.

OUR CHARTER

Student Led Research Jr High

In Student Led Research we have begun the year by getting ready for our Speed Interview session on Oct. 21. Students are practicing writing open-ended questions and interviewing their classmates. Several of our students will be completing their projects from last year while others will begin new projects with new groups.

Volunteers

Our students have been busy phoning parents to recruit volunteers for our upcoming Blades games! 🏒 We are so grateful for the amazing support from our school families and community.

WHY ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY ARE IMPORTANT

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Missing school can mean missing out on key learning, friendships, and routines,

BEING ON TIME SETS THE TONE

Arriving late can disrupt your child's learning and the class.

GOOD HABITS START EARLY

Regular attendance and punctuality help build responsibility and resilience.



DID YOU KNOW?

A child who misses just **ONE DAY** **A WEEK** loses over **6 WEEKS** of learning in a school year.

Being 10 **MINUTES LATE** every day adds up to over **30 HOURS** of lost learning each year.



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