



# Valhalla Community School

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January 17, 2017

## Speech Competitions Coming!

Students in all grades are beginning to prepare for the VCS annual speech competition. The competition will be held on February 24, 2017.

Preliminary competition will be held during school hours in class. Winners in each competition level will advance to a finals speak-off which will be held on the evening of February 24.

Thank you to those who have volunteered to help.

All students will do an age appropriate public speaking activity in class. The best of these will present their efforts at the Feb.24 evening event.

While students will be given some time in school to work on their written and impromptu speeches, they will need to spend some time at home working on them as well to achieve their best effort.

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### Accountability Pillar Surveys

Every year Alberta Education seeks information from students, teachers and parents about how their education experience is going. This is done through surveys. Students and teachers participate in on-line surveys at school.

The parent survey is scheduled to be fielded in January. So please check your mail-boxes. These surveys are mailed from Alberta Education and returned directly to Alberta Education. The parent survey in small schools (fewer than 120 students in grades 4-12) includes parents of all students in grades 4 and above.

The more parents who participate in the survey, the more accurate the information is, so we encourage parents to complete and return the surveys as soon as possible once they've been received.

If you are not certain about some of the questions on the survey please contact the school and we can help inform you what we are doing here at the school.

### Valentines Day February 14th

We are doing a Mr. and Mrs. Irresistible contest. Each student will be given hearts in the morning, boys will get blue hearts and girls will get pink. The goal is to collect as many hearts as possible of the opposite gender by not talking to them, if you talk to them you lose your heart. The contest begins 9am and ends at 2pm. A prize will be awarded to Mr. and Mrs Irresistible. From 2:15 to 3:30 there is a soc hop in the gym with spot dances with prizes. There is a \$1. 00 entry fee for the dance. Any student that does not participate in the dance will be in the classroom. Please wear pink or red this day to show your school spirit.

## School Spirit Days

Upcoming school spirit days are:

Wed. Jan. 25 - Star Wars Day

Wed. Feb. 8 - Twin Day

Wed. Feb. 22 - Anime/Favorite Movie Character Day

Wed. Mar. 8 - Nerd Day

Dress up and show your school spirit. Every time a student participates in a school spirit day their name is entered to win a grand prize of gift cards movie passes and candy valued at \$100 . The winner is announced at our year end assembly.

## Upcoming Events

**January 20**

**CSW—no school**

**January 25**

**Star Wars Day**

**February 2**

**Nitehawk Ski Trip**

**February 6-10**

**Missoula Theatre**

**February 24**

**VCS public Speaking Competition**

### Student Meeting Attendance.

The term 2 student council students will be attending a Valhalla School Foundation Board meeting on January 26, 2017 @ 6pm. Attending the VSF Board meeting will be in place of attending the School Council meeting. We ask that the term 1 student council students that missed their meeting in October attend this meeting as well.

Valhalla Community Library

The Valhalla Community Library is looking for your feedback about their services. Please complete the attached survey and return it to the Library.

## CHARTER SCHOOL EVALUATION

During the 2015-2016 school year, Alberta Education undertook a thorough evaluation of our charter school. The results of the evaluation were very satisfactory, and we also received some great recommendations.

### Highlights of the Evaluation

We were very pleased to receive six *Commendations* for:

*Our Rural Leadership Program*

*Stakeholder Support for the School*

*Stewardship of our Finances*

*Strong Community Support of the School*

*Governance and Leadership*

*Administrative Leadership and Communication*

### Recommendations

We also received a number of recommendations as we move towards applying for renewal of our charter in 2017:

*Update the charter in alignment with Alberta Education initiatives.*

*Strengthen the research component of the school and develop research partnerships.*

*Enhance the sharing of best practices with the educational community.*

*Develop enhanced assessment practices for the rural leadership program.*

## Nitehawk Ski Trip

Our Nitehawk Ski trip for students grade 3 to 9 is planned for Thursday, February 2nd. We will leave the school as soon as attendance has been taken. If you have snowboards, skis or boots that need to be transported to the ski hill, parents must transport to the school the day before. No equipment is allowed to be transported on the school buses for safety reasons. All equipment will have to be picked up by parents after the trip as the student can not take them home with them on the bus. There will be a cash concession at Nitehawk for those that choose to use it. Contact Anna at the school office if you have any questions or need to make arrangements for equipment. All forms and fees need to be returned to the school office by January 27th. We hope all students grade 3-9 take advantage of this fun activity to learn to ski or snowboard. If your child does not attend this trip February 2nd, attendance at school is expected.

# MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATRE

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Missoula Children's Theatre is coming to VCS! They will be here from February 6-10, 2017 all the way from Missoula Montana. Students from Grades K to 9 will participate in a Treasure Island themed play. We will have an afternoon and evening performance on Friday, February 10th. The school is going to begin fundraising to help fund this opportunity for our students. We are in need of a home stay for 2 from February 5-10. If anyone is interested in helping supporting this program please contact the school. We hope family, friends and community members can come and enjoy. Mark your calendars!

## PE News!

PE classes will be doing a skating unit (K-9) in February. Dates for skating will be Feb 13, 14, 15, 16, 2017. This is a mandatory unit for all students to participate in. Students will need to bring skates and a helmet (any kind of helmet will do) for all sessions. The school has some extra hockey helmets but no skates. If your son/daughter does not have skates, please try to beg, borrow or buy some. We will also need parent helpers to volunteer to help tie skates. Please have the consent forms and \$5 fee per student returned to the office by Friday, February 10th.

## The Valhalla Rec Centre is open!!

The rink has been flooded and public skating is available. Memberships are \$70 per family (immediate members only) and can be purchased from Gail at the library. Public skating is open to all members 24/7 except during private rental times.

Private Rentals: Rent the arena for a family fun skate, birthday party or corporate event! \$50 for 2 hours and \$25/hr after that. Email [valhallarc@outlook.com](mailto:valhallarc@outlook.com) for more information or to book the space.

Like us on **Facebook!** Keep up to date on Valhalla Rec Centre upcoming events and private rentals. Search **Valhalla Rec Centre** and click on like to stay connected!

Renovations: We are very excited to be doing some much needed renovations and upgrades to the building! This winter we will be adding a lounge/kitchen area and Zamboni room. We will do our best to keep the facility open during the renovation and will keep members updated throughout the process.

**Contact Us:** email [valhallarc@outlook.com](mailto:valhallarc@outlook.com) or drop by the Valhalla Community Library for membership inquiries.

# House League Update

## Vikings

**Point Standings for January 17**

**169 Points**

## Icemen

**Point Standings for January 17**

**139 Points**

## Nordics

**Point Standings for January 17**

**163 Points**

## Trollsmen

**Point Standings for January 17**

**130 Points**