

April 5, 2011

# Valhalla Community School

## Up and Coming Artists!

Grade 1 and 2

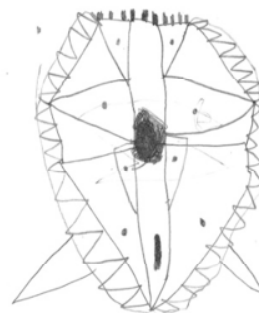


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### Attachments:

Intent to Re-register

## OF NOTE!

- It's time to think about next year already. To help us with planning for next year we need an idea of numbers of students who may be registering. Please fill out and return the attached form as soon as you can.
- April 21 at 1pm we will have an Easter celebration combined with a talent show for Spring Fling. Students can take part in only 1 performance and must have selection approved.
- VCS will be serving as our area's federal election polling station on May 2.

## Badminton News

Badminton season continues on with great student participation! Practices as usual Tuesday and Thursday this week.

Events as now scheduled are as follows:

**April 13:** 3:15pm – 7pm Tournament at Beaverlodge High School.

**April 20:** Badminton Districts at Harry Balfour and Peace Wapiti Academy in pm. (time TBA)

**May 7:** Zone playoffs in Grimshaw if we win at District level.

### **Don't Forget!**

*Chocolate Fundraising orders are due on April 6*

*Please make every effort to maximize sales ... all sales help 2012 Grade 8/9 Field Trip!*



## Skating Update

Skating continues *this week* as long as ice remains and our trail doesn't get impassable!

Gd. K, 1, 2: Tuesday, Thursday, 12:10 – 1:40pm.

Gd. 3, 4: Wednesday, Friday, 1:10 – 2:10pm.

Gd. 5, 6: Wednesday, Friday, 2:30 – 3:30pm

Please make every effort to supply skates and helmets for your child(ren).

**Rubber boots are now necessary to walk to the arena!**

## “Charter Bits”

*UNIQUE ELEMENTS OF VALHALLA COMMUNITY SCHOOL excerpt from VCS Charter Documents*

*4. VCS philosophically embraces challenges. Multi-grade classrooms are necessary in most rural schools and often seen as an educational challenge, however, Valhalla Community School views these groupings as an asset allowing students to review or preview the learning from the other grade levels in the room. One of the main tools to make this challenge a success is an emphasis on whole-group, teacher-directed instructional methods. In so doing, students are first presented with a foundation of clear learning objectives from which to independently practice and extend their learning while the other group is taught.*



### Recess and Utensils

#### *Please note:*

At the March staff meeting it was decided to change the order of events at recess times.

Beginning March 14, students will have their recess snack times **at the end** of recess breaks rather than at the beginning. For morning and afternoon recesses students will go immediately out for recess. When they come inside they will get their 5 minute snack time before classes begin. Noon recess will remain unchanged.

Morning recess time: 10:00am - 10:15am, snack time: 10:15am - 10:20 am.

Afternoon recess time: 2:10pm - 2:25pm, snack time: 2:25pm - 2:30 pm.

The hope is this will make recess breaks work more smoothly and efficiently.

Also please note: students must bring their own eating utensils to school if they need them for lunch. The school does not supply these items. Please limit microwaveable lunches; students do not have enough time to heat and eat!

Thanks.

## Upcoming Events

April 20, 2011

VCS

**Kindergarten Registration and Information Night**

Come visit the teacher and find out about the Kindergarten program.

April 21, 2011

1pm, VCS

**Easter Celebration/Spring Fling**

Visitors welcome!

April 29, 30, 2011

**Fri. 4-8pm, Sat. 10am-2pm, VCS Gym  
Garage Sale Fund Raiser**

Help support next year's Grade 8/9 Field Trip!

May 2, 2011

VCS Gym

**Elections Canada Polling Stations**

Come to the school to cast your vote.

### Please Note!

With warmer weather, our schoolyard is a very wet place! All students need to have waterproof boots to wear outside until the yard dries.

Splash pants and a change of clothes in case of falling would also be a very good idea!

### Need Math Help??

*Mrs. Flint will be available to offer students extra help with Math on Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunch. This would be a great opportunity for some one-on-one instruction and help to get those corrections caught up and complete.*