



## Valhalla Community School

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**August 31, 2010**

**WELCOME BACK!!!**

The newsletter is available on the school website. Please note; bus cancellations are also posted on the website.

**2010-2011 has begun;** the hall is a buzz of excitement. We have several new staff members this year and a new grade 8 class as well. We're looking forward to a busy and exciting year as we work together to continue the best school in Alberta!

**The staff** and their present assignments are as follows (these may change):

Kerri Kjemhus is teaching the K program & overseeing the German program

Cindy Mumert is teaching the grade 1 & 2 class along with French & Music

Jennifer LeBlanc is teaching the 3/4 class, 5/6 computers, 7/8 Social Studies

Vivian Fowler is teaching grade 5 & 6 and our PE program gr. 3 to 8

Kelli Flint is teaching 7/8 math and science, 5/6 science and grade 1/2 math, science, PE

Judy Hauger is our speech and general Teaching assistant

Frieda Bratland is our German instructor and general Teaching Assistant

Reanna Stockman is our returning general Teaching Assistant

Shelley Dachuk is our new general Teaching Assistant

Anna Odd is our Administrative Assistant

Steve Mumert is our Principal and teaching 7/8 LA, computers, music and leadership

Jason Bratland, Vicki Leman, Ivy Lumley and Pat Moutray are our bus drivers

Freddi Bromling is our school Superintendent

Mary Ann Westad is our Secretary-Treasurer

Doug Kochendorfer is our Director of Transportation

**School supplies:** We do ask that each student bring: a non-marking pair of running shoes for inside use, a back pack, a lunch kit. Please put your child's name on all their belongings.

**Resource Fee:** As a Public Charter School we do not charge tuition fees. Like other public schools, we do charge a fee for materials provided for the student's personal use. The fees charged are on a cost shared basis between the parent/guardian and the Valhalla Community School. Fees are as follows; Resource fee for Kindergarten \$75.00 per year, Grades 1 to 9 \$100 per year and textbook rental for grades 1 to 9 \$50.00 per year. A family total maximum is \$300 per family per year. Fees may be paid in installments or in cases of financial hardship a waiver may be made. Please contact the office for more information.

**Over...**

**Terry Fox Fundraiser:** To support Terry Fox this year each class will be holding their own fundraiser. September 8 at 12pm the Grade 5/6 class will host a bake sale and a second look sale consisting of toys, books and movies.

September 16 at 12pm the Grade 3/4 will host a lemonade and cookie sale.

September 23 at 12pm the Grade 7/8 are hosting a concession stand. September 13-24 raffle draws and candy guess jars.

September 24 at 12pm the Grade 1/2 will host a fruit sale.

**Art display:** In the main entrance of the school there is an Art Display of Canadian Artists. The students can take a look at the displays and there will be prizes in December for a quiz on the artists. We will hand out the prizes at the Christmas concert.

**A few reminders:**

If your child(ren) are going to be away from school, please inform the office and the bus driver.

If your child is going home with a friend or to a neighbor, please send a note to the bus driver and to the school.

If your child is arriving late, or being picked up early, please sign them in or out at the office.

If your child needs utensils for their lunch please provide them.

**Student Agenda, message for all students K to 8:** Parents are asked to initial the student agenda **each evening**, and in return, teachers will make every effort to do so each day. The agenda is an excellent way for the **home and school to communicate**. Notes regarding absence, bus travel, parent pick-up may also go in the agenda; let your child know to share your message with the teacher and office if need be.

Look for the weekly **Newsletter** on **Tuesday**. The **oldest** child will be the official carrier.

**Want to Volunteer at VCS?** – Please contact Tara Fehr @ 780.356.3527

**Kindergarten Orientation:** Thursday, September 2 from 1-3pm is kindergarten and bus orientation. Please bring your kindergarten student and meet the teacher!

**Playschool:** Registration is Wednesday September 8 at 10:30am. Please contact Angie Tetreau at 780 356-3500 for more information.

**Valhalla Athletics Program** – We will be expanding on our after school extra-curricular sports program from last year. We are hoping to have enough interest to field both a boys and girls team to compete in volleyball, basketball and badminton. This will be open to all students in grade 5 – 8 and teams will be selected on a try-out basis. Stay tuned for more information to follow. ***In order to make this a reality we are looking for any parents who would be interested in helping out with some coaching.*** If you could help out please contact the office, Ms. Fowler or Mrs. Flint at the school. ☺

Over...

**Bus Driver's Corner:**

We want to welcome all our returning students and their families back to VCS and a big welcome to students and families who are new to us this year.

Returning this year as bus drivers are Vicki, Ivy, Pat and Jason, as well as a list of sub drivers available to assist them when needed. Thank-you to all our parents for your patience as pick-up times are fine tuned and routes are finalized. Please remember to call your bus driver if your child will not be on the bus. If you need to contact your driver during their run, you can call Doug Kochendorfer, our director of transportation, on his cell @ 831-5701 or home @ 356-2114, and he can radio your driver for you. Remember to be at your pick-up spot 5 minutes before your pick-up time so our buses can stay on time.

New for this year, the VSC Charter board has had a camera and audio system installed on one bus. The unit will soon be up and running. If you have any questions please call Doug.

We hope you all have a safe, wonderful year.

*Community News*

**Valhalla Community Library:** Alberta Art Day is Thursday, September 16 from 1-4pm in the Valhalla Community School Gymnasium. Everyone is welcome to submit crafts or artwork. Deadline for submissions is Thursday, September 16 12:30 pm; please provide your own display as space is limited. Library hours are as follows: Tuesdays 11am-5pm, Wednesdays 10am-6pm, Thursdays 11am-5pm. New members are always welcome; our memberships are free! For any information or to register for the Art Day please contact Gail Perry 780 356-3834.

**Valhalla Lutheran Church:**

Sunday School classes begin September 12, 2010, at Valhalla Lutheran Church. Classes start at 9:45 am for anyone ages four to adult. For more information or if you have any questions, please call Shirley Skaksen at 356-2354.

**Attachments:**

Principal's Letter  
2010-2011 year calendar;  
September and October monthly calendar.  
Satin Slippers Dance notice

Steve Mumert  
Principal

August 31, 2010

Dear Students, Parents, Faculty, and Staff:

Welcome back! I hope you all had a fine vacation and are looking forward with enthusiasm to the new school year.

As a newly appointed principal it seemed appropriate to write just a few words of introduction as the new year gets underway. I am excited that the Charter Board has chosen me for this position, and I accept it with pride and gratitude. I would like the board members and the school community to know how honored I am to receive this challenging new assignment. Be assured that I will do my best to repay your trust with capable and dedicated service.

Every year we invite our parents—indeed, urge them—to volunteer at the school. There are many tasks that volunteers can perform. If you are interested in helping out, please contact the school office (780.356.2370) or Ms. Tara Fehr (780.356.3527) who will be acting as a volunteer coordinator for the school this year. I want to personally extend an invitation to parents, volunteers and community members to feel welcome in our school. If you have any questions or concerns don't hesitate to come in or contact the school.

If you would like to discuss anything with me please give me a call to arrange a good time. This year I'm in the classroom every morning until 10:15am and then again at various times throughout the day. I'd be pleased to set aside a time to meet with you. If you are unable to come in during the school day, but do need to talk please feel free to call me at my home (780.356.2400).

Our goal is to provide all students with the opportunity to excel in academics, athletics, and leadership skills so that they may become positive, contributing members of our school and community. Here at Valhalla Community School we feel fortunate to have the support of a tremendous community and we really believe that ... *"It takes a community to educate a child."*

I look forward to working with you this school year. Let's make it the best one ever!

Steve Mumert

Principal, Valhalla Community School

# *Satin Slippers*

## Dance Registration

September 7, 2010

Basement of Beaverlodge Community Centre

We offer classes in Ballet, Jazz, Hip Hop, Modern, Tap,  
Lyrical, 3 & 4 year old Preschool combo and Boot  
Camp

Classes available for 3 year olds to Adults

Questions please contact the studio at

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780-518-2341

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