



Valhalla Community School

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School News!

The newsletter is available on the Valhalla Community School website.

The **March Calendar** will go home on **Thursday**, please watch for it.

Friday, February 27th is a CSW.

Swim Lessons begin Monday, March 2nd for **grades K to 2**. Our lesson time is **10:00am to 11:00am**; the bus will be **leaving the school at 8:35am**. Swimming is offered as a component of the physical education program and is an important life skill. Along with this we are taking the opportunity to enhance the curriculum by taking part in some afternoon activities. These **activities support** what happens during **regular curriculum** instruction. **All students** are expected to take part. This opportunity will also mean that classroom instruction will **focus on** math, language arts, social studies and science over the next few weeks. If the swim fee is a concern, please contact the school office and we will discuss a solution.

Students and their families may be interested in the "**Festival de la Cabane a Sucre**" happening in Grande Prairie. This would be an awesome experience for those taking French with Mrs. Mumert. Please see the attached information sheet.

School Council News!

Spring Lake Skiing: Saturday and Sunday 10:00am to 4:00pm. For any questions or more information please call Anna Odd 780-356-3055 or 780-518-1983 email anna3055@telus.net

Bus Drivers Corner!

A **BIG "Thank You"** for you **patience and support** as we experience '**growing pains**' with bussing.

Valhalla School Foundation News! **Dr. Gordon Neufeld** is an author cited in the Valhalla School Charter application. Dr. Neufeld is presenting in Grande Prairie this week. There is a **free parent evening**; please see the attached information sheet.

Community News!

Valhalla Community Library: Regular library hours of operation: Tuesday 11 to 5, Wednesday 10 to 6 and Thursday 11 to 5. The **Annual Meeting** is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 25th at 1:30pm**. This meeting is open to all community members, **everyone welcome!**

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The next **Family Health Clinic: Monday, March 23 from 1:00 to 3:00pm** at the Valhalla Community School. The nurse will provide service to all ages. The **Peace Country Health nurse** can weigh babies and give general advice but cannot immunize on short notice. The purpose is **to provide outreach service** to community members that may find it difficult to attend regular Family Health Clinic in the area.

Rebels Volleyball Application: it is attached; Katlin Westad is coaching the grade 5 & 6 group, you may contact her at 780-356-2926 for more information.

Barracudas Swim Club:



The Beaverlodge Barracudas will be holding a registration night on Monday, March 2, 2009 at St. Mary's School in Beaverlodge at 7:00pm. The season will run from May till mid August.

Competitive swimming is a great way to improve on your child's swimming skills. Swim meets start on June 6th and run every weekend till mid August. They are not mandatory and families can choose which meets if any that they would like to attend.

For more information please call Diane Harpe @ 780-356-3683.

Susan Thomson, Principal

"The secret to getting ahead is getting started." Sally Berger