



Valhalla Community School

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“Welcome Back!”

School Information & Updates:

*In 1996 Hilary Clinton made famous the ancient African Proverb "**It takes a village to raise a child.**" The proverb is from Igbo and Yoruba regions of Nigeria and the basic meaning is that raising a child is a communal effort. It is to be taken to mean that the responsibility lies not only with the parents, but also with the extended family and in some cases the community.*

This being stated, the **student agenda**, the **newsletter**, and the **school website** are very valuable **tools of communication** that allow the students, teachers, school staff, bus drivers and parents to stay in touch so as to assist each student with their educational progress.

Just a reminder, students are **not to have** any **recording devices** at school. Cell phones, cameras, video, speech recording, etc is not permitted as it may be a violation of the FOIP Act. The School Board has policy that forbids the use of a cell phone and electronic devices during school hours. If you feel your child needs a cell phone, the phone should remain in the student backpack. The school accepts **no responsibility** should the student misplace or lose their cell phone.

Legion Awards 2009 revised. Valhalla Community School has 10 winners 😊 Great Job!
The following students are recipients in various categories:

Faith Nayko	1 st place	Poem	\$25.00 cheque
Alexis Hattum	Honorable Mention,	Poem	\$10.00 cheque
Kailey Bratland	1 st place	Essay	\$25.00 cheque
Ariane Harpe	1 st place	Poem, Junior	\$25.00 cheque
Daytona Barclay	2 nd place	Poem, Junior	\$15.00 cheque
Hanna Nayko	1 st place	B&W Poster	\$25.00 cheque
Aarika Harpe	1 st place	Colour Poster, Junior	\$25.00 cheque
Ariane Harpe	2 nd place	Colour Poster, Junior	\$15.00 cheque
Justine Hanson	1 st place	Colour Poster, Primary	\$25.00 cheque

Avianna Fehr

2nd place

Colour Poster, Primary

\$15.00 cheque

Bus Driver's Corner:

Be certain to **dress** for the **weather**. Please check the **website** for changes to bus times or cancellations. The radio stations, Sun FM and CJXX, also announce bus schedule changes and identify the school by name as Valhalla Community School. Bus Drivers will also try to contact each of their families.

School Council:

Ski Hill update- Saturday, January 9th is volunteer appreciation day, the hill will be open for **public skiing** on **Sunday**, January 10th from 10am to 4pm weather permitting (at -25 the hill remains closed). If you have any questions please contact Anna Odd at 780-356-3055.

Volunteers are needed to assist with the Spring Lake **ski hill**, Friday **hot lunch** program and **recycle** (to the Mercantile bins).

Community News:

Valhalla Community Library: regular **library hours** are:

Tuesday 11am to 5pm, Wednesday 10am to 6pm and Thursday 11am to 5pm.

The **Valhalla 4H Beef Club** will be having a **bottle drive** on Saturday, **January 9th** with all proceeds going to Odyssey House (the Emergency Women's Shelter). Anyone wishing to contribute can contact any 4H member or phone Pat Moutray at 780-356-2372.

Susan Thomson, Principal

“Genius is seldom recognized for what it is: a great capacity for hard work.” Henry Ford

Please note the following protocols and procedures;
these courtesies allow for greater student safety and home-school communication:

The newsletter is available on the Valhalla Community School website.

Please have items for the newsletter in on Monday of each week. Thank you.

Bus cancellations and notices are kept current on the website.

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.