



## Valhalla Community School

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“Spring Has Arrived”

### School News!

The newsletter is available on the Valhalla Community School website.

**Parent Teacher Interviews** are scheduled for **Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**. Please phone the school office to book your appointment(s).

**Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>** is a CSW.

The **Student Leadership Team** kicked off two campaigns today.

**First**, the **Scholastic Books Program** to bring **books to libraries** in areas of the world with **limited resources**. The K to 2 and the 3 to 6 are each being challenged to read 100 books (as a group) and produce a book banner for their books read. The prize, **200 books will be given to a needy library**. This campaign **ends May 28<sup>th</sup>**.

**Second**, “**Pennies for Patients**” which is a coin collection program where the monies will go to **support children with cancer**. This campaign will **end April 9<sup>th</sup>**. Students are invited to bring in coins for the collection boxes. Let's see if we can reach a goal of \$200.00. The **community is welcome** to assist us with this venture.

Please **leave a message** if you phone the school and no one is available. The **phone is checked** regularly for messages. Thank you.

If you have a student in the **grade 5/6 class**, please mark you calendar for **Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**. There will be a meeting to discuss the possibility of an **Edmonton Field Trip** in May. This meeting will be for the students and their parents.

**Students** are encouraged to **leave their toys at home**. The school staff is not responsible for lost valuables; however, we do not wish to see upset students and can appreciate that these items are valuable to them.

Next **Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>** the **grades 3 to 6** begin their **swim lessons** at the **Leisure Centre** in Grande Prairie and will be going to **ceramics in LaGlace** in the afternoon. **Mrs. Farnsworth**, the ceramics' teacher, has a grandson in the group and she wishes **to host a lunch of hot dogs, a drink and cake** for the students to celebrate her **grandson's birthday** that day. If you have concerns, please contact Ms. Thomson during regular school hours. Students will need to bring their snacks and a water bottle as usual.

### School Council News!

**Spring Lake Skiing: No skiing this Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>** (private function); we are **open Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>** - 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](mailto:anna3055@telus.net)

### **Valhalla Community School - Board Highlights!**

The **Annual General Meeting** for the Valhalla School Foundation **School Board** will meet on **March 26 at 7:00 pm**, at the Valhalla Community School gym. **ALL** parents and community members are encouraged to attend.

The **agenda** will include the following:

- Updates on Board activities since September 2008,
- Plans for the following school year, including expanding to Junior High.
- As part of planning for next year, we are putting together a parent satisfaction survey to assess the Schools education and activities. Please watch for it as your input is essential to our charter reporting.

The **Building Committee** is meeting with the Architect to discuss and fine tune plans for expansion in 2010. The County of Grande Prairie, has put forward our proposal for **a new library**, to take advantage of Federal Infrastructure money.

Thank you for your support. We look forward to seeing you there.

### **Community News!**

**An 8 Hour First Aid Course** will be offered on **Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009** from **8:00am to 5:00pm** here at the school. There is space available **for community members** on a first to register basis. If you are interested, please contact the school office for details. The fee is \$100.00.

**Valhalla Community Library:** Regular library hours of operation: Tuesday 11 to 5, Wednesday 10 to 6 and Thursday 11 to 5. **Monthly Board Meeting** is this Wed., Mar. 25 at 1:30pm. Your attendance is appreciated.

**Open House Discussion on Bill 19** (final reading upcoming) **April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm**, here at the school. Please see the attached meeting notice. If you have questions please contact Lillian Nordhagen at 780-356-2291

On salmon colored paper, **Note:** the **Hunter Safety Course** information and the Alberta Health Services publication **Kids' Health**, March is Nutrition Month.

Susan Thomson, Principal

“Far and away the best prize that life has to offer is a chance to work hard at work worth doing.”  
Theodore Roosevelt