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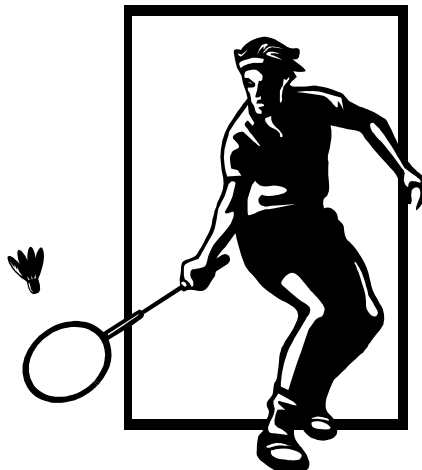
Badminton to Go Tuesday/Thursday

Badminton season has begun. With many students wanting to participate in badminton this year, teachers and volunteers are busy organizing for an exciting season!

Mrs. Mumert and Mr. Beck are planning practice for the teams Tuesday March 15 after school. There is a game here at VCS Wednesday March 16 for the singles teams. The Doubles teams have a game at St. Mary's Beaverlodge the same day. There will be no practice this Thursday March 17 for the teams.

Mrs. Flint and Mr. Beck are putting in place an after school badminton rec team for grade 5/6 students on Wednesdays. This week, Wednesday practice is cancelled and moved to Thursday March 17 after school. Practice will continue next Wednesday.

Teachers are communicating with area schools to set up game opportunities and tournaments. Details on these will be published as soon as they become available.



Bus Drivers' Corner

As most parents already know one of the Valhalla School Foundation buses hit a moose in January. During the time needed to repair the damaged bus, another bus was rented. Thanks to donations from families in the community, this bus has now been purchased and will be used as a spare bus for the school.

VSF Nominations Close

Yesterday was the final day for submitting nominations for candidates running to fill the vacant Valhalla School Foundation Charter board position.

We're pleased to announce the candidacy of Mr. John Moutray. John is a long time VCS supporter. John's wife Pat is one of our bus drivers and support staff substitutes and he has a daughter, Hallie who attends VCS in grade 6.

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John is also active in the maintenance of VCS buses and is a substitute driver.

Please plan to come out for the VSF Annual General Meeting at 7pm in the Valhalla Community School gymnasium.

Scrapbook Workshop @ Mercantile

Come join the fun! CloseToMyHeart is everything that you need for scrapbooking and card making. Come and see Diana Vanderleest at the Valhalla Mercantile on March 26, and she will show you how to Make a card, Browse the Idea Book catalogue and for the ultimate good time, sign up for a "Once-a-month" Workshop on the go.

"Charter Bits"

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

As northern Alberta's first rural charter, Valhalla Community School aims to provide its students with an education that is uncommonly unique to what they might receive in other schools of similar size and demographic.

2. At VCS, the community's involvement is a major point of focus. Not only will students be encouraged to become community participants, the community will be encouraged to become school participants. An innovative relationship with the Valhalla Community Library for example, allows students to benefit from full library services as well as to watch a community group in action. Students at VCS will also have many opportunities to interact with community members and apply their knowledge of civic processes by taking part in authentic community meetings, groups and projects. This will bring a sense of relevance to student learning, allow students to see themselves as participants while surrounding them with positive role models.

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.

Thanks.

Upcoming Events

**March 17, 2010
5:30pm, VCS
Parent Council Meeting**

Join us to support the school!

**March 17, 2011
Report Cards**

**March 21, 2011
Beginning @ 4pm, VCS
Parent Teacher Interviews**

Come out and connect with the teachers! Call to book an appointment.

**March 23, 2011
7pm, VCS Gymnasium
Valhalla School Foundation AGM**

Don't miss this important meeting!

**March 25, 2011
Day off School In lieu of Parent
Teacher Interviews**

**March 28, 2011
Spring Break Begins**

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.