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# Valhalla Community School

## Charter Board Highlights

### March /2011

The snow is flying thick and fast on this first day of spring. What a beautiful irony! Meanwhile, in this last week before *Spring Break*, there are a few things to bring to your attention.

As you are certainly all aware, the Charter Evaluators were on-site during the last week of February. One of the evaluators attended our February board meeting and interviewed the board. We were given positive reports, in particular regarding our parent support. Thank you.

As well, thank you to all of the administration and staff who were on the front-lines during the review. A great deal of time and energy went into the evaluation and we truly appreciate all that was done. Great work! We are looking forward to hearing the results of the review.

In addition, we are so grateful to Vivian Fowler and her team of coaches who did such a wonderful job with the basketball teams. The players learned so much and are already looking forward to next year's season.

High on the list of priorities right now is planning for next year, as the management team continues to work on the development of our yearly work plan, school year calendars, and budget.

Don't forget the **Annual General Meeting** of the Valhalla School



Foundation on Wednesday, March 23, 2011, @7pm in the VCS gymnasium. Some items on the agenda include review the financial statement, director acclamation, opportunity to give feedback on our Education Plan, plus follow up on developments in the Charter School's provincial lobby in response to Alberta Education's Action on Innovation: The Future of Charter Schools in Alberta. We look forward to seeing you there.

Finally, have a fun and restful holiday!

## Badminton News

Badminton season continues on with great student participation!

Events as now scheduled are as follows:

**April 5:** 2:30pm , game at St.Mary's Sexmith

**April 13:** 3:15pm – 7pm Tournament at Beaverlodge High School.

**April 20:** Badminton Districts at Harry Balfour and Peace Wapiti Academy in pm. (time TBA)

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### Attachments:

**Don't Forget!**  
Chocolate Fundraising  
orders are **due on April 6**

Please make every effort to  
maximize sales ... all sales  
help 2012 Grade 8/9 Field  
Trip!

May 7: Zone playoffs in Grimshaw if we win at District level.



## Skating Update

Skating continues *this week*. Unfortunately weather cancellations prevented skating on Monday. However we hope to continue the rest of the week:

Gd. K,1,2: Tuesday, Thursday , 12:10 – 1:40pm.

Gd. 3,4: Wednesday, 1:10 – 2:10pm.

Gd. 5,6: Wednesday, 2:30 – 3:30pm

Gd. 7,8: Tuesday, Thursday, 2:30 – 3:30pm.

Please make every effort to supply skates and helmets for your child(ren).

## “Charter Bits”

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

*3. The Valhalla Community School is developing new language curriculum. German Second Language classes will be introduced beginning in Kindergarten. In order to accommodate this, a Twelve Year German Language and Culture Program will be developed as soon as feasible, and we will be collaborating with Alberta Education staff wherever and whenever possible to ensure compliance with the framework and international language standards.*

## 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.

### 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. Please limit microwaveable lunches; students do not have enough time to heat and eat!

Thanks.

## Upcoming Events

March 22, 2011

5pm, VCS

**2012 Field Trip Parent Meeting**

Please come to this very important meeting if your child is planning on participating in the trip.

March 23, 2011

7pm, VCS Gymnasium

**Valhalla School Foundation AGM**

Don't miss this important meeting!

March 24, 2011

9am, Mercantile Café

**VSF Charter Board Meeting**

Visitors welcome!

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.*