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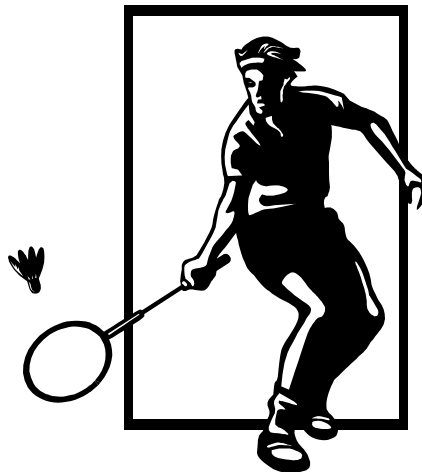
Valhalla Community School

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 tryouts/practices for the teams on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. Mrs. Flint and Mr. Beck are putting in place an after school badminton fun time for grade 5/6 students on Wednesdays.

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.



Flu Update

We continue to have many students absent due to illness at VCS.

Students are reminded to take precautions, including frequent washing, no sharing of water bottles or food, covering mouth when coughing or sneezing, etc.

We would ask that parents keep children home if they're showing symptoms of the flu so children can recover.

Nomination Time!

Valhalla School Foundation Annual General Meeting - Wednesday, March 23, 2011 - 7pm - VCS gymnasium.

Are you interested in letting your name stand for a three year term as a charter board director?

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If you are 18 years of age or older, a parent or guardian of a child attending VCS or a community member who is supportive of the VCS mission, you can be a director. Staff currently employed by the VCS may not be a director. An information package for nominees can be picked up at the school office. To enter your name as a nominee for director, sign the Valhalla Director Nomination Profile Agreement, in the package, and return it to the school, attention Mary Ann Westad, electoral officer, by March 14 at 4 pm. After the deadline, names of nominees will be posted in the school newsletter and on the school website.

Parent Council News

PLEASE NOTE DATE
CHANGE

The next School Council Meeting will be held **March 15, 5:30pm @VCS**. If you have a child attending Valhalla Community School you are a member of the School Council. We are looking for volunteers to help out with the Spring Lake Ski Hill and our school hot lunch program.

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.

1. VCS recognizes all Alberta and supplemental learning outcomes as tools for creating community leaders. Excellent leadership demands a depth and breadth of knowledge in order to connect with a variety of people and make informed decisions. It also requires a command of the mechanics of language and an ability to clearly and articulately convey a message to both small and large groups of people. Furthermore, if these skills are going to be put to good use, future leaders must see themselves as fully engaged citizens. Valhalla Community School aims to orient student learning for this purpose.

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.

Upcoming Events

March 10-11, 2011

No School

Teachers' Convention

March 15, 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.