



Valhalla Community School

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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.

The **cell phone** has evolved to a handheld communication/computer device with a built in camera. The school finds itself with several students with this technology and request that you, the parent/guardian, please take some time to discuss **responsible use** of this technology. The School Board has policy that forbids the use of a cell phone during school hours. A cell phone should remain in the student backpack. The school accepts **no responsibility** should the student misplace or lose their cell phone.

We will be using **3 buses** to transport the students to and from the **Festival of Trees** and the **Telus Play**. Should you wish to **pick your child up** from either of these events, please be certain to **let the teacher know** so we can record this on our field trip attendance sheet. These are planned as **school wide events**, however, we are aware that not all students will be participating for various reasons and those students not going on the fieldtrip will be supervised and have assignments to do here at the school. The buses will be leaving the school at approximately 11:30am and returning to the school for the regular home time.

Christmas Play is Tuesday, **December 15th** and it is coming up fast. This year we will actually be having **two complete performances**; an afternoon performance at **1:30pm** and evening performance at **7:00pm** (students need to be here at 6:30pm to get ready for the performance). The staff would encourage, those who are able to, to come in the afternoon.

The students have asked about a **student gift exchange**. If your child would like to take part in the gift exchange, they will need to bring a gift for a student of their own gender-girl bring a girl gift, boy bring a boy gift or bring a gift that could be for a girl or boy.

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A **\$10.00 maximum** value is suggested. The gift is to be **wrapped** and **labeled** as boy gift, girl gift or boy or girl gift and will be placed under the Christmas tree in the **classroom**.

School Council:

The School Council will be offering a **'silent auction'** during the Christmas Concert. Each family **is invited** to send in an item for this venture **by December 11th**. This will allow time to plan set-up and tags for the evening of the Christmas Concert. This is a fundraising event for the School Council and the money raised is used to support activities in the school.

Next School Council meeting is Tuesday, December 1st at 5:30pm. Childcare will be available.

Community News:

Regular **library hours** are: Tuesday 11am to 5pm, Wednesday 10am to 6pm and Thursday 11am to 5pm. Next regular Library Board meeting is **November 25th** at 10:30am.

Susan Thomson, Principal

"A good head and a good heart are always a formidable combination." Nelson Mandela