
November 1, 2011

Valhalla Community School

In Remembrance

A Symbol of Unity

At 0530 hours on the morning of 9 April 1917, the Battle of Vimy Ridge began, marking an important milestone in our military history. For the next few days, Canadian troops fought relentlessly, braving enemy forces, a heavily-fortified ridge and the weather. This battle was significant; not only was it a resounding success for Canada but, in the words of Brigadier-General A.E. Ross, it marked the “birth of a nation”. No longer would Canada be overshadowed by the military strength of her allies. This battle had proven Canada’s ability as a formidable force in the theatre of war.



The bravery, discipline and sacrifice that Canadian troops displayed

during those few days are now legendary. The battle represented a memorable unification of our personnel resources as troops from all Canadian military divisions, from all parts of Canada and from all walks of life, joined to collectively overcome the powerful enemy at considerable odds. Our troops united to defeat adversity and a military threat to the world.



Now, decades later, Canadians stand united in their Remembrance as they recognize and honour the selfless acts of our troops from all wars. We realize that it is because of our war veterans that we exist as a proud and free nation.

Today, when people from all parts of Canada and from all walks of life join together in their pledge to never forget, they choose to display this collective reminiscence by wearing a Poppy. They stand united as Canadians sharing a common history of sacrifice and commitment.

(Taken from the Royal Canadian Legion-
http://legion.ca/Poppy/campaign_e.cfm)

VCS Remembers

Poppies are available now at VCS for a small donation. Check at the office.

Our Remembrance Day ceremony will be held on Wednesday, Nov.9, 2011. Everyone is welcome to attend. More details will be in next week’s newsletter.

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Drop In Volleyball

Drop in Adult Volleyball at VCS on Tuesday evenings from 7-9pm. Come out for an evening of fun! Contact Leah Schuller @ 780 518-2307

Upcoming Events

Nov. 7
Early Dismissal

Nov. 7, 6:30pm
VCS
Parent Council Mtg

Nov. 8, 12:40pm
Student Assembly

Nov. 9, 1pm
VCS Gym
Remembrance Day Ceremony

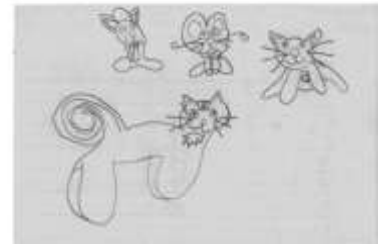
Nov. 5, 10am – 4pm
VCS Gym
VHS Craft & Trade Show and Sale

After School Drama Club!
Wednesday, October 26th

**Parts have been
assigned for
The Wizard of Oz!
3:45pm – 5pm
Please return your signed
consent form to the office.**



Nadine



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Volleyball Update

Tues. Nov. 1 = Game at Valhalla vs LaGlace (approx 3:30 pm start)

Thurs. Nov. 3 = Game at Valhalla vs Hythe (3:30)

Boys have **no practice** on Wednesday, Nov. 2nd

If your son/daughter would like a volleyball memory mate, please return the form and \$10 by Thursday, November 3 to the office

Mrs. Flint

Bus Drivers' Corner

All students and parents please take note! Colder weather is coming!

Parents must ensure all students are dressed appropriately for the weather at all times. All students riding on school buses during winter months shall be required to wear winter footwear and outerwear and to carry with them winter headwear and gloves or mitts from November 1 to March 31. In those cases where students are not appropriately attired for winter conditions, the bus driver shall advise the parent and Principal.

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The Buzz from Ms. S

It's already November! Christmas is just around the corner! School is just bustling with activities!

I want to first of thank each and every one of you for making the Grade 7/8 Hot Lunch Fundraiser a success. The students raised \$316.40. In the one fundraiser they were able to reach their goal!

Throughout the month the students may be organizing more fundraisers outside of their classroom to continue to raise money for shoeboxes for the kids in other orphanages in Lesotho as well.

If anyone would like to make a donation to the shoeboxes project feel free to come talk to me at the school or leave your donation with me so I can add it to the 7/8 Shoebox fund.

This month there is going to be a lot of wrapping up of units and beginning new ones.

In Language Arts the students are finishing their final unit task with their film study on the *Invictus*. Once we have completed our unit project I am hoping for us to start our Novel study. If we are able to get all the books in on time! Which I send a huge thanks to our librarian for working so hard on trying to get the novels in for me!

In Social Studies 7/8 we are almost towards the end of our first unit. We've finished looking at how the British and French established their colonies and the differences between them. So are now going to start looking at the fur trade

from both perspectives. Once we've completed that the students will write their first unit test!

In Social Studies nine we are currently working towards wrapping up our first unit. The students are writing their first unit test on Wednesday. Currently they are working on positions papers.

In the grade 3/4 room the students have written their first test in which they all did extremely well in. We are moving away from the Rocky Mountain region of Alberta and moving on to the Foothills region.

One final note, Remembrance Day is coming up. Let's make sure we honor our soldiers by remembering what they have done for our country!