

October 11, 2011

# Valhalla Community School

## Valhalla Viking Centre to Host Open House

This week marks the “official” beginning of the new Valhalla Viking Centre. On Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, the centre invites everyone to stop by for an open house – coffee, donuts – and to have a look at the beautiful, spacious new facility.

The Centre, operating since the beginning of September, is a new community facility which has been added on to the existing Valhalla Community School. It consists of a new community library, meeting room and spacious multi-purpose room along with change rooms and storage for our existing gymnasium.

The new building, in addition to the existing Valhalla Community School is available for use to community members for community events and functions. Groups are already beginning to request use of the meeting room and gymnasium.



## Fall Harvest School Celebration!

One conclusion that came out of our first Parent Council meeting of the year was that we would like to do more to promote the deepening of our school community.

To this end Parent Council is going to host a pot luck dinner for everyone connected to the school on October 26 at VCS at 6 pm. The goal is to get to know each other better and have fun doing it!

Great idea Parent Council!

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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

### After School Drama Club! Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>

Grade 5-9 Students  
3:45pm - 5pm  
Interested students  
Please bring a note  
With permission for  
Bus driver and Office



## Upcoming Events

Oct.11

**School Pictures**

Oct. 14

**Valhalla Viking Centre Open House**

Oct. 15

**Volleyball Tournaments**

**Girls: Wembley, Boys: Grovedale**

Oct. 17

**Volleyball Game**

**Wembley**

Oct. 20,21

**TAAPCS Convention**

**NO SCHOOL**

Oct.24

**Author Presentation**

Oct. 25

**Volleyball Game**

**VCS hosting Wembley**

Oct. 26, 6pm

**VCS**

**Fall Harvest Community Celebration**

**Come visit with us (and eat too!)**

Oct.28

**District PD Day**

**NO SCHOOL**

Oct.31

**Kindergarten Day**

Oct.31

**Halloween**

## Library Hosts Author

Valhalla Community Library is hosting a presentation by Joseph Simons, author of Under a Living Sky, a novel for young readers.

He will be at the library on October 24, at 11am and will be speaking to grades 5 - 9 students.



### Calling all French students!

Please note that you can go online at home anytime and login to Alberta Distance Learning Centre (ADLC) to work on your courses. If you have not memorized your username and password, bring your agenda to class and copy your passwords into it from your duotang. Since we are behind because of the internet problems at school, we can reach our deadline goals if you work at home. Show your parents what your course is like!  
Mrs. Mumert

## Kindergarten Students

Monday October 31, 2011 will be a regular Kindergarten day.

*Thanks to all our VCS drivers for a job well done. Vicki, Janelle, Jason and Pat.*

*As well as our spare drivers Frieda, Judy, Rob and John.*

**SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK**

**OCTOBER 16 - 22, 2011**

### Volleyball Game Cancelled

The Volleyball Game scheduled for Today October 11, against Hythe has been cancelled. Sorry for any inconvenience.

# Buzz from Ms. S

Wow! September is already gone and October is quickly fading away as well. I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving break. I was blessed to be able to go home and spend some time with my family.

In September the students in the grade 7/8 class completed their first round of letters to their pen-pals in Lesotho, Africa! They also completed their quilting squares for the blanket that I'll be taking there for Christmas.

The other day I received a email from one of the workers for the orphanage in Pulane, Lesotho. It was for their Christmas initiative. The children didn't receive much for Christmas last year, if anything at all. The grade 7/8 class is going to be holding fundraisers from now till November 20<sup>th</sup>. Our goal is to raise \$ 300. The students would like to raise this amount so that each of their pen-pals received a gift at Christmas. Through the organizer I am able to wire the money to the people in charge of Christmas handouts in the area and with that money they will create shoeboxes for our students that will go directly to their pen-pals. We are really excited about this as a class. So we hope that the community will support us in our fundraising efforts!

In Language Arts, we are also finishing our unit on *Invictus*. The students have gained a lot of knowledge on the Apartheid in South Africa.

They had the opportunity to talk to someone in South Africa via Skype about life during the Apartheid and as well what life was like in general in South Africa. We are finishing up our last projects for the unit. The final task will be a in class essay for the students.

In Social Studies, the students finish their first unit on the Aborigines people in Canada. I was slightly disappointed with some of the student's results. It is important for the students to study for all exams. Social Studies this year, will not be easy and there is a lot to know. I do my best to make it as simple as possible for them to remember the context but they have to do their part as well. We have moved on to the conjoining section with the European explorers and the fur trade.

Grade nine Social Studies units are progressing smoothly. After we have completed our unit on the Youth Criminal Justice System the students will complete their first unit test. Their tests are designed to simulate their Provincial Achievement Exams at the end of the year. This exam is worth 30% of their overall mark. It is important for the students to take their in-class exams seriously, so there are no surprise come the end of year.

For the 3/4 Social class we are slowly but steadily coming along in our unit. We are taking a look at the different regions for Alberta. We are currently working on our first region. The

Rocky Mountain Region. I am hoping to be done by the end of the week. If not shortly after.

Parents if you any questions or concerns about your children, please feel free to contact me at the school. If you'd just like to chat and get to know me better feel free to stop in as well. I hope everyone has a wonderful October!