



Valhalla Community School

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Weekly Newsletter - Website Version

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Valhalla Students Show Big Artistic Talent!

VCS Staff

Talent is showing! Grade 1/2 students are displaying awesome artwork outside their room (and inside too!). Stop by and take a look ... the art show is ongoing!

School Pictures!

Mark your calendar! School pictures will be taken on October 12 (Tuesday). Bring your best smile and dress nicely. (Students: maybe we could move "Formal Thursday" to Tuesday that week) Grade 3/4 and 7/8 are swimming this day so their pictures will be taken early in the day.

Creative Portraits, the company taking school pictures, requests that only students registered in Kindergarten and higher grades get pictures taken at the school. If you wish to have pictures of younger children, please contact Creative Portraits directly for an appointment at their studio.

Retakes are also by appointment with Creative Portraits.

Art Display

In the main entrance of the school, there is an Art Display of Canadian Artists. The students can take a look at the displays and there will be prizes in December for best performance on a quiz on the artists. We will hand out the prizes at the Christmas concert.

Swim Program

Swimming lessons for our grade 3/4 and 7/8 students will begin October 6 at the Grande Prairie Leisure Centre. Busses will leave VCS each day for swimming at 11:40am and return for regular after school bus runs at the end of the day. There is a \$50 fee for swim lessons.

Swim Dates are:

Grade 3&4, 7&8 Swim Lessons: 1-2pm Oct.6,7,12,13,14,15

School Assemblies

Each month here at VCS, we hold a student assembly. As a rule they are held the Tuesdays following the early dismissal Mondays. We celebrate birthdays, deal with school business, give announcements, etc. We're also beginning to incorporate some student performances or activities as well. Assemblies are generally fairly short and begin at 12:40pm, shortly after the students' noon recess.

Please be advised, because of Thanksgiving and swimming, October's student assembly will be rescheduled to October 19.

If you are a parent or relative of one or more of our students, or an interested community member, please accept our invitation to join us for these assemblies. You are most welcome.

(It may be a good idea to phone in the day ahead just to make sure the assembly time is as usual)

Valhalla School Parent Council

A meeting for the Spring Lake Ski Hill will be held in the school gymnasium on Sunday October 17 @ 2pm. We are preparing for a work bee outside and cleaning inside. We hope to see you there.

The next School Council meeting is on Tuesday October 19 @ 5:30pm. If you have a child attending VCS, you are a member of the School Council. We hope to see you there.

VCS Charter Board Meetings

VCS charter board meetings are generally held the second Tuesday of each month at the Mercantile Café in Valhalla Centre. The next meeting has been changed from October 12. The date for the October meeting will be announced asap. Parents are welcome to attend.

Volleyball

Volleyball games are about to begin! Our players have been working very hard and are progressing nicely. They'll be ready to make their presence felt when they start playing.

Make sure you attend games whenever possible and give our teams great support!

VCS to Host Garage Sale

Due to the generosity of Laureen and Eric Dane, who have donated a large number of high quality household items to the school, we will be hosting a garage sale in the school gym on Saturday, October 16.

To make this event an even greater success, we invite school and community members to help us set up and run the sale. We would also be very happy should anyone want to contribute additional high quality items for sale by the school. All proceeds will go toward building a fund to pay for this year's upcoming grade 5/6 year end field trip.

Thank You!!

A huge thanks needs to be given to our own VCS Parent Council. The Parent Council has purchased 5 new desktop computer systems which have been installed for teacher use in each classroom. The new systems give the teachers state of the art hardware to work with the new smartboards which are soon to be installed in each classroom ... The Little School that Could!

VCS is very grateful for the support of our community and volunteers!

Want to Volunteer at VCS??

Please contact Tara Fehr @ 780.356.3527

We currently need volunteers to water trees once a week (on weekends), to mulch the new trees and to stake five larger trees that were moved and replanted. Contact Steve Mumert for details.

Charter Schools: What are we about?

The goals of Valhalla Community School are to: deliver excellent, tradition rural education, train civic-minded citizens, instill skills for success in both rural and urban settings, develop a foundational knowledge of a second language and provide tools for active participation in municipal and local community groups.

As part of its leadership training, VCS students receive traditional teacher-directed instruction in all subjects, with the goal of developing excellent communication skills.

1. Reading and writing: classic literature, spelling, grammar, punctuation, penmanship, cultural knowledge
2. Arithmetic and Mathematics: accurate mental calculation, drill and practice, correction of mistakes
3. Mandatory second language: German starts in Kindergarten, with option of French in gr 4 as numbers warrant
4. Public speaking: skill development, confidence building, memorization
5. Etiquette: basic rules of etiquette are directly taught as an addition to the regular Alberta Health program

Community News

Valhalla Community Library

Library Hours: Tuesdays 11am-5pm, Wednesdays 10am-6pm, Thursdays 11am-5pm. New members always welcome; memberships are free! For any information please contact Gail Perry: 780.356.3834

Valhalla Archery Club:

The Valhalla Archery club is having a Logo Contest. The winner will have their logo represent the club and receive a one year membership free. Please have your Logo in to the school office by October 15 with all of your contact information. For more information contact Shellie Barclay @780.356.2954

LaGlace Ceramics:

The LaGlace ceramic Hours of operation are Tuesdays 9am-3:30pm, 6pm-9:30pm, Wednesdays 6pm-9:30pm. Everyone is welcome! Contact Leona Farnsworth for more information: 780.568.2116

Family Halloween Dance:

A Family Halloween Dance will be held at the Homestead hall on Saturday October 30 @ 7:30pm. Dress up and come and enjoy fun and games with friends and family! For more information please contact Tara Fehr @ 780. 356.3527

Upcoming Events

October 6, 2010

3pm, St. Mary's, Beaverlodge

Volleyball Game

Come cheer on our players!

October 11, 2010

Thanksgiving

October 12, 2010

VCS

School Pictures

Come with your best smile!

October 8,9, 2010

Grande Prairie Regional College

Little Red Volleyball Tournament

Come cheer on our players!

October 13, 2010

3pm, LaGlace School

Volleyball Game

Come cheer on our team!

October 16, 2010

VCS

Gymnasium Garage Sale

Selling high quality items to support grade 5/6 year end field trip. Start time TBA.

October 17, 2010

2pm, VCS

Spring Lake Ski Hill Meeting

October 19, 2010

12:40pm, VCS gym

Student Assembly

Parents welcome.

October 21, 2010

3pm, Hythe Regional School

Volleyball Game

October 28, 2010
3pm, Wembley School
Volleyball Game

October 28, 2010
1:40pm, VCS
Halloween Celebration