
September 20, 2011

Valhalla Community School

Busy Evening Planned!

September 27, 2011 looks to be a busy evening at VCS. Several meetings have scheduled to occur that night, the hope being that one full evening will be easier for parents than several meetings on separate dates.

Planned are the VCS yearly "Meet the Teacher" night to run from 5-8pm, a quick meeting for parents of students interested in attending this year's grade 8/9 field trip to Montreal (at 6:45pm), and the start up meeting for this year's Parent Council (7:30pm).

We'd love to see you here. Parent Council in particular is a really important group and we need your participation with it!



Mural Ideas?

Have you got ideas for a new mural for our Main Entry or hallway? Would you be interested in helping design and paint it? Students are welcome to get involved!

Renovations removed the old hallway mural. We'd like to replace it with a new one. If you'd like to be involved contact Mrs. Stockman at the school!

Welcome to School Council!

A school council is a collective association of parents, teachers, students and community representatives who work together to effectively support and enhance student learning. It is a vehicle for parents to advise and consult with the principal and to advise the charter board on matters relating to the school.

We are hoping that you will consider lending your time and talents to our school council. Your support is important to the education of the children within our community and we know that you will find this experience rewarding.

There are many opportunities for involvement, in addition to attending the regular school council meetings, sitting on a short term committee or offering to share your skills with the group. We welcome your participation in any way that works for you.

Please Note!!

The newsletter is available on the school website. Bus cancellations are also posted on the website.

Agendas

All K-9 students are given agendas to help organize their school activities. Parents are asked to initial the agenda **each evening**. Teachers will have homework and messages written in agendas. The agenda is an excellent way for home and school to communicate. Notes regarding absence, bus travel, parent pick up may also go in the agenda; let your child know to share your message with the teacher and office if need be.

Grade 9/4 Bake Sale Earnings \$124 for Terry Fox

Volunteering

We need volunteers at VCS! If you can help please contact the school or **Linda Mackay at 780.354-8504**

We're very appreciative of the volunteers who are already coming in to help out around the school!

Reminders

If your child is going to be away from school, please inform the office and the bus driver.

If your child is going home with a friend or neighbour, please send a note to the bus driver and the school.

If your child is arriving late, or being picked up early, please sign them in or out at the office.

If your child needs utensils for lunch, please provide them.

Bus Driver's Corner:

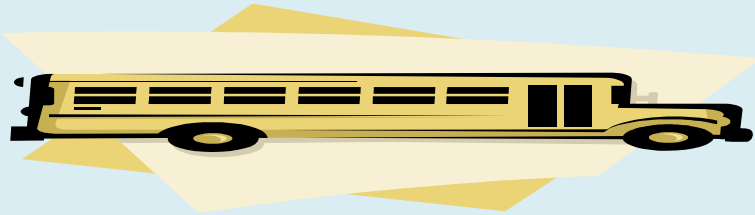
Please remember to have your children at their pick-up spot 5 minutes before your pick-up time which helps us keep our buses on time.

Thank-you to all our parents for your patience as pick-up times are fine tuned and routes are finalized.

Call your bus driver the night before if your child will not be on the bus.

Please remember the new distracted driving law. Do not call or text your driver while they are on their run.

If you need to contact your driver during their run please call Doug Kochendorfer, our director of transportation, on his cell @831-5701 or home @ 356-2114, and he will radio your driver for you.



We are accepting applications for

Spare Bus Drivers

Experience preferred, training will be provided.

Applications are available at the Valhalla Community School.

Volunteering (continued)

The school is also very much in need of volunteers who have the time and interest to work in the classrooms on a regular or semi-regular basis. This work involves supervising students, helping teachers with students in class. We also need volunteers who can help students with simple computer tasks, such as logging onto user accounts, understanding computer directions, etc.

Please contact us if you can help!

Student Assemblies, etc.

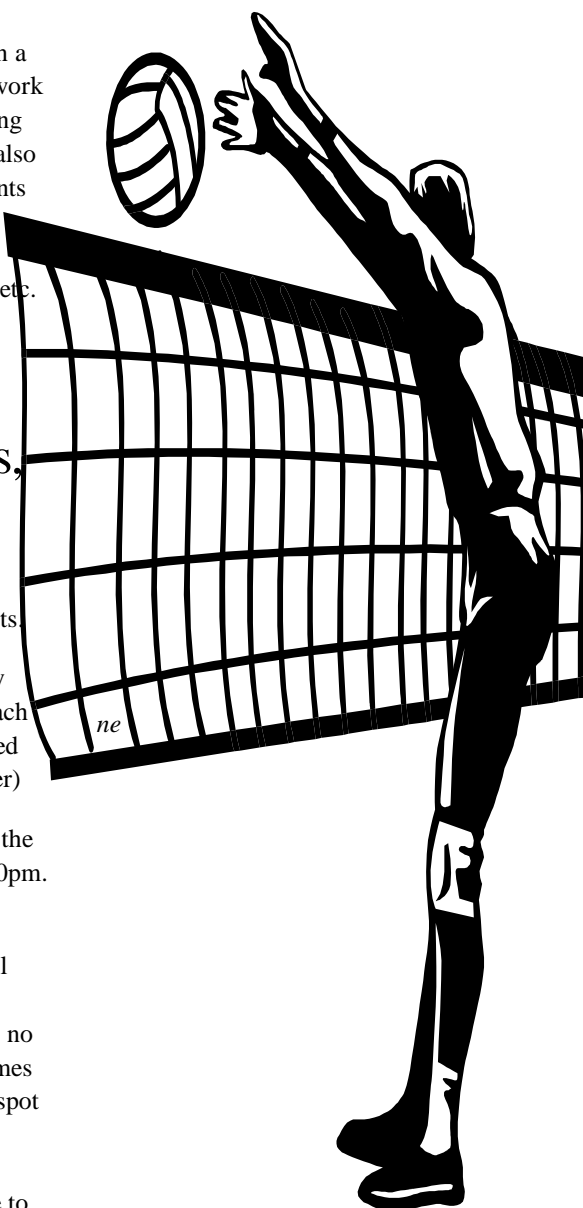
At Valhalla Community School, we have a few regularly occurring events

We have a regularly scheduled early dismissal day the first Monday of each month. (We apologize that we missed printing this in last week's newsletter)

Student assemblies are usually held the first Tuesday of each month at 12:40pm. Visitors are welcome to attend.

VCS also uses a Compressed School Week calendar. This means that **in general**, every second week there is no school on Friday. However, sometimes the CSW is moved from its regular spot to a different day to accommodate a special need. For example, a couple were moved from their original date to days surrounding the May long weekend to make time for the grade 8/9 Quebec field trip this year.

CSW Fridays (no school) are shown on the monthly calendar that goes home with students, and are also on the year calendar on the school web site. Please check to confirm dates. Feel free to contact the school if you are unsure if a particular Friday is a school day or a CSW.



Upcoming Events

Sept.22
VCS
Grade 5/6 Terry Fox Fund Raiser
Carnival

Sept.23
First CSW Friday
(No school)

Sept.26
VCS, 9 am
VSF Charter Board Meeting
Parents, Visitors Welcome

Sept.27
VCS, 5pm – 8:30pm
Meet the Teacher/Parent
Council/Field Trip

Sept.29
VCS
Grade 1/2 Terry Fox Fund Raiser
Fruit Sale

Sept.30
VCS
Grade 7/8 Terry Fox Fund Raiser
Popcorn & a Movie (following run)

Sept.30
VCS
Grade 9 Terry Fox Fund Raiser
PJ/Wacky Hair Day, Waffles

Sept.30
VCS
Terry Fox Run
Whole school run/walk for cancer

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