



## Valhalla Community School

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The newsletter is available on the Valhalla Community School website.  
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. Just a reminder, if you are arriving late, or picking up your child(ren) early, please sign them in or out at the office.

Please have items for the newsletter in by 11:00am Tuesday.

**Note:** The **LearnAlberta.ca** paragraph has been removed due to license agreements.

**Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup>** is school **picture day**. Bring those bright smiles. Should a retake be necessary, these will be done in the studio in Grande Prairie. Anyone wishing to bring a pre-school child is invited to be here at the school for 10:00am

**Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**- Open House here at the school from 7pm to 8pm. Come out to meet many of the School Staff and the School Board members. We will put the coffee on ☺ The **School Council** will also be electing an **executive at 7:45pm**. See note under School Council information.

**Terry Fox Run:** Friday, September 25- from **2:15 to 3:20pm**. Students are encouraged to begin to bring in "**Toonies for Terry.**" A collection jar is available at the office. We will send the monies collected to the Terry Fox Foundation on behalf of the Valhalla Community School. **Community members** are invited to take part with us.

**Swim Program** registrations are attached. Please be certain to clearly fill out a form for each student. Lessons will be in Grande Prairie at the Leisure Centre in November.

**Devon Canada 2010 Corporate Calendar contest.** Students are invited to take part in this contest. All entries that are into to the school office will be **couriered out** on Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> so as to be in Calgary for the entry deadline.

**Student Agenda, message for all students K to 8:** Parents are asked to initial the student agenda **each evening**, and in return, teachers will make every effort to do so each day. The agenda is an excellent way for the **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.

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**Kindergarten Agenda:** Please check the agenda for a book to share or a practice sheet and then return the agenda each kindergarten day.

Grade **1&2 Home Reading** Program: Please check the pocket of the **Student Agenda** for the story that has been sent home for the **student to practice**. Parents are asked to initial on the right-hand side of the page. This is an **opportunity for you** to assist your child with their learning.

**Home Reading** for grades **3 to 8 students**: students are expected to spend a **minimum** of 15 minutes reading material of their choice each evening. This assists the student with using print material, and in developing their comprehension and competency skills. It also allows you an **opportunity to share** in your child's learning.

**School Council:**

The **School Council Annual Meeting** will be held **during the Open House, September 24th** beginning at **7:45pm**. If you have a child attending Valhalla Community School you are a member of the School Council. We will be **electing an executive** during this meeting. A short meeting will follow the election. We know **we need a secretary and a treasurer** to make this group operational.

**Valhalla School Foundation:**

Board Highlights for Sept. 2009 are attached.

**Community News**

**Valhalla Community Library:**

Regular library hours are: Tuesday 11am to 5pm, Wednesday 10am to 6pm and Thursday 11am to 5pm. The Library will be hosting an **Arts Day Celebration** on Thursday, **September 17th** from 2 to 6pm in the school gym. Come help celebrate the talents of the area.

**Ceramics classes** will be starting in LaGlace at the Twilight Centre, yearly registration fee is \$20.00 plus whatever you choose to make. Registration time: Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> 9am-3:30pm and 6:30 -9:30pm. Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> 6:30 -9:30pm. Classes will go every Tuesday and Wednesday. Junior High ceramics will be on Mondays if there is enough interest. Please contact Leona at 780-568-2116 for more information or if you wish to come on Mondays.

**Valhalla 4H Beef Club:** organizational meeting will be held on **Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>** at the Mercantile Café. We will be finalizing plans to attend the CFR in November, so if you are **interested in 4H** come on out. Please call Pat Moutray at 780-356-2372 for more information.

**Attachments:**

Swim Registration (one for each child)  
Devon Canada Corporate Calendar Contest information  
Board Highlights Sept. 2009

Susan Thomson

Principal

“Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.” John K. Kennedy