

VALHALLA COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

March 1, 2018 – Speech Competition

March 2, 2018 - PD Day - No School

March 5, 2018 – Early Dismissal/School Council Meeting

House Point Standings

Nordics - 47 points

Vikings - 41 points

Trollsmen - 38 points

Icemen - 35 points

Summer Reading Program

The Library is looking for a student to coordinate the summer reading program. If you are interested please apply to the Library

780-356-3834

Nitehawk Ski Trip

February 27th for grades 3-9.

All students not participating in this field trip will have regular classes and are expected to attend school.

Skating started February 21st for the K-6's

Next skating dates are:	Parent help is <u>needed</u>
Monday February 26th	to tie skates. Please
Wednesday February 28th	let us know if you
Monday March 5th	able to help.



SCHOOL SPIRIT DAYS

FEBRUARY 28TH - PINK SHIRT DAY (ANTI -BULLY DAY)

MARCH 13TH - ANIMAL DAY

Speech Competition Date Changed to March 1st @ 7 PM

Preliminary competition has been being held during school hours in class. Winners in each competition level will advance to a final speak-off which will be held on the evening of March 1, 2018.

All students will do an age appropriate public speaking activity in class. The best of these will present their efforts at the March 1st evening event.

While students will be given some time in school to work on their written and impromptu speeches, they will need to spend some time at home working on them as well to achieve their best effort.



Spelling Bee

We will have our Spelling Bee on Tuesday, March 6th during our next assembly @ 12:45pm. Participants from each to be determined. Come to the next assembly and compare your spelling skills to our students.

MARCH 5TH, 2018 SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING @ 6PM

Going to have parent information about the upcoming Sexual Violence Awareness Program presented at this meeting. Consents will be sent out for student participation. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the office at 780-356-2370. Please make sure to mark this on your calendar and plan to attend the meeting.

Annual General Meeting

The Valhalla School Foundation **Annual General Meeting** will be held on **Thursday, March 15, 2018 @ 6pm** in the **Viking Room** at the school.

If you are a parent or guardian of a child in our school you are a member of the VSF. Interested individuals from the community are welcome to become members by signing a *Declaration of Understanding*, which will be available at the AGM.

BASKETBALL

February 27th, 2018

Boys will be playing a Zone playoff game against St. Mary's 4:45 game time in Beaverlodge.

NEW LIBRARY HOURS

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 12TH, 2018

MONDAY - 10AM TO 4PM

TUESDAY - 10AM TO 5PM

WEDNESDAY - 10AM TO 8PM

THURSDAY - 10AM TO 5PM

FRIDAY - 1PM TO 5PM

PHONE # 780-356-3834

BUS CORNER

For all busing concerns please call John Moutray the Transportation Director
@ 780-978-1030

Please remember the distracted driving law. Do not call or text your driver while they are on their run. Contact Paul and he could radio the driver if needed.

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—March 31st. In the cases where students are not appropriately attired for winter conditions, the bus driver shall advise the parent and Principal. The Principal will determine if it is of significant risk to the student and may decide to keep the student at the school until they have appropriate clothing or the parent picks them up.

Bus cancellations can be found on our website at vcs.education on facebook at Valhalla Community School or follow us on twitter @VCSbus. Your school bus driver will contact you directly for cancellations as well.

We're Seeking Your Input

The Valhalla School Foundation Board is currently reviewing our cold weather bus cancellation policy. Currently our policy has been that our buses are cancelled when the temperature reaches -40

degrees Celcius. Wind chill effect is not considered when deciding whether or not buses will be cancelled. The board would like to know what our parent stakeholders think about this.

Our idea being considered is to cancel bus runs when the temperature is -35 degrees Celcius in the early morning, still not considering wind chill effect.

Another though is to set policy to cancel buses if the wind chill effect is -40 degrees Celcius in the morning.

A consideration is that if we change the guidelines as above, we will probably miss a greater number of days of school each year. Therefore, when year calendars are put together each year, we may reduce the number of CSW Fridays in the year to ensure we have an adequate number of instructional days each year.

If you have an opinion on what is the best policy for our school, please phone, email or drop by the school to let us know. We'd like to take your input to the board as they work on reviewing this policy.

Thanks so much for your input!

Contact us:

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IT'S TIME FOR
KINDERGARTEN
REGISTRATION!

Kindergarten registrations are now being accepted at Valhalla Community School!

Orientation will be held on March 27, 6-7pm in the Kindergarten room.

Valhalla Community School welcomes all children to a safe and nurturing learning environment that respects the uniqueness of each child. We take pride in helping students learn and explore while they build relationships that are based on respect, honesty and integrity. As a public Charter School, our students not only learn the skills they need to excel academically, but they also develop the qualities that will allow them to become confident, compassionate citizens of the future. Kindergarten lays the foundation for future success - both in the classroom and in life. At Valhalla Community School, we work to create a learning experience that recognizes children's individual strengths and encourages their natural inquisitiveness, while preparing them for academic success through our Direct Instruction program

Please note: to register for Kindergarten, children must be 5 years old as of December 31, 2018

Please make sure to bring your student's birth certificate and legal land description and county rural address or street address if in town.

We invite you to call or visit the Valhalla Community School to learn more about our exceptional Charter School program, outstanding teachers and unique learning opportunity. See why so many parents are choosing Valhalla!

To register your child for kindergarten, please call Valhalla Community School

780-356-2370.

Spring Lake Ski Hill

We are open every Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 4pm. Please bring cash or cheque as we do not have a debit machine. We have a concession with fabulous hot food available.

Follow us on Facebook for updates.

For more information or to volunteer
contact Anna Odd
@ 780-897-2055.

