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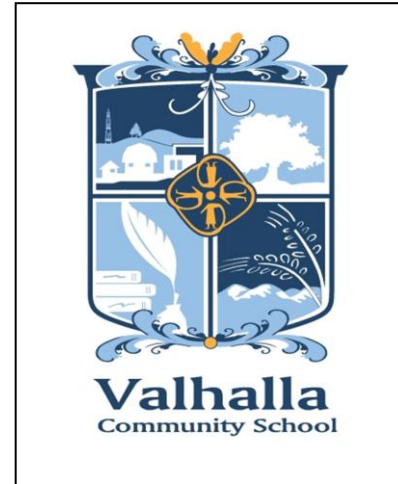
Valhalla Community School

Busy Evening Planned!

September 25, 2012 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 7-8:30 pm, a quick meeting for parents of students interested in attending next year's grade 8/9 field trip to Ottawa and Quebec (at 8 pm), and the start up meeting for this year's Parent Council (7:00pm). Parents can visit teachers, tour the school, etc. following the school council meeting.

All parents are asked to attend if at all possible. Council serves an important advisory /communication role.



Frau Bratland plans to attend to assist any families who are more comfortable in German speaking.

We Need Your Participation!!

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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.

Resource Fees

As a public charter school we do not charge tuition fees. Like other public schools, we do charge a fee for materials provided for the student's personal use. The fees charged are on a cost shared basis between parent/guardian and the Valhalla Community School.

Fees are as follows:

Resource fee for Kindergarten: \$75/yr, Grades 1-9: \$100/yr. and **textbook rentals** for grades 1-9: \$50/yr. A family maximum is \$300 per family per year. Fees may be paid in installments or in cases of financial hardship a waiver may be made. Please contact the office for more information.

Agendas

All K-6 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.

Junior High teachers can be contacted directly by parents.

2013-2014 Grade 8/9 Quebec Field Trip

An organizational/information meeting will be held at VCS the same night as "Meet the Teachers" (Sept.25).

If your student will be in grade 8 or 9 NEXT year, come to this meeting. Information will be shared so families can decide if they want to participate in the trip. Fee discounts are available for early enrollment in the trip.



Books Needed!

Our grade 7/8 class is in need of good quality, good condition used novels suitable for junior high aged readers.

If you have some well written novels with appropriate content and are willing to donate them, please contact Mrs. Steele at the school.

Thanks!

**THE
TERRY
FOX
RUN**
for cancer research



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.

Volleyball

Please come cheer on our girls' volleyball team this Thursday at Valhalla at around 3 pm as we play La Glace.

We also are competing in Grande Prairie at the St. Joes tournament this weekend. Schedule to come soon.

Mrs. Flint

Terry Fox Fundraisers!

Help us raise money in Terry Fox's honor to fight cancer!

Support your children as they support each class fundraiser!

Grade 1/2 & 7/8 - The Gr 7/8 and the Gr 1/2 class will be holding a bake sale on Sept. 28, during recesses and when you return from the Terry Fox Run. Load up on sweets and get extra energy for the run! ;-D

Grade 3/4 – On Monday, September 24, 2012 the Grade 3 and 4 Class will be holding a "Bring Your Own Banana" Split sale to raise money in support of the Terry Fox Foundation. Everyone is encouraged to bring their own banana and \$3 for the ice cream and toppings to create their very own banana split OR bring \$5 and the banana will be provided with the ice cream and toppings. If you are not a banana fan, fear not! For \$3 you can buy a plain ice cream sundae with the toppings of your choice!! We hope you will help to support this worthy cause =)

Grade 5/6 – Carnival. If all goes according to plan the grade 5/6 class plans to have a class carnival for the students on Sept. 25 from 11:45 - 12:30. This will consist of a pet show ,

treats, photos in costume, and games in the gym. The money is raised in conjunction with the Terry Fox campaign and all money made will go to that cause. Details to follow.

Grade 9's are running a school store called The Fox Cantina on Wednesday Sept 26 at lunch. Items are \$1 and include items such as chips, chocolate bars, pop, and gum.

Valhalla Viking Seniors Volleyball

The Valhalla Vikings Seniors (I use the term loosely!) will be starting up again on Thursday, September 27 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. If you are interested in some local fun and recreation come and join us! If you don't think your in good enough shape, (don't worry not many are!) or not sure of the rules of the game (not many of us do!), it doesn't matter. We get together to have a lot of laughs, a little exercise and maybe, just maybe, learn a skill or two. Some of us that played last year had not been on a volleyball court since junior high! Don't be shy, just show up with your clean, non-marking soled shoes and have some fun. If you would like some more information you can call Pat at 780-356-2372 or Jolene at 780-356-2114. Hope to see you there!

Upcoming Events

Sept.25
VCS, 7pm – 8:30pm
Meet the Teacher/Parent Council/Field Trip

Sept.26
VCS
Gd 9 Fundraiser – Fox Cantina!

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

Sept.28
VCS
School Pictures

Sept.28
VCS
Extra Kindergarten Day

Sept.28
VCS
Gd 1/2, 7/8 Fundraiser – Bake Sale!

Sept.28
VCS
Terry Fox Run
Whole school run/walk for cancer

Terry Fox Run

**Proceeds to go to support
Cancer Research**

Date: September 28, 2012

Time: 12:45pm

- Runners are encouraged to display the names of people they know who have fought cancer on shoes or shirts or banners or arm bands (anywhere)!

OR

- Post Names of Your Cancer fighting acquaintances around the school!

**Students will be bused to the starting
location: corner of HYW 59 and RR 101**

**Run will proceed south 1 mile on
RR101, turn west 1 mile on private
road, turn north 1 mile on RR102**

**For more information please call the
school.**

780-356-2370

**Prizes
for 1st finisher from
each grade!!**

PARTICIPATE!!

All parents/family members who are able and willing are encouraged to join us in this run/walk



Student Fundraisers:

Grade 1/2,7/8—Bake sale
Sept.28 recesses

Grade 3/4—Banana Split Sale
Sept. 24 noon recess

Grade 5/6—Carnival
Sept. 25 noon recess

Grade 9—Fox Cantina
Sept. 26 noon recess

All Donations welcome!!

**Come Run With Us !
Come Walk With Us!
Come Cheer on the Runners!**

Hello to all Budding Musicians!

It's time for piano lessons again.

If you have taken piano lessons from me (Rhonda Krause) or are interested in taking lessons, please fill in this form and return it to the school as soon as possible. This will enable me to plan a schedule and get started with lessons. I plan to begin the middle of October 2012.

Students will have individual instruction once a week and will be expected to practice throughout the week, so a keyboard or piano is a necessity.

My fee is \$17.00 per lesson payable at the end of each month.

If you have any questions or concerns please call me at 780-356-2725

I look forward to seeing new and returning students.

Name of Student _____

Grade in School _____

Name of Parent or Guardian _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone Number _____

If you are a new student please tell me what musical training you have had in the past

Feel free to put siblings on the same page.

Please note: This is a first come first serve privilege.