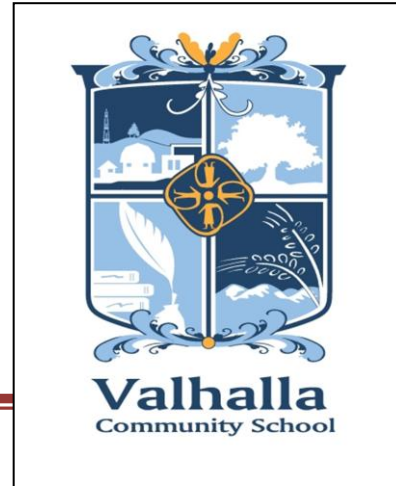

September 11, 2012

Valhalla Community School

Welcome Back!

2012-2013 has begun; excitement energizes the hallways. With new faces and old friends, familiar routines and new approaches and upgraded facilities, we're looking forward to a busy and rewarding year as we work together in the best school in Alberta!



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The staff ...

and their present assignments are as follows (these may change):

Reanna Stockman is K program instructor and general Teaching Assistant
Cindy Mumert is overseeing the K program & teaching grade 1/2 and French
Jennifer Leblanc is teaching the 3/4 class and 1/2 Math
Vivian Fowler is teaching grade 5/6
John Heikel is back teaching grade 5/6 and most science classes
Margo Steele returns teaching junior high LA, SS and Options
Kelli Flint is teaching grade 6-9 Math and several PE classes
Angie Tetreau joins us as general Teaching Assistant
Frieda Bratland is our German instructor and a general Teaching Assistant
Laura Wade is a general Teaching Assistant
Lorraine Gerow is a general Teaching Assistant
Anna Odd is our Administrative Assistant
Steve Mumert is our Principal and teaching Gd 9 LA, Junior High options/leadership
Jason Bratland, Vicki Leman, Pat Moutray and Janelle Trodd are our bus drivers
Don Morton is our custodian
John Picard is our school Superintendent
Jolene Kochendorfer is our school board chairperson
Doug Kochendorfer is our Director of Transportation

Please Note!!

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

School Supplies:

We're asking that parents provide students with school supplies as specified on the class supply list and bring: a non-marking pair of running

shoes for inside use, shoes or boots for outdoor use, a back pack, a lunch kit. Please put your child's name on all their belongings.

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.

Swimming:

We're swimming in the new Beaverlodge pool this year! Grade 3/4 swimming lessons are on September 17-20 and September 24-27 (Mon-Thurs: 8 lessons). The pool and the school need swim forms, fees and consent forms back ASAP (Sept.14 at latest) if students will be participating. Swim fees this year are \$55/student, payable to Valhalla Community School.

Volunteers (at least one male!) are needed to help supervise in change rooms at the pool. If you can help any of these dates please contact the school.



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!

Bus Driver's Corner:

Our drivers and I would like to welcome all our returning students and their families back to VCS and a big welcome to students and families who are new to us this year.

Returning this year as bus drivers are Vicki, Pat, Jason and Janelle.

As well we have a list of sub drivers available to assist them when needed. Please remember to be at your pick-up spot 5 minutes before your pick-up time so our buses can stay on time. Thank-you to all our parents for your patience as pick-up times are fine-tuned and routes are finalized. Please call your bus driver the night before if your child will not be on the bus.

Please call your driver before 6:50am, all our drivers leave their homes around 7:00 am.

Please do not call or text your bus driver during their route.

If you need to contact your drivers during their runs 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 hope you all have a safe, super year.

If you have any questions please call me anytime.
Doug Kochendorfer



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.

Important VCS Notes!

Each year brings changes. Sometimes different routines are hard to remember and get used to. Always though, the purpose of trying something new is to improve the students' school experience. Help us in this ongoing effort!

This year we have enough lockers for all students in grades 3-9.

Formerly, VCS had early dismissal on the first Monday of each month.

This year early dismissal will be every Monday.

We are giving up PD days in October and November (**not February!**); taking them in 30 minute increments on Monday after school. The aim is to provide teachers with time to study and work together regularly to benefit students' learning and classroom experience. Classes will dismiss at 3:10pm each Monday.

This year VCS is asking parents to supply their children's school supplies. Classroom supply lists were given out in June and can be requested now. Please do not send all your child/ren's supplies at once, but as needed throughout the year.

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.

Volleyball Try-Outs

I'm sorry to announce that we will not have a boys' volleyball team this year. There wasn't enough interest. Girl's tryouts are today after school and Thursday after school until 5:15pm. Students need to bring a note from home giving them permission to stay.

To ensure our students get the maximum opportunity to play, we are collecting a small fee to offset transportation costs. Please note that the volleyball transportation fee will be \$40 for any girls that make the team.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call Mrs. Flint at the school. (780.356.2370)

Terry Fox Run

Our school's Terry Fox Run will be held this year on September 28 from 12:30pm – 3:30pm. Grades K-2 will participate on school grounds. Grades 3-9 will be bused to RR 101, one mile west of Valhalla where they will take part in a 5K run on county and private roads. Consent forms accompany this newsletter.

Parent volunteers are very welcome! If we have enough people we can use volunteers to man water stations at road intersections, have a vehicle following the students in case someone needs assistance and have adults accompanying student groups on the run itself.

Stay tuned for details on in-school student fundraising events!

School Council

School (Parent) Council will begin with their AGM, scheduled for Sept.25, the same night as Meet the Teacher. Meeting starts @ 7pm. Parents can visit teachers, tour the school, etc. following the parent meeting.

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

We need your participation!!

Upcoming Events

Sept.12
VCS, 12:30pm
Playschool Registration

Sept.21
First CSW Friday
(No school)

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

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
Terry Fox Run
Whole school run/walk for cancer

VALHALLA SCHOOL FOUNDATION

MONTH	INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS	STUDENT DISMISSAL DAYS	OPERATIONAL DAYS	HOLIDAYS, INSERVICE, CONVENTIONS, ETC.
<p>August 2012</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4</p> <p>5 6 7 8 9 10 11</p> <p>12 13 14 15 16 17 18</p> <p>19 20 21 22 23 24 25</p> <p>26 27 28 29 30 31</p>	0	0	2	<p>August 20 Office Opens</p> <p>August 30 Organizational Day</p> <p>August 31 School PD Day</p>
<p>September 2012</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1</p> <p>2 3 4 5 6 7 8</p> <p>9 10 11 12 13 14 15</p> <p>16 17 18 19 20 21 22</p> <p>23 24 25 26 27 28 29</p> <p>30</p>	18	0	19	<p>Sept 3 Labour Day</p> <p>Sept 4 Student First day/First K-Day</p> <p>Sept 21 CSW</p> <p>Sept 25 Meet the Teacher/School Council AGM</p> <p>Sept 28 Extra K- Day, School Pictures/Paquins/Terry Fox Run</p>
<p>October 2012</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6</p> <p>7 8 9 10 11 12 13</p> <p>14 15 16 17 18 19 20</p> <p>21 22 23 24 25 26 27</p> <p>28 29 30 31</p>	20	1	22	<p>Oct 8 Thanksgiving Day</p> <p>Oct 26 CSW</p> <p>Oct 31 Halloween Celebration</p>
<p>November 2012</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3</p> <p>4 5 6 7 8 9 10</p> <p>11 12 13 14 15 16 17</p> <p>18 19 20 21 22 23 24</p> <p>25 26 27 28 29 30</p>	18	2	22	<p>Nov 8 Remembrance day Celebration</p> <p>Nov 9 CSW</p> <p>Nov 11 Remembrance Day</p> <p>Nov 16 Report Cards Issued</p> <p>Nov 21 Parent teacher Interviews</p> <p>Nov 23 Day off in lieu of PTI</p> <p>Nov 30 CSW</p>
<p>December 2012</p> <p>M T W T F S</p> <p>1</p> <p>2 3 4 5 6 7 8</p> <p>9 10 11 12 13 14 15</p> <p>16 17 18 19 20 21 22</p> <p>23 24 25 26 27 28 29</p> <p>30 31</p>	14	0	15	<p>Dec 18 Christmas Concert</p> <p>Dec 19 Alternate Xmas Concert date</p> <p>Dec 21 CSW</p> <p>Dec 22-31 Christmas Break</p>
<p>January 2013</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5</p> <p>6 7 8 9 10 11 12</p> <p>13 14 15 16 17 18 19</p> <p>20 21 22 23 24 25 26</p> <p>27 28 29 30 31</p>	18	0	19	<p>Jan 1-6 Christmas Break</p> <p>Jan 18 CSW</p>
<p>February 2013</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2</p> <p>3 4 5 6 7 8 9</p> <p>10 11 12 13 14 15 16</p> <p>17 18 19 20 21 22 23</p> <p>24 25 26 27 28</p>	17	1	19	<p>Feb 1 CSW</p> <p>Feb 7 Speech Competition</p> <p>Feb 14 Valentines Day</p> <p>Feb 15 District PD Day</p> <p>Feb 18 Family Day</p>
<p>March 2013</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2</p> <p>3 4 5 6 7 8 9</p> <p>10 11 12 13 14 15 16</p> <p>17 18 19 20 21 22 23</p> <p>24 25 26 27 28 29 30</p> <p>31</p>	17	3	20	<p>Mar 1 Report Cards Issued</p> <p>Mar 6 Parent Teacher Interviews</p> <p>Mar 7-8 Convention</p> <p>Mar 11-22 CTBS</p> <p>Mar 28 Day in lieu PTI</p> <p>Mar 29 Good Friday</p> <p>Mar 29-31 Spring Break</p>
<p>April 2013</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6</p> <p>7 8 9 10 11 12 13</p> <p>14 15 16 17 18 19 20</p> <p>21 22 23 24 25 26 27</p> <p>28 29 30</p>	16	0	17	<p>Apr 1-7 Spring Break</p> <p>Apr 19 CSW</p>
<p>May 2013</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4</p> <p>5 6 7 8 9 10 11</p> <p>12 13 14 15 16 17 18</p> <p>19 20 21 22 23 24 25</p> <p>26 27 28 29 30 31</p>	19	0	22	<p>May 3 CSW</p> <p>May 13 PAT Gr 9 ELA Part A</p> <p>May 14 PAT Gr 3 ELA Part A</p> <p>May 15 PAT Gr 6 ELA Part A</p> <p>May 17 CSW</p> <p>May 20 Victoria Day</p> <p>May 31 CSW</p>
<p>June 2013</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1</p> <p>2 3 4 5 6 7 8</p> <p>9 10 11 12 13 14 15</p> <p>16 17 18 19 20 21 22</p> <p>23 24 25 26 27 28 29</p> <p>30</p>	17	1	20	<p>June 7 CSW</p> <p>June 11 PAT Gr 3 ELA Part B</p> <p>June 13 PAT Gr 3 Mathematics</p> <p>June 17 PAT Gr 6 ELA Part B</p> <p>June 18 PAT Gr 6 Mathematics</p> <p>June 19 PAT Gr 6 Science</p> <p>June 20 PAT Gr 6 Social Studies</p> <p>June 21 CSW</p> <p>June 24 PAT Gr 9 Science</p> <p>June 25 PAT Gr 9 Mathematics</p> <p>June 26 PAT Gr 9 ELA Part B</p> <p>June 27 PAT Gr 9 Social Studies</p> <p>June 27 Last Day for Students</p> <p>June 28 Last Day for Staff</p>
TOTAL YEAR	174	8	197	6 PD Days



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Field Trip Attendance Consent Form

Student(s) Name: _____ grade: _____

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Note to Parents/Guardians:

Please read the following itinerary carefully prior to filling it in and consenting to your child(ren) attending the field trip.

Itinerary of Field trip:

Terry Fox Run Friday September 28, 2012

12:30 pm Safety Meeting

12:30 pm to 3:30pm Participate in the Terry Fox Run off school grounds

The students in grades One and Two will participate on a run here on school grounds. The students from **grades 3 through 9 will be off school grounds.** they will be bused to one mile west of Valhalla to RR 101; run south one mile, run west onto a private road one mile, then North one mile on RR102. If anyone is interested in volunteering for supervision on this day please contact the office at 780 356-2370.

Consent and Authorization:

I consent to have my child/children attend the field trip activity as listed above.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Community Announcements

An Opportunity to Grow in Faith

Sunday School is not just for those in grades K – 12, it is available for **everybody** looking to grow and increase their understanding of the Bible and God's message. At Valhalla Lutheran Church, we are blessed to have a very dedicated group of teachers to help all of our church families and friends to continue to grow in faith and love of God's amazing work.

This is an invitation for **you** to join with us in a fun, free and focused experience. Regardless of your age, please feel free to attend Valhalla Lutheran Church Sunday School, starting September 16th at 9:45am.

For more information, please contact Claire Loberg at 780.356.6768

Valhalla Bootcamp

Valhalla Bootcamp Starts Monday September 17, 2012 from 6:45pm to 7:45pm at the Valhalla Community School Gymnasium. The Program will run Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:45pm to 7:45pm for 8 weeks. For further information please contact Tara Fehr at 780.402.9301.