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December 11, 2012

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# Valhalla Community School

## Christmas Season Approaching!

It's hard to believe, but the Christmas season is upon us already!

VCS students are already hard at work learning and practicing parts and music for the annual Christmas concert. Only three weeks to go until performance!

A busy schedule of activity is underway. Students are learning their songs, working on their drama parts and will be getting set to help fill many off stage roles as well. The Christmas concert is one of the biggest avenues in the school year for our students to learn and demonstrate leadership, participation and citizenship traits.

The concert will run on December 18 at 1:30pm (dress rehearsal) and 7:00pm. Both performances are open to the public. December 19 is a back up date, should the concert have to be postponed due to road or weather conditions on December 18.

The last day of classes for VCS is December 20. School Council is once again going to be having a Christmas lunch for students, parents and staff of VCS. Anyone who would like to join us in the gym on December 20, 2012 at noon is more than welcome. School Council will be providing pizza for everyone but the remainder of the lunch will be potluck, so if you are joining us please bring a side dish or dessert.

Please contact Barb Lind (780.356.2570) or the school office (780.356.2370) for more information.



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*December 20*

*Pajama Day ...  
Sponsored by the  
Kindergarten Class!!*

*Come dressed in your  
most comfortable  
pajamas!*

## Provincial Achievement Tests

### Advance Notice

It may seem a bit early for an announcement of Achievement Test dates. There will be more discussion on this topic after the Christmas break, but for advance notice, and planning of trips or events, we want to let parents know when achievement tests are scheduled. It is very important that students in achievement test grades (gd. 3,6,9) are at school to participate in testing on the scheduled days.

Test dates run from May 13 to June 27. Please see the attached schedule for details.

### *Silent Auction!*

School Council is trying to raise awareness and donations for our silent auction being held at the VCS Christmas concert. We have attached a letter for parents to take into companies to request donations for silent auction items.



### Quebec Trip Update!!

*Reminder to all participants, we are having a dessert auction at the Christmas Concert.*

*Please remember to bring a dessert!*

*Our next meeting will be on February 7, 2013 @ 6:30pm. Right before the speech competition.*

## School Council Hosts Bullying Discussion

One of the main issues the School Council is trying to help with right now has to do with conflict between students and concerns about bullying. We would like to see the community come together as a whole to work with staff and administration at the school to address these concerns and build a culture of caring and effective conflict resolution which eliminate instances of bullying.

VCS School Council has been in contact with the district bullying prevention representative and is working with school administration to combat bullying/behavior issues.

Accordingly, School Council is hosting a presentation: Bullying – A Conversation With Parents in the Viking Room of the Viking Centre tonight (Dec.11) at 6:30pm. All parents are invited to attend.

## Upcoming Events

**Dec.11, 6:30pm**  
**Viking Room**  
**School Council: Bullying Prevention**

**Dec. 17, 7pm**  
**VCS**  
**Spring Lake Parent Group Meeting**

**Dec.18**  
**VCS**  
**Christmas Concert**

**Dec.19, 9 AM**  
**VCS**  
**Board Meeting**

**Dec.20**  
**VCS Gym**  
**Christmas Potluck Lunch**

**Dec.20 – Last day of School before Christmas**



### **Newsletter Submission Deadline is Monday 12pm.**

If you wish to submit an item please have in a digital format. If received after this time it will be submitted in the following week's newsletter. If it is an attachment please have 85 hard copies to the office by the submission deadline.



### *Grade 7/8 Christmas Party*

*This year the grade 7/8 class will be doing a Chinese gift exchange at their Christmas party. The gift amount is \$10. To make it more interesting, gift cards are not allowed!*

*We will be watching a Christmas movie at some point in the day. Students will be responsible for bringing snacks. On Friday we'll be discussing who is bringing what.*

December 4, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

The Valhalla Community School (VCS) is a K-9 Charter school catering to the needs of students in the Valhalla, LaGlance, Hythe and Beaverlodge areas. As a charter school we are governed by community members and reliant on the community to keep us running and ensure that our students continue to receive an above standard education.

Our school council contributes to our school in many ways, one of them being an annual silent auction held during the VCS Christmas Concert. The Christmas concert is open to all VCS families and to the community. The silent auction is a valuable tool to raise much needed funds for supporting our students. The funds raised in this year's silent auction will be used throughout the school year to further our extensive programming.

If you wish to make a donation, please contact one of the individuals listed below. Donations can be picked up by one of our School Council members or dropped off at the school during regular school hours. Please leave your name and any donor's names on the items dropped off.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,

Barb Lind  
VCS School Council President  
(780) 356-2570

Anna Odd  
VCS Administrative Assistant  
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## ***Achievement Test Administration Schedule: May/June 2013***

**Note:** Achievement tests **must** be administered according to the dates and times indicated in this schedule, unless an alternate schedule has been approved by the Director, Examination Administration (see the *Administration Directives, Guidelines, & Procedures* section).

All students are permitted an additional one-half hour to complete a test.

### **May 2013**

Monday, May 13	9:00 – 11:00 9:00 – 11:00 9:00 – 10:20	Grade 6 Français/French Language Arts Partie A Grade 9 English Language Arts Part A Grade 9 K&E English Language Arts Part A
Tuesday, May 14	9:00 – 10:10	Grade 3 English Language Arts Part A
Wednesday, May 15	9:00 – 11:00	Grade 6 English Language Arts Part A
	9:00 – 11:00	Grade 9 Français/French Language Arts Partie A
Thursday, May 16	9:00 – 10:10	Grade 3 Français/French Language Arts Partie A

### **June 2013**

Tuesday, June 11	9:00 – 10:00	Grade 3 English Language Arts Partie B
Thursday, June 13	9:00 – 10:00	Grade 3 Mathematics
Friday, June 14	9:00 – 10:00	Grade 6 Français/French Language Arts Partie B
Monday, June 17	9:00 – 10:00	Grade 6 English Language Arts Part B
Tuesday, June 18	9:00 – 9:45	Grade 3 Français/French Language Arts Partie B
	9:00 – 10:15	Grade 6 Mathematics
Wednesday, June 19	9:00 – 10:00	Grade 6 Science
Thursday, June 20	9:00 – 10:00	Grade 6 Social Studies
	9:00 – 10:15	Grade 9 Français/French Language Arts Partie B
Friday, June 21	ABORIGINAL DAY	No Tests Scheduled
Monday, June 24	9:00 – 10:15	Grade 9 Science
	A.M. 9:00 –	Grade 9 K&E Science
Tuesday, June 25	9:00 – 10:30	Grade 9 Mathematics
	9:00 – 10:15	Grade 9 K&E Mathematics
Wednesday, June 26	9:00 – 10:15	Grade 9 English Language Arts Part B
	9:00 – 10:15	Grade 9 K&E English Language Arts Part B
Thursday, June 27	9:00 – 10:20	Grade 9 Social Studies
	9:00 – 10:15	Grade 9 K&E Social Studies

## **Spring Lake Parent Group**

For the past few years the Valhalla Community School Parents have undertaken the responsibility to operate the Spring Lake Ski Hill. We have chosen this project to be one of our major fundraisers to support our school activities. In the past some of the funds raised have been used to purchase new computers for teachers, help purchase choral risers, desks for our students to use and to fund Team X.

The Spring Lake Ski Hill opens usually January (depending on snow) and runs through to April on a good year. We are open on Saturday and Sundays from 10am to 4pm. We offer hot food in our concession and warm place to sit and watch your kids ski or snowboard. To be able to offer this fundraiser for the school we are in need of volunteers to keep this running. All we ask is for each family to volunteer one Saturday or Sunday out of the season. We need about 5-7 people per day to open.

Here is an explanation of the simple volunteer positions needed. There is always someone experienced at the ski hill to show how things are run.

Concession/Chalet-      Cooking hamburgers/hotdogs,  
   food prep cutting up vegetables  
   Put away groceries  
   Serve customers  
   Vacuum the floor at the end of the day  
   Wipe off tables

Rental-                      Set Skis and snowboards  
   Size Boots/Snowboards/skis  
   Sell Lift Tickets

T-Bar-                        Help loading the T-Bar

Volunteering at the ski hill is very easy and a lot of fun! There is lots of outdoor activities for you and your children to do while at the ski hill.

If you would like more information we are having a meeting at the Valhalla Community School Monday December 17@7pm. We plan on opening for January 5/6 2013 if all goes well and need to organize a cleaning bee.

For more information or to book a weekend that you may be able to help out please contact Anna Odd @ 780-897-2055 or Lorraine Gerow @ 780-831-4627.



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## Field Trip Attendance Consent Form

Student(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ grade: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Note to Parents/Guardians:

The Valhalla staff would like to take the students caroling to Hythe Pioneer Home and Hythe Continuing Care Center, Wednesday December 19, 2012.

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

### Christmas Caroling to Hythe Pioneer Home and Hythe Continuing Care Center

#### Itinerary of Field trip:

Wednesday December 19, 2012

12:30pm	Leave the School for Hythe
1:00pm	Sing at the Hythe Pioneer Home
1:25pm	Walk from the Pioneer Home to the Hythe Continuing Care Center
1:30pm	Sing at the Continuing Care Center
2:00pm	Return to the school for regular dismissal

#### Consent and Authorization:

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

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_