

January 4, 2011

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Valhalla Community School

Happy New Year!

Welcome Back!!

We hope you've all had a great holiday break and are all rested up to head into the winter session!

Basketball Season Begins in Ernest!

Ms. Fowler would like to let all basketball players know:

Practices will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:40pm to 5:15pm.

Games will hopefully be scheduled on Thursdays and there is the possibility of tournaments in February. See attached calendar.

For the teams to be successful, commitment is needed from all players. Team members need to do their best to attend all practices (both after school and at noon hours) and games if at all possible.

Kindergarten Fridays!

Kindergarten To Begin Fridays
Kindergarten parents take notice! Starting next month, on February 4, Kindergarten will begin holding sessions on full week Fridays. That is to say, on the weeks in which regular school goes from Monday to Friday, Kindergarten will have three days per week: Monday, Wednesday and Friday.



February 4 is the first Friday on which Kindergarten will be held in 2011.

Parent Meeting

All parents of students who will be in grade 8/9 next year are asked to attend a meeting at 7 pm on January 26.

We need to discuss and agree on a destination and plan for next year's upcoming field trip in June, 2011.

It is hoped that this trip will be a special opportunity for our students. As such it will be a big undertaking. For it to be successful it will be necessary for all parents of participating students to be on board and actively participating in the planning and fundraising required.



4H Speech Competitions Coming!

Students in 4H (grades 5-8) will soon be preparing for the 4H club's annual speech competition. The competition will be held on February 8, 2011.

Because of the large number of 4H members in our multi-club, preliminary competition will be held during school hours. Winners in each competition level will advance to a finals speak-off which will be held on the evening of February 8.

We will be looking for volunteers to help with organizing and judging the speech competition.

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.

Parent Council

A parent council meeting has been called for 5:30pm, Tuesday, January 11.

Parents and volunteers are needed to make arrangements to get the Spring Lake Ski Hill up and running for the season.

Please plan to attend and make this season a great success!

Bus Driver's Corner

Welcome back from the holidays.

A reminder for parents to have your children dressed for the winter weather (boots on, mitts and toques along) in order that they are prepared in the event of bus trouble en route.

If you are wondering whether the buses are cancelled; you can check the school website, www.valhallaschool.ca, or listen for announcements on either CJXX-93.1 or Sun FM-97.7 FM radio stations. All effort is made to have any bus cancellation announcements ready for 7:00am.

Upcoming Events

January 11, 2011
5:30pm, VCS
Parent Council Meeting

Please join us to get the Ski Hill organized for the season!

January 26, 2011
7pm, VCS
Grade 8/9 Field Trip Parent Meeting

Come discuss possible destinations and plans for next year's trip. All parents of participating students needed!

February 4, 2011
VCS
First Friday for Kindergarten

Kindergarten begins Friday classes!

February 8, 2011
Time: TBA, VCS
VCS 4H Multi-Club Speech Competition

4H Speech Finals. Come support our students as they seek public speaking distinction!

A Few Reminders....

Piano Lessons

Ronda Krause will continue with Piano Lessons here at the school, beginning Monday January 10.

Absences

If your child(ren) are going to be away from school, please inform the office and the bus driver.

Destination

If your child is going home with a friend or to a neighbor, please send a note to the bus driver and to the school.

Arrival/Departure

If your child is arriving late, or being picked up early, please sign them in or out at the office.

Utensils

If your child needs utensils for their lunch, please provide them.

Ski Boots Needed!

Our school is in need of old style 3 pin cross country ski boots to fit our smaller students in grades 1-3. If anyone has any they would like to donate to the school it would be greatly appreciated! Contact the office for more information: 780-356- 2370.