



# Valhalla Community School

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## Going for a Swim

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An alligator named Jim  
decided to go for a swim he  
made a huge racket to find  
his life jacket but found it  
was too small for him.

by Sabrina

### Valhalla School Foundation Guiding Philosophies

1. We believe rural education is not a detriment, but unique and beneficial. So, we mandate split grades.
2. We believe structured teaching in the classroom maximizes opportunities for all students.
3. We acknowledge the importance of civic commitment and community participation from all students, who are indeed community members and future leaders.
4. We believe we must train students with the knowledge and skills to make them successful in both urban and rural settings.

## **School Pictures!**

Today was the deadline to have picture orders and payment into the school office. Proof packages were sent home last week. If you have been unable to place your order, you can still send it in, however our understanding is that Creative Portraits will charge an extra fee for processing the order after the main order has been done.

## **Art Display**

In the main entrance of the school, there is an Art Display of Canadian Artists. The students can take a look at the displays and there will be prizes in December for best performance on a quiz on the artists. We will hand out the prizes at the Christmas concert.

## **Volleyball Update!**

Only three more weeks of volleyball season left! Here are the upcoming dates for our teams as we near the end of our season:

*Wed. Oct. 20 → 'B' Boys & Girls game at LaGlance ... 3pm.*

*Thurs. Oct. 21 → 'B' Boys & Girls game at Hythe ... 3pm.*

*Fri. Oct. 22 → 'B' Girls Tournament in Hythe*

*Tues. Oct. 26 → Practice*

*Tues. Nov. 2 → 'B' Boys & Girls game at Wembley ... 3pm.*

*Thurs. Nov. 4 → Volleyball Windup*

Come on out and cheer our student athletes on.

They are working hard and improving their skills!

## **VCS Charter Board Meetings**

VCS charter board meetings are generally held the second Tuesday of each month at the Mercantile Café in Valhalla Centre. The next meeting has been changed from October 12. The date for the October meeting will be announced asap. *Parents are welcome to attend.*

## **School Assemblies**

Each month here at VCS, we hold a student assembly. As a rule they are held the Tuesdays following the early dismissal Mondays. We celebrate birthdays, deal with school business, give announcements, etc. We're also beginning to incorporate some student performances or activities as well. Assemblies are generally fairly short and begin at 12:40pm, shortly after the students' noon recess. Please be advised, because of Thanksgiving and swimming, October's student assembly will be rescheduled to October 19. If you are a parent or relative of one or more of our students, or an interested community member, please accept our invitation to join us for these assemblies. You are most welcome.

(It may be a good idea to phone in the day ahead just to make sure the assembly time is as usual) ☺

## **Parent Council**

The VCS Parent Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday October 19 @ 5:30pm is rescheduled to Tuesday October 26 @ 6:30 pm. We need to elect a Secretary to make our group operational. If you have a child attending VCS you are a council member.

There is a work bee scheduled at the Spring Lake Ski Hill on Saturday October 23 from 10am- 4pm. Anyone interested in helping out please contact Anna Odd @ 780.356.3055

## **Bus Drivers Corner**

We appreciate that our bus drivers take their jobs very seriously and that they are anxious to avoid leaving anyone behind. In order to help keep this from happening please be diligent about contacting your driver or the transportation director if your child will not be on the bus. If you know ahead of time that your child will be absent notify the driver and the school with written notes, even for students in the higher grades. This will avoid any confusion from mixed or forgotten messages and confirms your plans for your child.

If it becomes apparent that the student will not be on the bus after the routes are running (6:50 a.m.) contact the transportation director and he will radio the driver to inform him or her. It is illegal for bus drivers to talk on their cell phones when driving and it is unsafe for drivers to stop to check messages on busy roads. Our thanks to all of you for working with the drivers to ensure all of the students get transported safely and on time.

For the afternoon of Wednesday, October 20 and all of Thursday October 21 our director of transportation will be away. To have your driver radioed those days please call Trone Arnet on his cell @ 876-0420 or home @ 356-3166 and he will radio your driver for you

## **Thank You!!**

Thank you to the parents who donated their time and used household items to make our Garage Sale a success!

In the end just over \$1000 was raised to go toward the grade 5/6 field trip.

VCS is very grateful for the support of our community and volunteers!

## **VCS Volunteers**

Thanks to the volunteers who have handed in their forms to the office. Keep them coming in, forms are available at office or email [tfehr@explornet.com](mailto:tfehr@explornet.com) and I will send one.

## **Volunteers opportunities:**

Valhalla School Foundation Casino (November 1 and 2)

Watering & staking trees (weekends)

Fundraising Committee

## **Grade 5/6 Field Trip**

As the grade 5/6's are probably well aware, we are already planning for and have begun raising funds for a grade 5/6 field trip in the last week of June.

Staff has a field trip proposal we would like to share with the parents of grade 5 and 6 students. We have estimates of the cost and details of the trip.

A meeting for parents of grade 5/6 students has been scheduled for Tuesday afternoon, October 26; after school at 5:30pm.

If at all possible please plan to attend as we need to send a deposit for the trip to ensure availability of the hosting centre. We would like to give opportunity for parent discussion and input before sending the deposit.

If the trip is to be a success, we need the active support of all parents. All funds for the trip must be raised in advance to make it happen.

## **Community News**

Valhalla Community Library:

October is Library Month! Come and enjoy free cake and coffee from October 19-21. Library Hours: Tuesdays 11am-5pm, Wednesdays 10am-6pm, Thursdays 11am-5pm. New members always welcome; memberships are free!

LaGlace Ceramics:

The LaGlace ceramic Hours of Operation are Tuesdays 9am-3:30pm, 6pm-9:30pm, Wednesdays 6pm-9:30pm. Everyone is welcome! Contact Leona Farnsworth for more information: 780.568.2116

Valhalla 4H Beef Club:

Nov. 4 – "Show Your Colors" Day

Nov. 6 – Weigh-in for 4H. New members welcome

## **Upcoming Events**

October 20, 2010

3pm, LaGlace School

*Volleyball Game*

'B' Boys & Girls

October 21, 2010

3pm, Hythe Regional School

*Volleyball Game*

'B' Boys and Girls

**October 22, 2010**  
**Hythe Regional School**  
***B Girls Volleyball Tournament***  
**Come cheer on our team!**

**October 23, 2010**  
**10am – 4 pm**  
**Work Bee @ Spring Lake Ski Hill.**

**October 26, 2010**  
**5:30pm, VCS**  
***Grade 5/6 Parent Meeting***  
**June field trip planning**

**October 26, 2010**  
**6:30pm @VCS**  
**School Council Meeting**

**November 2, 2010**  
**3pm, Wembley School**  
***Volleyball Game***  
**Come cheer on our team!**

**November 4, 2010**  
**VCS**  
***Volleyball Windup***  
**Details TBA**