

Here at the half-way point in February, we are primed and ready for the on-site portion of our Charter Evaluation next week. As you are well aware, this is a very important process; we certainly appreciate the support from our members as we work through this project, not the least of which was the response to the parent meeting where we discussed the charter review, as well as provincial plans for possible changes to Charter Schools. The time, attention and willingness to get involved are a great encouragement and a testimony to the strength of our community.

Speaking of support from our community, we are so grateful for the generous \$6000 donation from the Blooming Valley Hall Association. This will provide a great boost to covering our transportation expenses.

It was also a great pleasure to hear the grade 5-8 public speaking finals this past week. The competence with which these students presented their prepared and impromptu speeches was wonderful. In the future, it will be likely that our students will give the district and regional 4H speaking competitions a run for their money.

Looking ahead, discussions have begun regarding the 2011/2012 school year calendar. In addition, the management team intends to begin the development of the next three years of calendars to further advance our scheduling process.

We have set the date for the **Annual General Meeting** of the Valhalla School Foundation for **Wednesday, March 23, 2011, @7pm** in the **VCS gymnasium**. Please note there is one position to fill, so we are looking for individuals interested in letting their names stand for election as a charter board director. According to our bylaws, a director must be 18 years of age or older, a parent or guardian of a child attending the VCS or a community member who is supportive of the mission of the VCS. Staff currently employed by the VCS may not be a director. The director will be elected for a three year term. An information package for potential nominees can be picked up at the office. Part of this package is the Valhalla Director Nomination Profile Agreement, which needs to be signed by anyone who would like to enter his or her name as a nominee for the director position and then returned to our electoral officer, Mary Ann Westad at the school by **March 14 at 4 p.m.** The names of the nominees will then be announced to our membership via the school newsletter and the school website. Please pass this information on to others who may want to consider the role of director.

Happy Family Day weekend everyone. It's a great opportunity to enjoy the Spring Lake Ski Hill!