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Attachments:

Valhalla Community School

DARE Program

Last week the grade 5/6 class began the DARE program; instructed by Constable Sheldon Arends.

DARE is an acronym for "Drug and Alcohol Resistance Education". In VCS it takes place every second year in Grade 5/6.

Run by law enforcement agencies, DARE is a wide spread program taught in many schools. It's goal is to teach students about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse in the hope of helping them avoid the damage abuse can bring about.

For more information about the program check out the DARE official website at www.dare.com/



School Fees Reminder

Just a quick reminder: VCS is now into the second half of the school year. To date we have a number of families who have not paid school fees. Please make a point of paying fees as soon as possible. These fees help offset the cost of school supplies that the school purchases for our students. If your fees are unpaid, please contact the office to make arrangements concerning this important issue. Thanks.

PE News!

Skating will begin in all our classes (K-9) the week of February 27th. This is a mandatory unit for all students to participate in. Students will need to bring skates and a helmet (any kind of helmet will do) for all sessions. The school has some extra hockey helmets but no skates. If your son/daughter does not have skates, please try to beg, borrow or buy some. We will also need parent helpers to volunteer to help tie skates. *A schedule and more detailed information will be out in a separate communication later this week.*



Speech Competitions Held!

Students in all grades participated in the VCS 4H club's annual speech competition last week. The competition was held on February 16, 2012.

Students worked hard and did extremely well. We are proud of them. We hope to have a report of the event from the 4H Club reporter soon!

Spring Lake Ski Hill

The Spring Lake Ski Hill will continue to operate weekends subject to snow conditions. A big thanks to all who came out and helped this past weekend! It was a great success!

We are always looking for volunteers to help out and have fun. For more information or to volunteer contact Anna @ 780.356.2370 or 780.897.2055

Travel Club

A reminder to all families participating in the VCS Quebec field trip this May: EF Tours has informed us that all accounts should now be paid in full. We cannot book flights or proceed with the

trip in any way until all accounts are settled. Thanks.

Bus Driver's Corner:

For the days of **March 5-14** our transportation director will be away.

Jason Bratland will be responsible for transportation at the Valhalla Community School during these days and will be able to radio your bus driver if needed.

Jason can be contacted by calling [780-814-1058](tel:780-814-1058).



Upcoming Events

February 27, 2012
9am, Valhalla room
VSF Board Meeting

March 3, 2012
VCS
4H District Speech Competition

March 8,9, 2012
Teachers Convention
No School!

March 26, 2012
7pm, VCS Viking Room
VSF Annual General Meeting

A Few Reminders....

Student Spectators at Basketball Practice

Just a reminder: students who are not members of school basketball teams should not plan on remaining at school to watch practice or "hang out" with friends. Team members do not need distractions and coaches cannot supervise students who are not part of practice.

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.

Family Day!

"Being Active" Photo Challenge!

Over the Family Day long weekend, either draw a picture or bring in a photo of your family being active and having fun together. Bring them in for Tuesday, February 21st and we will display them along the halls. Staff, students and visitors can vote on which picture/photo looks like the family that had the most fun!!