Valhalla Community School

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Terry Fox Run and Fundraisers a HUGE Success at VCS!

VCS Staff

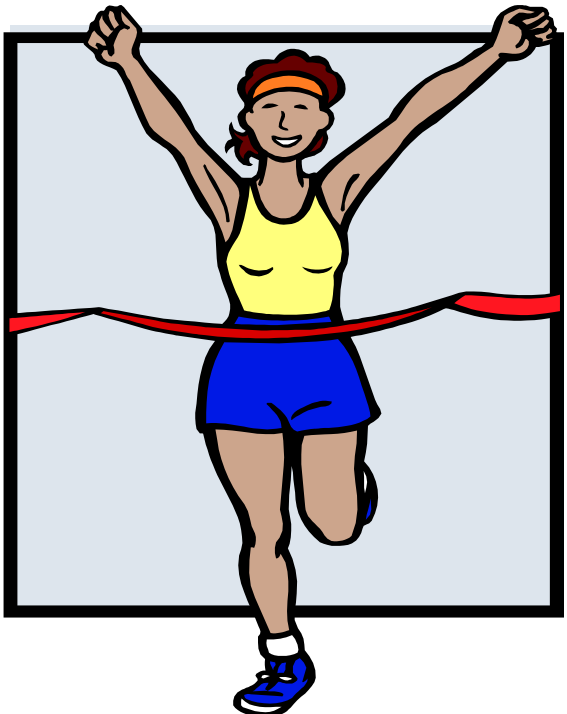
Congratulations are in order! After weeks of planning, organizing and running fund raising events to raise money for cancer research, September 24th arrived with perfect weather for the Terry Fox Run itself.

Each class at VCF, from grade 1/2 to grade 7/8, put together their own event in support of Terry Fox: grade 1/2 had a fruit sale, grade 3/4 did a bake sale-lemonade sale, grade 5/6 had a Second Look (garage) sale, and grade 7/8 held a concession sale, candy jar guess and raffle.

Final fundraising results are outstanding:
Grade 1/2 - $220.25
Grade 3/4 - $216.60
Grade 5/6 - $424.36
Grade 7/8 - $452.39
Frau Bratland contributed fresh baked bread which brought in $48.14 worth of donations and $15 in other donations came in. The school total for the entire fundraising event was **$1376.74!**

But even better than the dollars raised was the energy and enthusiasm with which our students and community supported the cause. Students showed tremendous leadership in doing the fundraising and inspirational effort in the run itself!

Well done team!!



VCS Open House

Mark your calendar! There will be an Open House here at the school beginning at 7:00pm on September 28th. Come out and meet many of the school staff and board members. We'll put the coffee on!

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.

Swim Program

Swimming lessons for our students will begin September 27 at the Grande Prairie Leisure Centre. Busses will leave VCS each day for swimming at 11:40am and return for regular after school bus runs at the end of the day. There is a $50 fee for swim lessons.

Swim Dates are:
Grade K, 1&2, 5&6 Swim Lessons: 1-2pm Sept. 27,28,29,30. Oct.4,5

Grade 3&4, 7&8 Swim Lessons: 1-2pm Oct.6,7,12,13,14,15

Kindergarten Parents Please Note
Monday, September 27, Wednesday, September 29 and Monday, October 4th ***are not full kindergarten days***. There will be no kindergarten programming here at VCS on those mornings. Please bring your kindergarten children by 11:30am to the school those days if they will be taking swim lessons. They can ride the bus to lessons and return home as usual on the school bus.

Everyone Please note:
Due to fewer numbers of families signing up for lessons and the cost of the program, VCS is having to consider discontinuing the swim program for next year– at least at the older class levels. If you have an opinion on this issue please let us know …

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.

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) ☺

Valhalla School Parent Council

The Annual General Meeting for the Valhalla School Parent Council was held on September 21, beginning at 7pm in the school gym. Elected to executive this year are: Anna Odd – president, Catherine Campbell - vice president, Karla Allcock – secretary, Patty Nixon – treasurer.

If you have a child attending VCS, you are a member of the School Council. We hope to see you there; the coffee pot will be on!

A meeting for the Spring Lake Ski Hill Will be held in the school gymnasium on Sunday October 17 @ 2pm. We are preparing for a work bee outside and cleaning inside. We hope to see you there.

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 will be October 12 at 9:00am. *Parents are welcome to attend.*

Volleyball

The volleyball tryouts went well, thank you to all of the students who participated!
Congratulations to the Girls and Boys "B" team!

Girls "B" Team	**Boys "B" Team**
Faith Nayko	Andrew Martin
Turje Nordhagen	Nicholas Campbell
Terri Robertson	Lane Gerow
Kayly Vig	Rhett Lappenbush
Mercedes Beck	Jayden Bratland
Katy Arnet	Preston Nixon
Kailey Bratland	Jeffrey Potts
Ariane Harpe	Michael Tuffnell
Charity Beck	Braiden Fletcher
Taylor Flint	
Aarika Harpe	

Coaches:
Kelli Flint
Lauren Kochendorfer
Tatiana Harpe

Volleyball practices will be held on Tuesday, September 28 and Thursday, September 30 after school. A schedule of volleyball practices and games will be coming out as soon as possible.

VCS to Host Garage Sale

Due to the generosity of Laureen and Eric Dane, who have donated a large number of high quality household items to the school, we will be hosting a garage sale in the school gym on Saturday, October 16. To make this event an even greater success, we invite school and community members to help us set up and run the sale. We would also be very happy should anyone want to contribute additional high quality items for sale by the school.

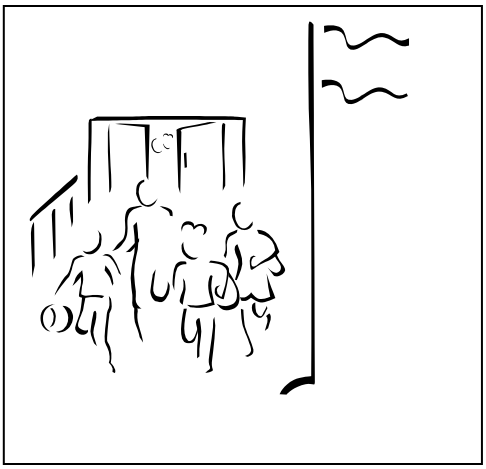
All proceeds will go toward building a fund to pay for this year's upcoming grade 5/6 year end field trip.

Thank You!!

Our thanks go out this week to several people.

Thank you to all the volunteers who came out to help for our Terry Fox Run last Friday. Thanks too, to all the parents who supported our students' fundraisers by donating, buying items at the events and helping at the tables.

Thanks especially to RCMP constables Erin Hopfner and Tom Weiers for leading and safeguarding our students as they took part in the Terry Fox Run (and also for visiting classrooms earlier to underscore the importance of school lockdown procedures). The RCMP presence really went a long way to making the run an exciting event.



Our appreciation also goes out this week to Darcy and Allan Tofteland for supplying new gravel for our bus lane and parking area.

And thanks again to Pete Tofteland for supplying his bobcat and operator to level the gravel.

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

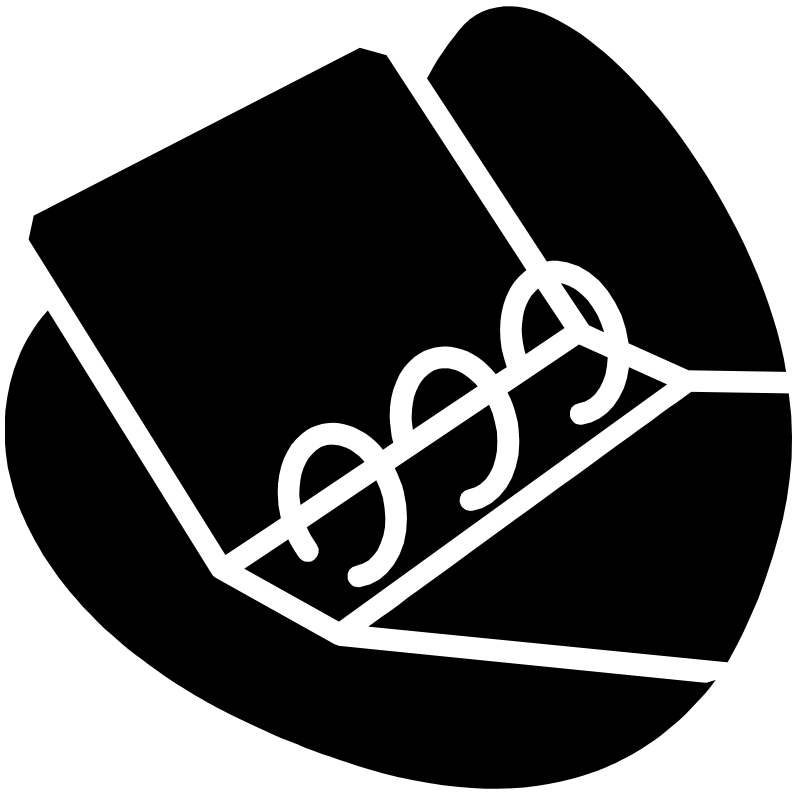
Want to Volunteer at VCS??

Please contact Tara Fehr @ 780.356.3527

We currently need volunteers to water trees once a week (on weekends), to mulch the new trees and to stake five larger trees that were moved and replanted. Contact Steve Mumert for details.

Charter Schools: What are we about?

Valhalla Community School operates under the stewardship of the Valhalla School Foundation, whose charter is grounded in whole-group direct instruction (also known to some as, traditional teaching) and incorporating mandatory second language and student leadership development.



Community News

Valhalla Community Library:
Library Hours: Tuesdays 11am-5pm, Wednesdays 10am-6pm, Thursdays 11am-5pm. New members always welcome; memberships are free! For any information please contact Gail Perry: 780.356.3834

Valhalla Archery Club:
The Valhalla Archery club is having a Logo Contest. The winner will have their logo represent the club and receive a one year membership free. Please have your Logo in to the school office by October 15 with all of your contact information. For more information contact Shellie Barclay @780.356.2954

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 4-H Beef Club:
The Valhalla 4-H Beef club is having an organizational meeting Monday October 4, @ 7pm in the Valhalla Lutheran Church Basement. For More information contact Pat Moutray @ 780.356.2372

Family Halloween Dance:
Parents in the community are interested in having a Family Halloween Dance in the Homestead Hall. If you are willing to help organize please contact Tara Fehr @780.356.3527

Upcoming Events

September 28, 2010
7pm, VCS
School Open House
Come meet the staff and board members

October 11, 2010
Thanksgiving

To Be Announced
Mercantile Cafe
Charter Board Meeting
Parents Welcome

October 16, 2010
VCS
Gymnasium Garage Sale
Selling high quality items to support grade 5/6 year end field trip. Start time TBA.

October 17, 2010
2pm, VCS
Spring Lake Ski Hill Meeting
at the school