



Valhalla Community School

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“Fall Begins Today”

The newsletter is available on the Valhalla Community School website.
Bus cancellations and notices are kept current on the website.

If your child(ren) are going to be away from school, please inform the office and the bus driver. Just a reminder, if you are arriving late, or picking up your child(ren) early, please sign them in or out at the office.

Please have items for the newsletter in by 11:00am Tuesday.

Note for clarification: We have **two bodies** supporting the daily operation of this school.

First, the **Charter Board** (Valhalla School Foundation, is the governing-managing body and they have the responsibility of utilizing the monies provided by Alberta Learning to provide the staff, the educational materials, look after the building, bussing, custodial, etc. They work with the **Superintendent**, the **Secretary-Treasurer** and **Alberta Learning** to provide the Alberta curriculum and Charter Goals to those students attending this school. The **Charter Board** has its **Annual Meeting** in the **spring** of the year and the elections take place during the Annual Meeting.

Second- the **School Council**, sometimes referred to as a Parent Council. **School Council** is the **Parent-School group** that works together to support **school based policies** and educational opportunities for the students. This group has its **Annual Meeting** in the **fall** and election of officers takes place during the Annual Meeting.

Thursday, September 24th- Open House here at the school from 7pm to 8pm. Come out to meet many of the School Staff and the School Board members. We will put the coffee on☺ The **School Council** will also be electing an **executive at 7:45pm**. See note under School Council information.

Terry Fox Run: Friday, September 25- from **2:15 to 3:20pm**. Students are encouraged to begin to bring in “**Toonies for Terry.**” A collection jar is available at the office. We will send the monies collected to the Terry Fox Foundation on behalf of the Valhalla Community School. **Community members** are invited to take part with us; see you at 2:15pm.

Swim Program registrations were sent home last week. Please get your forms in to the school office as soon as possible as we must get them to the Leisure Centre by October 21st. The swim fee is \$50.00 per student. This is payable **prior to** having the student begin the lessons. Cheques are payable to Valhalla Community School.

Devon Canada 2010 Corporate Calendar contest. Students are invited to take part in this contest. All entries that are into to the school office will be **couriered out** on Wednesday, October 21st so as to be in Calgary for the entry deadline.

Snacks and lunch- Due to a considerable increase in student population, it would be appreciated if you could send **prepared snacks** (ie. pop the popcorn at home, peel fruit, etc) as the recess times are short and students appreciate their break. Classroom teachers may be assigning microwave opportunities due to demand. It is encouraging to see students bringing food items from the four food groups (milk, fruit & vegetable, meat and grains) as nutrition, fitness along with a good night's sleep play a critical role in the ability to learn. It is great to see so many students with reusable water bottles.

School Council:

The **School Council Annual Meeting** will be held **during the Open House, September 24th** beginning at **7:45pm**. If you have a child attending Valhalla Community School **you are a member of the School Council**. We will be **electing an executive** during this meeting. A short meeting will follow the election. We know **we need a secretary** and a **treasurer** to make this group operational.

Community News

Valhalla Community Library:

Regular library hours are: Tuesday 11am to 5pm, Wednesday 10am to 6pm and Thursday 11am to 5pm. The library board was very pleased with the turn out for the Alberta Arts Day both with displays and those attending the tea.

Valhalla 4H Beef Club: organizational meeting will be held on **Monday, September 21st** at the Mercantile Café. We will be finalizing plans to attend the CFR in November, so if you are **interested in 4H** come on out. Please call Pat Moutray at 780-356-2372 for more information.

Attachments:

Piano Lessons with Rhonda Krause

Susan Thomson

Principal

“Honesty is the first chapter of the book of wisdom.” Thomas Jefferson

Piano Lessons

I will be offering piano lessons during the school day on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during the 2009/2010 school year. I have 12 years experience teaching piano and am able to teach beginners to grade level 7 in piano. Students will be accepted on a first come basis. If you have signed your child up with Miss Leslie Loberg please do not fill out this form. Please return the completed form to the school office, lessons will begin October 6th.

Parent/Guardian: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Child's Name: _____

Child's Grade in School: _____

Piano Background (beginner, 1 year of lessons, etc):

The rate is \$15.00 per lesson plus the cost of any books.

Just a reminder, you do need to have access to a piano or keyboard of some description as regular practice is an important part of lessons. Children grasp concepts at their own rate, thus progress will occur at different rates. Daily practice will assist the child with their progress.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 780-356-2725.

I look forward to hearing from interested students.

Rhonda Krause