



Valhalla Community School

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We Shall Not Forget!



Student/Parent/ Teacher Interviews

Friday this week, the first term report cards will be released.

Next week, for most students on Wednesday evening, parent teacher interviews will be held. Parents are asked to contact the school to make appointments with their children's teachers beginning at 4pm on November 20. We'll book on the 21nd if we fill up the first day.

We will be continuing with a new feature in PTI's this year. In keeping with our charter's leadership development mandate, we are implementing "student-led" parent teacher interviews. This year students have set some learning/achievement goals for themselves and with teachers' help are keeping an electronic portfolio of their work to document their growth toward their own goals.

We're asking students to attend PTI's with their parents and to lead the interview themselves (with some help!). They will be

able to share the goals they've set themselves with their parents, show the work in their portfolios and take part in the discussion of how their year is progressing.

There will also be opportunity for parents to speak privately with the teachers if they wish.



Christmas Shoebox Campaign

This year's VCS Shoebox Campaign kicked off November 1. Think about making some child's Christmas a time for celebration!

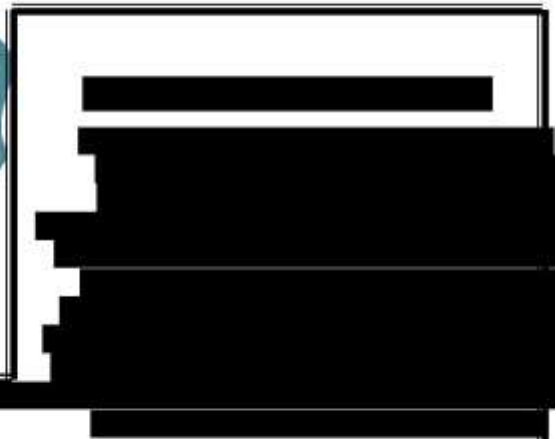
If you'd like more boxes than your children bring home, please let the school know so we can send them home. All boxes must be delivered to the school by this **Friday (Nov. 15)** so we can deliver them to a Grande Prairie collection point.

Let's make a difference for as many children as we can! We would love to end up with one shoebox per student if possible!



An interesting statistic for you:

45 students voting every day for 15 days gives us and additional **675 votes.**



Bus Drivers' Corner

Winter weather is here!

School Guidelines:

All students riding on school buses must wear, which is preferable, or carry with them, proper clothing appropriate for the weather conditions. If a student is not wearing, or does not have in their possession, appropriate clothing suitable for the weather conditions the bus driver shall advise the parent, principal and document the discussion. In a situation that the Principal determines to be of significant risk to the student he/she may decide to keep the student at the school until they have appropriate clothing or the parent picks them up. Bundle up! It is VCS Policy.



Mark Standring, the Transportation Director will become familiar with the VCS, 4 bus routes over the coming weeks. Please expect some late pick-ups and drop-offs. We're sorry for any inconvenience.

Transportation Directors planned bus driving schedule:

- Nov 12-14, Jason Bratland's route;
- Nov 18-20, Janelle Trodd's route;
- Nov 25-27, Pat Moutray's route;
- Dec 2-4, Vicki Leman's route.

Thank you,

Mark Standring Transportation Director 780.897.3517

Upcoming Events

November 12-21
K-2 Swim Lessons

November 15
Term 1 Report Cards Issued

November 15
Deadline for Shoebox return to VCS Extra Kindergarten day

November 20
Parent Teacher Interviews
Extra Kindergarten day

November 22
Day off in Lieu of PTIs
No School

December 6
CSW
No School

December 18
VCS Christmas Concert

Valhalla School Foundation

The Valhalla School Foundation Charter Board would like to announce that we will be seeking a person to temporarily fill a mid-term director vacancy according to Article 2: Section 9 of our bylaws.

Information regarding the position of director and this process is available in the Director Nomination Package, which includes the Director Nomination Profile Agreement, our Charter and our Bylaws, and can be viewed on our website or paper copies can be requested at the office.

Please feel free to call for more information.

Jolene Kochendorfer (Chair) [\(780\) 356-2114](tel:7803562114)

Win a free family meal from your School Council!

A large 2 topping pizza from Anna's Pizza, just for reading our newsletter!

Sign this slip, have your child return it to the office draw box.

Winner will be drawn at next month's assembly!

Students Name _____ Parent's Signature _____



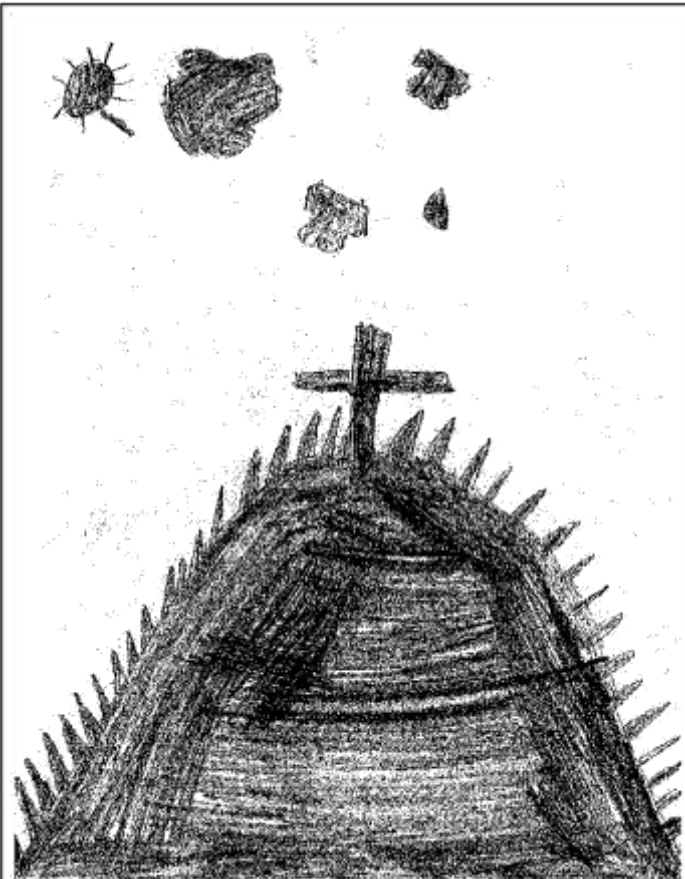
Christmas Concert Silent Auction Donations

Every year at the school Christmas Concert, School Council holds a silent auction. Our school council contributes to our school in many ways, one of them being an annual silent auction to raise much needed funds for supporting our students. This is the School Council's only fundraiser of the year. The Christmas concert is open to all VCS families and to the community and is scheduled for December 18th, 2013.

Any donations for the fundraiser are welcome. A letter is available at the office or through school council for you to take to anyone who might be interested in donating. This is also a great time to talk to people about the fundraiser so they come to the concert prepared to bid! Please contact Barb Lind, School Council President @ 780.882.4508 or the school office 780.356.2370 for the letter.

Movie Night

The School Council will be hosting a Movie Night here at VCS on Friday November 22nd @ 6pm. For more information please contact Edwin Morales @ 780.978.3281



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Valhalla Family Halloween Dance

We would like to thank everyone who supported and helped make the Halloween Dance possible. With everyone's support we were able to raise \$1450.00 to donate to the Valhalla Playground Committee.

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