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# Valhalla Community School

## CTBS Testing On Now!

This week sees Valhalla students writing the Canadian Test of Basic Skills.

CTBS is a Canadian testing instrument widely used in schools to measure student progress across curriculum areas.

Here at VCS, we administer this test to all students every year. It is a good way of seeing where students' strengths lay and identifying for teachers which areas may need extra attention.

In addition we use the CTBS measure to confirm student academic growth from year to year as part of our Alberta Initiative for School Improvement (AISI) research project.

All Alberta schools are required to do an ongoing AISI research project; a requirement designed to foster innovation and improvement across the entire Alberta Education system.

Testing will continue all this week and if necessary into next week until all students have completed all the testing. We encourage all students to attend and to do their very best so an accurate measure of their current achievement can be made.

As has been noted before, and will be again when discussing Provincial Achievement Testing, we believe it is a mark of leadership and strong character to give one's best effort in all we do. It is our hope that Valhalla students will



demonstrate this trait and be encouraged to do so by school staff and parents.

## Badminton News!

Badminton will be starting next week for Valhalla Junior High Students.

Practice will be after school on Mondays, till 4:30pm. If Junior High players numbers warrant, an additional practice time may be set.

The season will go till the end of April. Students will attend Divisional competition and if they place in the top two rankings for their division, they will move on to Zones.

We will let parents know in advance if we are hosting any teams here or will be travelling to other schools.



## Spring Lake Ski Hill

**S.O.S.** Our fearless leader has fallen ill and will not be able to come to the Ski Hill. We are looking for volunteers that are willing to come and work in our kitchen or in the rental shack.

Please contact Lorraine @ 356-3399 evenings or at the school 356-2370 daytime.

We want to keep it going while we have snow, but we NEED volunteers. I hope to hear from lots of parents!

## Basketball Season Ends

Yesterday VCS basketball teams held their season wind up celebrations. Another season has come and gone!

Our congratulations to all players and the coaches and helpers for a season marked by dedication, hard work, successful play and an outstanding job representing our school!

## Bus Driver's Corner:

Parents please ensure your children's skates have the blades covered, whether they are kept inside a heavy bag or have a skate guard on them, when they are transported on a bus.

Students remember your skates must be kept under the bus seats.

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

**March 3, 2012**  
**VCS**  
**4H District Speech Competition**

**March 5, 2012**  
**VCS, 6:30pm**  
**Parent Council Meeting**

**March 8, 9, 2012**  
**Teachers Convention**  
No School!

**March 16, 2012**  
**Report Cards Issued**

**March 20, 2012**  
**VCS**  
**Parent Teacher Interviews**  
Student Led Interviews!

**March 23, 2012**  
**Day Off In Lieu of PTI's**  
No School.

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

## A Few Reminders....

### 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.

### Utensils

If your child needs utensils for their lunch, please provide them.

## Interested in Running??

Grande Prairie Run/Walk Club is hosting:

DHT Press Run/Walk 2012

Saturday May 26<sup>th</sup> at the Muskoseepi Park Pavilion in Grande Prairie.

10K and 21K plus Kid's 10K and 3K Walks and Runs

For Details see:

[http://www.gprunwalk.com/leagues/custom\\_page.cfm?leagueID=19389&clientID=5211&pageID=11941](http://www.gprunwalk.com/leagues/custom_page.cfm?leagueID=19389&clientID=5211&pageID=11941)



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 Jennifer LeBlanc, Gr 3/4  
 Vivian Fowler, Gr 5/6  
 Margo Steuernagel, Gr. 7/8  
 Kelli Flint, Gr. 9  
 John Heikel, Gr.5/6 LA 7-9 Science  
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>CTBS</b>	<b>CTBS</b>	<b>CTBS</b>	<b>CTBS</b> 1	<b>CTBS</b> 2	<b>3</b> 4H District Speech Competition
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Early Dismissal Staff Meeting Parent Council	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Teachers Convention	<b>9</b> Teachers Convention	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Report Cards Wear Green for St. Patrick	<b>17</b> St.Patricks Day
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Parent Teacher Interviews	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Day off in Lieu of PTI	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> VSF Board Mtg VSF AGM	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

With February nearly over, we are already well into the last half of this school year and some notable activities have been taking place.

It was a great pleasure to hear the Grade 7-9 4H Public Speaking Finals on February 16. The proficiency with which these students delivered their presentations and speeches was exceptional. In addition, the younger students were a delight and show great promise for the coming years. On March 3 at 1 p.m., the top 4H speakers of each category will be taking part in the District 4H Speaking Competition here in the Valhalla Viking Centre, everyone is welcome to come and support our students.

Basketball has ended for another season and we would like to thank the coaches, Mrs. Fowler, Miss Stuerenagel; and their assistants, Talon Fowler, Tim Lepp, and Dion Romeo. The teams had a wonderful season of skill development and some very thrilling games. It was particularly exciting to achieve another milestone by hosting a tournament at our school!

The board is now into the planning cycle of the school year, so discussions are beginning regarding the 2012/2013 school year. Please watch for opportunities to give feedback, as we will be seeking input through several methods including regular parent council meetings, our annual general meeting, and surveys.

With that in mind, the **Annual General Meeting** of the Valhalla School Foundation will be held on **Monday, March 26, 2012 @ 7pm** in the **Viking Room** of the Valhalla Viking Centre. This year two of our directors are coming to the end of their terms. Trone Arnet and Andre Harpe have both been involved with the Charter since its inception. Trone will let his name stand for another term. Andre is undeclared. In any event, interested individuals are able to let 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. Directors are elected for three year terms. An information package for potential nominees can be picked up at the office. Part of this package is *The VSF Director Nomination Profile Agreement*, which needs to be signed by anyone who is entering his or her name as a nominee for the director position and then returned to the school office by **March 15 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.

Finally, thank you for attention. The support and input we enjoy from our families and community is invaluable, as we work together to be an effective school.

Enjoy the new snow; it's a great opportunity to get out to the Spring Lake Ski Hill!