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It's Time for Kindergarten Registration!

Kindergarten registrations are now being accepted at Valhalla Community School!

Orientation will be held on March 10 at 6-7pm in the Kindergarten room.

Valhalla Community School welcomes all children to a safe and nurturing learning environment that respects the uniqueness of each child. We take pride in helping students learn and explore while they build relationships that are based on respect, honesty and integrity. As a public Charter School, our students not only learn the skills they need to excel academically, but they also develop the qualities that will allow them to be-come confident, compassionate citizens of the future. Kindergarten lays the foundation for future success - both in the classroom and in life. At Valhalla Community School, we work to create a learning experience that recognizes children's individual strengths and encourages their natural inquisitiveness, while preparing them for academic success through our Direct Instruction program

We invite you to call or visit the Valhalla Community School to learn more about our exceptional Charter School program, outstanding teachers and unique learning opportunity. See why so many parents are choosing Valhalla!

To register your child for kindergarten, please call Valhalla Community School 780-356-2370.



Kindergarten lays the foundation for a child's future. Choose

Valhalla Community Charter School

Rural Leadership Program

Kindergarten Registration is open at Valhalla Community School

Bussing available
Call 780-356-2370



IMPORTANT!
PLEASE READ

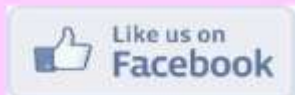
Your Valhalla Community School Transportation Director will notify you of changes to your bus route. *If your bus is delayed for any reason, you will receive a TEXT message on your cell phone(s).* The number(s) used will be from the information you provided at school registration. *If you cannot receive a text message, please let me know.*

Thank you
Mark Standing, Transportation Director

Ps: During the winter months bus times vary due to road conditions and changes to the routes.

Check out the Valhalla Community Charter School

Facebook Page!



Valhalla School Foundation Notice

The **VSF Annual General Meeting** has been set for **Thursday, March 13 at 7 p.m. in the Viking Room.**

Three directors are coming to the end of their current terms and our interim position will need to be elected at that time, as well. Brenda Kjemhus, John Moutray, and I have all agreed to let our names stand for another term. In addition, Tracy Campbell has agreed to let her name stand for the position she has been filling in the interim.

It is still possible for interested individuals to put their names in 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 or is available on our website. 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 5 at 4 p.m.** The names of the nominees will then be announced to our membership via the school newsletter and the school website.

Parent Teacher Interviews.

Term 2 report cards will be issued on February 27th. Parent teacher interviews will be held on Wednesday **March 5th** from **4pm to 8pm**. Please contact the school office to book your appointment.

Beaverlodge Hidden Potential Society

Neurodevelopmental Seminar

Saturday, March 1st, 2014 10:00 am to Noon

Admission by Donation Lunch Provided

St. Luke's Anglican Hall

Guest speaker: Sylvia Funk (Neurodevelopmentalist)

www.pathway-nd.com

For more details and RSVP contact info@hiddenpotentialsociety.ca,

Kay at [780-354-8306](tel:780-354-8306) or Emily at 780 356 2403

Serving the special needs community.

www.hiddenpotentialsociety.ca

Upcoming Events

February 27, 2014

Report Cards Issued

February 28, 2014

CSW

March 3, 2014

School Council Meeting 7pm

March 5, 2014

Parent Teacher Interviews

March 6-7, 2014

Teachers' Convention

No School

March 10, 2014

6pm, Kindergarten Orientation

March 12, 2014

**6 pm, Valhalla Room
VSF Board Meeting**

March 13, 2014

**7pm, Viking Room
VSF Annual General Meeting**

Come to hear and discuss the business of our school community!

March 21, 2014

Extra Kindergarten Day

March 25, 2014

Nitehawk Ski Trip



WANTED

We're looking for a Full Time Bus Driver for our Beaverlodge route. Please see our advertisement on the VCS web site... and ... pass it on. Thank you
www.valhallacommunityschool.ca

Nitehawk Ski Trip

The ski/snowboard trip to Nitehawk has been **rescheduled** for **Tuesday March 25th**. This trip is offered to students grade 3 to grade 9. If your child wishes to participate and they missed the deadline for the last scheduled date please complete the forms attached and return them along with the fee to the office.

Spring Lake Ski Hill

This past weekend we were closed due to the cold weather. We are hoping for warmer weather this upcoming weekend. We are open this weekend Saturday, and Sunday from 10am to 4pm pending temperatures. Contact Anna @ 780-897-2055 for more information. Check us out on Facebook at Spring Lake Ski hill

Registration Week

Administration has given a lot of thought into ways to strengthen the relationship between the school and our families. We want to be more intentional about working with families and having parents involved and active in the school.

Again this spring, we will be hosting a Registration Week. From April 22 to April 25, we will ask parents to book one evening appointment at the school to come in and complete the registration process for next year. From 4pm to 8pm each evening, bookings for 30 minute time slots will be available. More information will be released in upcoming newsletters.

Pink Shirt Day!!

Stand together
against bullying
and wear pink
on Wednesday
February 26th.

Baby Sitting Course

Ali Colton is offering a babysitting course for children 11years and up. It will be held in LaGlace Friday March 7 from 9am to 3:30pm location TBA. The cost will be \$65 per student. For more information or to book please call Ali Colton at 780.512.8365

Valhalla

Community Library News

Hours of Operation:

Monday	10 - 4 pm
Tuesday	10 - 5 pm
Wednesday	10 - 8 pm
Thursday	10 - 5 pm
Friday	Closed

Annual General Meeting is February 26, 4pm. Everyone is welcome to attend, and the coffee will be on!

PE Skating Schedule

All students will be skating **each** day,

Wednesday February 19th,

Thursday February 20th,

Wednesday February 26th,

Thursday February 27th.

Skating times are;

Grade K, 1/2 & Grade 9 - 9:20am to 10:20am.

Grade 7 - 10:20am to 11:05am.

Grade 8 - 12:30pm to 1:15pm.

Grade 3/4 - 1:10pm to 2:30pm.

Grade 5/6 - 2:30pm to 3:30pm.

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 and limited pairs of 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. Consent forms

have been sent out with the students. Please have the consent forms and the fee returned to the office as soon as possible.

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.

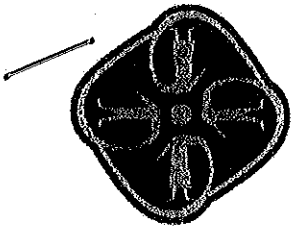
Winner will be drawn at next month's assembly! Students Name _____

Parent's Signature _____

School Council Question.... **Do you Value Hot Lunch?** Yes I Value Hot Lunch No I Do Not Value Hot Lunch

Why _____





Valhalla School Foundation

Operating Valhalla Community School, Northern Alberta's First Rural Leadership Charter School

Box 148 Valhalla Centre, AB T0H 3M0

Phone: 780-356-2370 Fax: 780-356-2789

TRANSPORTATION

February 24, 2014

Dear Parents and Community Members:

Valhalla Community School is **compiling a list of community volunteers** who may be called upon to assist our school bus drivers in the event of being stuck due to winter road conditions. This winter we have experienced being stuck 5 times, 2 times due to icy road conditions and 3 times due to snow conditions. Each time, local people have volunteered to assist bus drivers out of a difficult situation.

When a bus is stuck on a rural roadway due to snow we can often rely on County of Grande Prairie grader operators to clear a pathway to freedom. At other times, when a bus has simply strayed from the road, sometimes a simple tow will get the bus back on the road.

All Valhalla Community School buses are equipped with Certified Tow Straps. Valhalla School Foundation will provide each volunteer with a **'letter of waiver'** which will absolve the volunteer of any liability for any damage that may occur to a VSF school bus at the time of volunteer service.

If you have equipment that may be used to assist our bus drivers, and are willing to help, or know someone who is **willing and able to help, please contact:**

Mark Standring, Valhalla Community School Transportation
Cell 780-897-3517 or School 780-356-2370
mstandring@valhallaschool.ca or standringm@gmail.com

Valhalla Community School is a team oriented school that includes students and teachers, parents and community members, bus drivers and administrators, and service volunteers. At Valhalla Community School we believe it takes a dedicated team, working together to educate and build a diverse and caring society. One of the most important things that need to get done every day for our school is getting our kids to school safely.

Yours truly

Mark Standring, VSF Transportation Director

Valhalla Community School is a Charter publicly funded school, offering an enhanced Alberta Program of Studies with an emphasis on Rural Leadership, Direct Instruction, Reading Master, and second language studies including German and French.

Valhalla Community School

Leading Into the Future

**A Publicly Funded Charter School
Valhalla Centre AB**

We are now accepting applications for the following position:

Full Time School Bus Driver, Beaver Lodge Area

Experience preferred, training may be provided; competition will remain open until a suitable candidate is found.

As a School Bus Driver at Valhalla Community School, you put students and parents first. Under the direction of the Transportation Director you provide a transportation environment that is safe, caring, and flexible to our clients. Drivers may also provide student transportation for field trips and sports events to enhance their income. This opportunity will appeal to retirees, people wishing to supplement their income, or those wishing to remain free during the day.

Please submit your application with your resume to the attention of Mark Standing. Applications are available at the Valhalla Community School or online at www.valhallacommunityschool.ca

Valhalla Community School
Box 148 Valhalla Centre AB TOH 3M0
Fax: 780-356-2789
Email: mstanding@valhallaschool.ca

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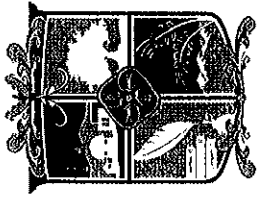
We thank all applicants, but only candidates selected for interviews will be contacted.

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For more information about our school please contact or visit our school in Valhalla Centre, or visit our website.

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Website: www.valhallacommunityschool.ca



Valhalla
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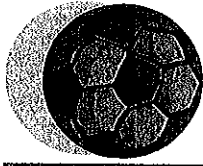
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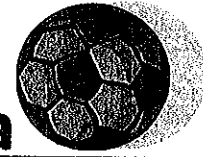
March 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 School Council Meeting 7pm	4	5 Parent Teacher Interviews 4pm	6 Teacher Convention No school	7 Teacher Convention No School	8
9	10 CTBS Testing All Week Kindergarten Orientation 6pm	11	12 School Board Meeting 6pm	13 VSF AGM 7:00pm/Hot Lunch day	14	15
16	17 CTBS Testing All Week Grades K to 9	18	19	20	21 Extra Kindergarten Day	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
31						

- John Picard, Superintendent
- Steve Mumert, Principal
- Anna Odd, Admin Asst
- Reanna Stockman, Gr. K & TA
- Cindy Mumert, Gr. K, 1/2
- Jennifer LeBlanc, Gr. 3/4
- Vivian Fowler, Gr. 5/6
- Robert El-Tantawy, Gr. 7
- Margaret El-Tantawy, Gr. 8
- Kelli Flint, Gr. 9
- John Heikel, Gr. 7/8/9 Social/Science
- Lorraine Gerow, TA
- Laura Wade, TA
- Angie Tetreau, TA
- Cora Lee Rath, TA
- Don Morton, Custodian
- Director of Transportation
- Mark Standing
- 897-3517 Cell Phone
- Bus Drivers:
- Jason Bratland
- 814-1058
- Pat Moutray
- 356-2372 / 831-9150
- Janelle Trodd
- 830 -9943



Beaverlodge & Area



Minor Soccer

2014 Soccer Registration Night

Monday, March 3, 2014

4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Beaverlodge West County Pool

Registration is \$70/child U6-U16

Season start date Wednesday April 30th

Registration is \$50/child Tots (born in 2010-2011)

Season start date Monday May 12th

**Soccer is available to any child between 3-16 years of age. The 2014
soccer season runs from April 30 - June 18.**

For all updates and further information visit:

www.beaverlodesoccer.com

or

www.facebook.com/beaverlodesoccer

Valhalla Community School Annual Ski Trip

March 25, 2014

The school is organizing a ski trip for grades 3-9 on March 25, 2014 to NiteHawk Ski Hill in Grande Prairie. The trip is dependent on the availability of buses as well as on sufficient participation. **The students who bring in their permission form, along with their release, registration forms, registrations fees and transportation fees will be allowed to go on the ski trip.** The students will leave at 8:30am and be back to school for 3:30 dismissal. Students who are able to participate in the trip will be responsible for completing any missed assignments when they are away.

It is mandatory for all students to participate in a lesson. Students will have to pay for rentals that they need, as well there will be an extra fee for transportation. **The fees for a full Rental/Lesson/ Lift pass \$39 plus the transportation fee of \$10, or if you have your own equipment the Lesson /Lift pass \$28 plus the transportation fee of \$10.**

Each student may pick one activity, either skiing or snowboarding There is no changing activities.

If your son/daughter has permission to participate in the ski trip please read through the information below and complete the permission slip on the other side. **Carefully read** the risks and liabilities outlined. Note that we will not accept any submission of forms without full payment of rentals and transportation fees.

Permission Form:

Where: **NiteHawk Recreation Area, Grande Prairie AB**

When: **March 25, 2014**

To Bring: Appropriate outdoor clothing, skis/snowboard equipment (if you have some), water, packed lunch or money.

Food: Students should pack a lunch or snacks, the canteen at the hill will be open. Make sure your child has a beverage with them so they can stay hydrated.

Risks: The students may incur multiple injuries at the ski hill, ranging from cuts, sprains, broken bones, concussions, hospitalization due to severe injury, etc. The school or ski hill will not be held liable for any injuries that occur on or at the ski hill. HELMETS ARE MANDATORY!

Equipment: If your child owns their own skis/poles or snowboard the parent will have to make arrangements to bring them to the school before the field trip and take home after the field trip, as they cannot be transported on the bus with your child. A parent volunteer will transport the skis and snowboards to and from the school to NiteHawk the day of the trip. The parent will have to make pick up arrangements from the school to home for equipment the day of the trip as well.

Damaged/Lost Equipment: If your child brings their own equipment, they are responsible for the care of the equipment. Neither teachers nor ski hill staff will be looking after the equipment brought by students.

Transportation: Students will be transported by bus from Valhalla Community School to the ski hill and back. The transportation fee is \$10.

I have read the above information and I hereby give my consent for _____ to attend the Valhalla Community School Ski trip.

By signing below I understand that Valhalla Community School or Nitehawk Recreation Area is not liable for any injuries my child may receive during this field trip.

_____ Parent Signature

_____ Child's Health Care Number

Remember to fully complete the attached forms for the NiteHawk Ski Hill! Weight and Height must be filled out on the form in order to have your child properly fitted for their rentals! **All cheques made payable to the Valhalla Community School. ALL FORMS ARE TO BE COMPLETED AND HANDED IN TO THE OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY March 19, 2014. NO FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE, NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Nitehawk Recreation Area

School: _____

Name: (Student) _____ (Grade) _____ (male/female) _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Parent Telephone: (h) _____ (w) _____ (cell) _____

- # 1. Students must take a lesson, as this is a **SCHOOL PROGRAM**.
- # 2. Snow Blades and Snow Skates are **NOT ALLOWED** at a school program.
- # 3. Terrain Park is **CLOSED** during School Programs except to students accompanied by designated Nitehawk guide
- # 4. Helmets are **MANDATORY** for all school groups. The cost of these is included in Rental Package.
- #5. Students are required to ski/snowboard on the runs they are assigned by their instructor following their lesson.

GROUPING

Please use this guide to classify your skiing or snowboarding group.

GROUP	#1.	Has never downhill skied and/or has never ridden a mechanical ski lift.
GROUP	#2.	SKI - Has skied but less than 10 times. Not comfortable on Intermediate Terrain. SNOWBOARD – Has boarded but less than 10 times. He/she is able to use the Platter Lift on a snowboard.
GROUP	#3.	SKI - Can ski a basic parallel. (No longer relies on snowplow to turn or negotiate the slope, can execute a hockey stop) SNOWBOARD – Smoothly link turns at slow speed and can ride steeper terrain confidently, and stop.
GROUP	#4	SHRED SKOOL -must qualify for group 3 (Ski or Snowboard) and will be screened prior to participating in an introduction to Terrain Park features, skills and required safety maneuvers

SNOWBOARDING / SKIING PROGRAM

Group # _____ (from above)

Full Package (ski or snowboard)	\$39.00	_____	
Lesson & Lift Ticket	\$28.00	_____	
Lesson & Equipment	\$28.00	_____	
Lesson Only	\$17.00	_____	

Ski / Snowboard (Circle one.)

If renting this line must be completed:

Height ___ft ___in Weight _____lbs Shoe Size _____ Snowboard stance _____

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS, ASSUMPTION OF RISKS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT
BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT YOU WILL WAIVE CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHTS TO SUE.**

I, the undersigned, hereby acknowledge the participation in the program might result in personal injury, property damage or loss, and possible death. I hereby agree to participate in the program voluntarily and at my own risk. I and my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns agree not to hold Nitehawk Ski Area or any of their Directors, Agents, Servants, Volunteers, or Employees responsible for any personal injury, property damage or loss, death or ambulance service resulting from or in connection with my participation in the program initiated, conducted, or organized by Nitehawk Ski Area.

I have carefully read this **RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS, ASSUMPTION OF RISKS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**; I fully understand the same; and I am freely, voluntarily executing same.

SIGNED THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 20 _____

Signature of Participant

Print Name

If participant is under 18 years of age, this compulsory participant **RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS, ASSUMPTION OF RISKS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT** must also be signed by a parent of legal guardian.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Print Name

Please make all Cheques payable to your own school: Total paid by Cheque \$ _____ Total Cash \$ _____

Valhalla Community School Hot Lunch Order

March 13, 2014

Student Name _____ **Grade** _____

Thursday March 13, 2014 This is a Kindergarten Day

Pizza

Pepperoni _____ x\$4.00/slice Total\$ _____

Ham & Pineapple _____ x\$4.00/slice Total\$ _____

Cheese _____ x\$4.00/slice Total\$ _____

Juice Box _____ x \$1.00/Juice Box Total \$ _____

Water _____ x \$1.00/Water Total \$ _____

Order Total \$ _____

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