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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.
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.
If your child is arriving late, or being picked up early, please sign them in or out at the office.

Just an update, all students received a notice regarding **influenza-like symptoms** on Friday, October 30th. The information in this document came from the **Health Region** office. It has web links for information regarding the pandemic (H1N1) and the Health Link phone number on it. It is also available on the school website.

Please welcome our two new teacher assistants, Reanna Stockman and Marie Lumley. They will primarily provide support in the 3 & 4, 5 & 6 classrooms.

Accolades go out to the grades 6, 7 & 8 students for hosting a fabulous Halloween **sporting event** on Friday afternoon for the younger students. **'Hats off'** to the grade 5 for doing an **awesome** job as group leaders for the grades 1 to 4 during this event.

Friday, November 6th is a **CSW** for the students. Enjoy your 3 day weekend.

Swim lessons for the grades K, 1 & 2, 7 & 8 begin on **Monday, November 9th**. This group will swim on Nov. 9th, 10th, 12th, 13th, 16th and 17th. Students will eat lunch at 11:30am and the swim bus will **leave the school at 11:45am**. Students are encouraged to **bring a snack** for after they swim as they are often starving following their lesson. The bus will return to the school in time for regular home time. On non-kindergarten days parents will need to bring their kindergarten student to the school for 11:40am, the kindergarten students will return home on the bus at the end of the day.

Thursday, November 18th the grades 3 & 4, 5 & 6 students will begin swim program. They will swim Nov. 18th, 19th, 23rd, 24th, 25th and 26th. Each group will have 6 days of lessons.

Our **Remembrance Day Ceremony** will take place on Tuesday, **November 10th** at **10:45 am**. The community is encouraged to come and share this event with the students. Poppies have now arrived at the office. Students are encouraged to bring a donation of a quarter, or a loonie or a toonie and pick up a poppy.

The **Shoebox Campaign will end** this **Thursday, November 5th**. Presently we have raised $38.00. All monies collected will go to assist with purchasing needed items or to cover the cost

of mailing.

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Our last **volleyball game** of this season will take place on November 17th at St. Mary's School Sexsmith.

Bus Drivers Corner:

Now that winter is arriving, we would like to ask parents to remind **children** to be **dressed for the weather** (boots on, mitts and toques along) in order that they are prepared **in the event** of bus trouble en route.

A reminder to **please notify your driver the night** before if your children will not be on the bus or call the bus supervisor, Doug Kochendorfer @ 831-5701 and he can radio the driver for you. We would like all children to be at their pickup 4-5 minutes before pick-up time so delays will not occur for the rest of the children waiting along route. If you are unsure about your pickup time please ask your driver.

Reminder, listen to the radio and check the school website for updates regarding delays and buses not running.

School Council:

The School Council meeting is today, **Tuesday, November 3rd at 5:30pm**. All parents are invited to attend. If you have a child attending the school, you are a member of the School Council. Child care will be available.

Charter School Board:

Next meeting is **Thursday,** November 12th at 9:00am.

Community News:

Regular **library hours** are: Tuesday 11am to 5pm, Wednesday 10am to 6pm and Thursday 11am to 5pm. Next regular Library Board meeting is **November 25th** at 10:30am.

Hythe Junior Curling: starts November 3rd at 6:00pm and continues every Tuesday at this time. The fee is $50.00. For more information please contact Shirley Fisher at 780-356-2215 or 780-518-1098

Valhalla Rec. Centre: Good News! There will be skating in the arena this year! For anyone interested there is a meeting on **Saturday, November 7th at 2:00pm at the Mercantile Café**. If you would like to help out or wish to find out what the skating rink can do for you, please feel free to attend the meeting (don't worry, you will not be asked to be on a committee). For more information please contact Lorraine Gerow at 780-356-3399 or 780-831- 4627.

Attachment:

Choice as to newsletter delivery.

Susan Thomson, Principal

“What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.”
Ralph Waldo Emerson