

In an effort to improve communication between school and home, VCS is beginning a curriculum update program. We will be sending home class updates monthly, to help parents be better informed about what their children are currently studying and working on in their core courses (including Second Language courses). It is a short summary. If parents need or desire more detailed information than they are receiving, we encourage them to contact classroom teachers directly.

Kindergarten Class Update

This month in Kindergarten we will be learning about nursery rhymes and St. Patrick's Day. There will be a project that will tie in to this as well. CTBS will also be happening this month. Please try and make sure your child is present on these days. Our three reading mastery groups are beginning to sound out simple words. In Language for Learning we are talking about prepositions and pronouns. In Math we are working on ordinal numbers, counting backwards from 10 and finding missing numbers.

Mrs. Stockman

Grade 1/2 Class Update

The grade 1/2's are improving in their reading at an encouraging rate. We wrote stories about Valentine's Day and these are now on display. In Science we continue to add details to our house and repair it as the roof falls in! We will begin our new unit on Exploring Liquids on March 9. Everyone did very well on their Social Studies unit test, Looking at My World, which explored our community, province, country and continent and their place on the globe. We will be exploring Urban and Rural Communities next.

Mrs. Mumert

Math

March continues our journey into our new math workbooks in the grade 1 and 2 classroom. In both Grade 1 and 2 we're still going to be working on our second Number Sense Unit of the year and further developing some of the concepts we covered early on in the school year as well as expanding into concepts we have not yet learned. It will be a busy month as we also have CTBS testing in Mathematics as well, so it's important to make sure you're in attendance at school as consistently as possible. If you're interested in any extra practice or have any questions please don't hesitate to email or call me at the school. Thank you!

Mrs. LeBlanc

Grade 3/4 Class Update

Language Arts

Reading Mastery and Language are still on track and going well. This month we are also going to be doing the CTBS testing in Mathematics and Language Arts, so it is very important to be in attendance as consistently as possible. Feel free to contact me at anytime with questions regarding anything going on in the classroom.

Mrs. LeBlanc

Math

Math we are going to be working on Probability and Data Management as well as Geometry.

Mrs. LeBlanc

Science

Our Science unit on Plant Growth & Change wraps up by month end

Mrs. LeBlanc

Social Studies

SS 3/4 Goods and Services in our country and the countries of Peru, Tunisia, Ukraine, and India

Ms. Fowler

German

German 3-6 class continue with vocabulary acquisition that has been supplemented with German children cartoons. This has concluded with a rousing Bilder Bingo game.

Mr. El-Tantawy

French

The French 4-6 class has been focusing on numbers. Grade 4 need to know the numbers up to 69, Grade 5 to 100 and Grade 6 to 1 million. The junior high French class is learning to conjugate the verb etre (to be) and exploring French culture and songs in anticipation of Les Bucherons coming on March 18. Please come join us for our celebration at 2:30!!!!

Mrs. Mumert

Grade 5/6 Class Update

Language Arts

Next unit Technology in our World- Crossroads textbook. Compound sentences and run-on-sentences in grade 6 LA. Novel study Where the Red Fern Grows.

Ms. Fowler

Math

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Mrs. Flint

Science

Grade 5/6 Science continues to work on a unit called Air and Aerodynamics. We're studying properties of air (eg. air takes up space, acts like a fluid, can be compressed, expands when heated) and Bernoulli's Principle. We've been looking at the adaptations that allow birds and insects to fly as well as the means of propulsion for birds, insects and airplanes. We're also working on improving observation and note-taking skills and students are making headway in this area! If you have any questions or concerns, please call or stop in for a chat!

Mr. Mumert

Social Studies

5/6 social - finishing Cordillera region project this week. Starting Arctic region.

Ms. Fowler

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Grade 7 Class Update

Language Arts

The grade seven students have been focusing on grammar and are able to identify subjects (simple and complex) predicates, implied subjects, auxiliary and main verbs as well as both direct and indirect subjects. They are now working on adverbs and adverbial phrases. The class has concluded ELA CTBS testing this week.

Mr. El-Tantawy

Math

Grade 7 students have been working on Cartesian coordinates (all four quadrants) and have concluded Math CTBS testing this week. We continue to progress to Lesson 80 in Saxon Math.

Mr. El-Tantawy

Science

We have enter a unit on energy and its transformations. Currently we are working with physics problems and rearranging formulas. Calculating force, mass, acceleration, and work.

Mr. Heikel

Social Studies

Students have just completed a research assignment on a battle in the war of 1812 they will be presenting this on Wednesday. We will be then taking notes on the war of 1812 and the American invasion of Canada

Mr. Heikel

German

German 7-9 Introduction to German syntax and basic grammar (cross curricular with grammar in ELA). The class has been working on note taking and translation.

Mr. El-Tantawy

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Mrs. Mumert

Grade 8 Class Update

Language Arts

Grade 8 LA Finished poetry unit- All project booklets should be in. Your child should have poetry to show. Some amazing work turned in.

Ms. Fowler

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Mrs. Flint

Science

We are in a new unit on light and just finished learning how to calculate the cost of using electrical appliances and the benefits and draw backs of different types of bulbs. We will be looking at mirrors and lenses

Mr. Heikel

Social Studies

We just wrapped up the protestant reformation and separation between church and state. We are moving on to looking at case studies on Henry the 8th, Galileo, and the Catholic counter reformation.

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Mrs. Mumert

Grade 9 Class Update

Grade 9 Parents - We had our first grade 9 farewell planning meeting and got a lot accomplished. Thank-you to those students and parents that were able to attend. I will be sending out a summary email of that meeting in March. A couple of dates to mark on your calendar:

- 1) Grade 9 Farewell Celebration - Friday June 19
- 2) Next grade 9 Farewell planning Meeting - Monday April 20 at 5:30 pm

I know it will be a wonderful evening filled with celebration, excitement, laughter and friendship.

Mrs Flint

Language Arts

The grade nine students have been focusing on grammar and are able to identify subjects (simple and complex) predicates, implied subjects, auxiliary and main verbs as well as both direct and indirect subjects. They are now working on adverbs, adverbial phrases. Tom Swifities and vowel appreciation exercises.

Mr. El-Tantawy

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Mrs K. Flint

Science

We are in a new biochemistry unit and are looking at nutrition and fertilizers. Discussions will also include topic on acid rain and pollution.

Mr. Heikel

Social Studies

We are now in a small unit on immigration. Students should have just completed an assignment on where their ancestors came from and why they moved to Alberta. They will be presenting this on Wednesday. We will be looking into Canada's current immigration policy.

Mr. Heikel

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Mrs. Mumert

Upcoming Important Dates:

March 16 – Kindergarten Orientation/registration night

March 17- Wear Green for St. Patrick’s Day

March 18 – Les Bouchers Presentation 2:30pm

March 19 – Parent Teacher Interviews

March 20 – CSW, No School

March 24 – Nerd Day

March 26 – VSF AGM

March 27 – Extra Kindergarten Day

April 2 - Day off in Lieu, No School

April 3 – Good Friday, No School

April 3 -12 - Spring Break

April 13 – First day back after the break

April 13 – School Council Meeting 7pm

April 20, 21, 22 – Registration Week

April 24 – CSW, No School

School Spirit Days

This year Mrs. Flint is organizing a Student Council option class. The students are responsible to set the school spirit days. The March school spirit days are St. Patrick’s Day, wear green and Nerd Day. For participation students will be entered into a monthly draw and one student will win an item from the school store (Chips or chocolate bar). Also, all students that participate in any school spirit day will have their name entered in a draw to win a gift basket at the end of the school year. Show your school spirit and dress up!

Performing Arts

Les Bouchérons is coming to Valhalla Community School March 18th, 2015. All of our students will have a great opportunity to learn new dances and French/Canadian culture. There will be an afternoon performance at 2:30pm that we hope family and community members can come to and enjoy. Mark your calendars!

It's Time for Kindergarten Registration!

Kindergarten registrations are now being accepted at Valhalla Community School!

Orientation will be held on March 16, 5-7pm 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 become 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!

Returning Student Registration Week April 20-22

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 2015/2016 Registration Week for our students. From **April 20 to April 22**, we will ask parents to book one evening appointment at the school to come in and complete the registration process for 2015/2016 school year. From **4pm to 8pm** each evening, bookings for 30 minute time slots will be available. Please bring birth certificates and Alberta Health Care cards. We also need to know your legal land description or town /county address. School fees are due at this time to complete registration.

Once all our existing families have registered (by April 22), the school will be considering wait list students for any class spaces that remain available.

Call the school office to book your appointment! If the school does not hear from you we will be contacting you to arrange a time. Registration must be completed by April 22, 2015.

School Board Update

The Valhalla School Foundation **Annual General Meeting** will be held on **Thursday, March 26, 2015 @ 7pm** in the **Viking Room** at the school. If you are a parent or guardian of a child in our school you are a member of the VSF. Interested individuals from the community can become members by signing a Declaration of Understanding, which will be available at the AGM.

The board will be seeking one candidate for a full 3 year term and one candidate for the remaining year of a vacated position. One of these must be a parent or guardian of a child in the school, in order to maintain our majority parent ratio of directors.

For either of these positions, interested individuals, who are 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 are able to let their names stand for election as a charter board director. 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 it is available on our website. Part of this package is *The VSF Director Nomination Profile Agreement*, which needs to be signed by anyone entering his or her name as a nominee and returned to the school office by **March 13 at 4 p.m.** The names of the nominees will then be announced to our membership via the school newsletter and the school website.

Jolene Kochendorfer, Governance Committee Chair

School Council Meeting

The next school council meeting will be held Monday April 13th @7pm. To clarify any confusion School Council is the “parent council” but no longer named as such. School council meetings are the parents gathering and making decisions about the activities organized by us such as year end bbq and hot lunch programs. We also serve as an advisory group to the school and principal and help make our school the best it can be for our kids. A babysitter is provided for these meetings.

If you have any questions about information on this letter please contact me anytime at the office, I would be happy to help. Please contact your teachers directly for any questions about your child.

Have a great day ☺

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