



# Valhalla Community School

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Attachmnets:

Check out the Valhalla Community Charter School Facebook Page!

## How can parents play a role in school success?

### A Teacher's Expectation of Parents

Students, teachers, and parents all share responsibility in the education of a child. As a parent, here's a minimum level of involvement most teachers expect:

- Help your student by developing a routine or specific time for homework where you are available to help or listen if needed. You are vital to their success.
- Ensure your child is at school, on time, every day possible. Arrange for vacations, trips, etc. during days off school.
- Make sure your child eats a healthy breakfast each morning so they can function in class.
- Make sure your student is getting adequate sleep at night to support their growing body and mind.
- Be a positive role model in your child's eyes who shows interest in reading and learning new things.
- Notify the teacher of any concerns or questions you have regarding their learning or treatment in school.

### Questions to Ask Your Child about Their Day

Get a sense of your child's life at school by asking questions that elicit more than a one-word response. Try one of these conversation starters:

- Tell me about the best part of your day.
- What was the hardest thing you had to do today?
- Did any of your classmates do anything funny? Tell me about what you read in class.
- Who did you play with/hang out with today? What did you do? Do you think \_\_\_\_\_(insert subject here) is too hard?
- What's the biggest difference between this year and last year?
- What rules are different at school than at home? Do you think they're fair?
- Who did you sit with at lunch?
- Can you show me something you learned or did today?

## 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.**

## CTBS Testing Beginning Soon!

We are now completing our final week of CTBS. VCS students participated in testing using the Canadian Test of Basic Skills. This testing is a requirement of our charter, the purpose being to measure our students' academic progress to monitor the effectiveness of the school's charter program.

Thank you to the parents for helping us to make sure students were in attendance at school during this period and encouraging them to give their best effort on these tests!



Les Bûcherons will be at 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 and enjoy. Mark your calendars!

### Vesey's Bulb Fundraiser

We would like to thank everyone that participated in our Vesey Bulb fundraiser. We raised \$2300!! The proceeds will go to Les Bûcherons coming on March 18th. As soon as we receive the shipment, orders will be distributed by the students. Great job everyone.

## Upcoming

### Events

**March 9-19**

#### CTBS Testing

Please ensure students are present for testing!

**March 18**

#### Les Bûcherons

French cultural group at VCS to teach students songs and dance. Performance at end of day open to all!

**March 19**

#### Parent/Teacher Interviews

Make a point of visiting your child's teachers!

**March 20**

#### CSW—no school

**March 26– 7pm**

#### VSF AGM

**March 27**

#### Extra Kindergarten Day

**March 27**

#### Spring Sing

**April 2**

#### Day off in Lieu of PTI's

No school

**April 3-10**

#### Spring Break

No School

**April 13**

#### First Day Back after Spring Break

Win a free iTunes gift card from your School Council!

... just for reading our newsletter and giving us feedback to this question:

Do you support Drama programs like Les Bûcherons?

(Check one) Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

How would you support the drama programs?

For example.... Volunteer, help fundraise, donate money? \_\_\_\_\_

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 Board Message

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 is pleased to announce that Brandie Skaksen and Evan Penner have agreed to let their names stand as a directors for the 3 year terms that will be up for renewal. The position that Judy Hauger has been filling in the interim will be up for ratification for the remainder of its term at the AGM.**

**The board will be seeking one candidate for the remaining year of a vacated position.**

For any 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

### Quatrain

May I?

by Nikki

May I have this dance?  
out on the floor  
Will you join me now  
and take this chance?

## Student Poetry

### Haiku

Basketball

by Sabrina

Running, jumping, AIM  
Through the hoop, audience cheers  
Score clock makes the win.

### Personification

Laughing Piano

by Kaleigh

I open the lid of the piano  
and a row of white keys smile at me  
I sit down on the sturdy bench  
and set my hands on the shining teeth  
My hands tickle and skip across the keys  
and its soothing laughter echoes through the house  
Sometimes it sings high, sometimes low.  
Until I silence it by saying goodbye  
to let the laughing piano sleep.

### Personification

Trail Ride

by Henry

I ride my ATV on a trail,  
It seems insulted by me,  
Trees reach out to grab me,  
They seem angry,  
Mud tries to eat me,  
A log has jumped in my way,  
I can;t go any further,  
I leave nature alone, in peace.