

# VALHALLA COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

January 23rd - Hot Lunch from Soups & Scoops

January 28th - VCS Store

January 29th - February's Hot Lunch form & money due to the office

January 29th - Basketball Game at Hythe Junior High School at 3:15 pm

January 30th - Nitehawk Consent Forms and Money Due to the office

January 31st - Animal Day / Buddy Lunch

January 31st - Deadline for sign up for the 2020 Quebec Trip

February 1st - CSW Day - No School

February 4th - Early Dismissal

February 4th - VCS Store

February 4th - School Council Meeting @ 6pm

February 5th - Assembly

February 6th - Soups & Scoops Hot Lunch

February 8th - Nitehawk Ski Trip Grades 3-9

February 11th - VCS Store

## House Points

Trollmen - 184Points

Icemen - 162 Points

Nordics - 139 Points

Vikings - 132 Points

## School Spirit Days

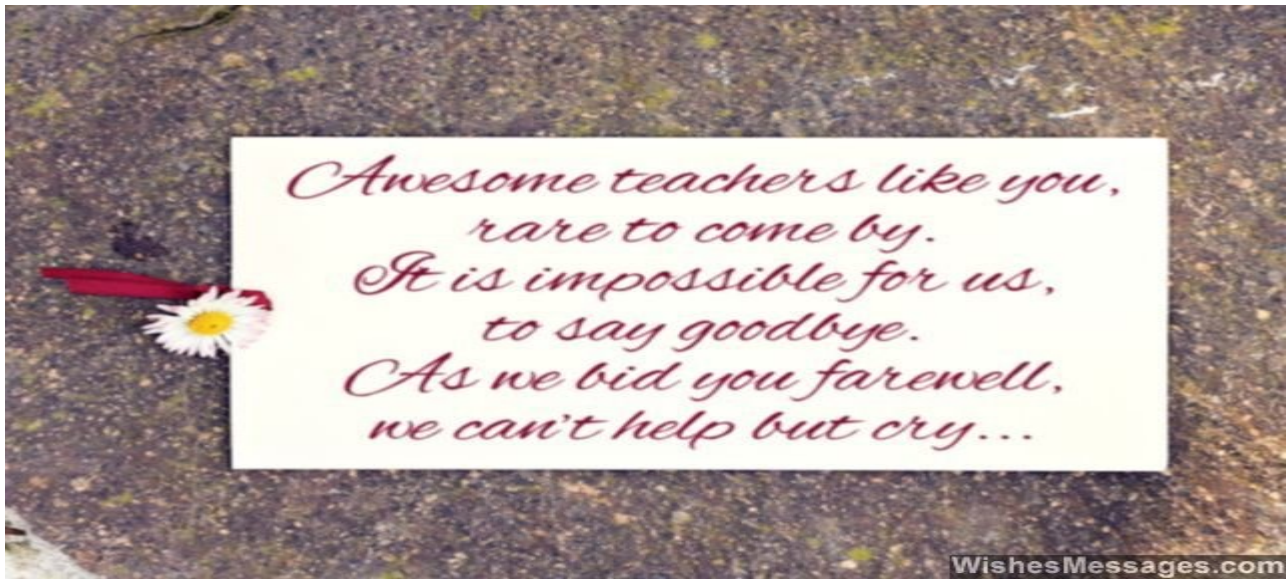
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Lunch

## Grade 3-9 Nitehawk Ski Trip

February 8th

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office no later than January 30th.

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sign up for the 2020 Quebec  
Trip



## **Goodbye Mrs. Flint you will be missed!!**

Dear students, parents, staff and board members:

As I'm sure you've heard, I am leaving Valhalla at the end of January to continue my teaching career at BRHS. This was a very difficult decision for me, one that I did not make lightly. When my family moved from Calgary to Valhalla in 2006 I was teaching High School PE and coaching volleyball. It was a great gig and one that I hoped to return to one day. I've been so blessed to be apart of such a great school, amazing staff, wonderful students and supportive community. It's been a pleasure to get to watch so many students grow and flourish over the last 8.5 years. I know my own kids had the best educational experiences (they both attended VCS for 7 years) in their most important years, here at Valhalla. I'm excited to reconnect with all my students again when they come to high school.

Thank you to all my past and present colleagues and families during my time at Valhalla.

I sincerely wish everyone all the best!

Mrs. K Flint

We would like to welcome Ms. Susan Paul to the Valhalla Community School for the remainder of this school year.

We're excited to have Ms. Paul join our team! She brings to our school a strong background in teaching Math and great teaching experience!

Take a moment, when you see her to introduce yourself and make her welcome!

**February Fun Lunch Form due in the  
office January 29th**

Each Student has been given a February Hot Lunch form in their mailboxes or agenda's. Please make sure to fill them out and send back with money attached one form per child. Thank you! Please remember to send plastic cutlery for your child on these Hot Fun Lunch Wednesdays.

**Please remember that the VCS store has been moved to Mondays. All forms will be going out in mailboxes on Fridays.**

Basketball is going great this year!!

Practices are on Tuesdays and Thursdays afterschool.

There will be a basketball game on January 29th in Hythe at 3:15 pm

Good Luck Boys!

**Bake Sale**

**The basketball team will be holding a bake sale Tuesday, February 5th. Bring your change and support your basketball team!**

**Accountability Pillar Surveys**

Every year Alberta Education seeks information from students, teachers and parents about how their education experience is going. This is done through surveys. Students and teachers participate in on-line surveys at school.

The parent survey is scheduled to be fielded in January. These surveys are mailed from Alberta Education and returned directly to Alberta Education. The parent survey in small schools (fewer than 120 students in grades 4-12) includes parents of all students in grades 4 and above.

The more parents who participate in the survey, the more accurate the information is, so we encourage parents to complete and return the surveys as soon as possible once they've been received.

If you are not certain about some of the questions on the survey please contact the school and we can help inform you what we are doing here at the school.

## ***Did You Know .... ??***

**Second Language is an important part of Valhalla Community School.**

**While learning a second language may be an “option” or possibly not even taught in some schools, at VCS it is a mandated part of the school Charter. That means that when Alberta Education granted a charter to VCS so we could be a school, the decision was partly conditional on us teaching Second Language.**

**Our Charter also says we will strive to have our students achieve mastery in the subjects they study ... including Second Language.**

**While not traditionally considered a “core subject”, Second Language is equally important at VCS. “All Core Honors” can not be achieved at VCS unless honors marks are received in Second Language as well as other core subjects.**

**A “core” value at VCS is that students (everyone really!) should give their best effort at everything they do!**

## **Did You Know ....**

***... That safety is our primary concern at VCS?***

Safety begins before students even get to school ... with well trained and caring bus drivers, careful monitoring of roads and conditions each day by the transportation director and buses that undergo rigorous maintenance practices.

Students are encouraged at school to be considerate and helpful to each other

Staff care about each student. Teachers and educational assistants take on many responsibilities and give many hours above the “minimum requirement”

Small class sizes means students are closely supported and supervised.

When concerns occur, VCS connects directly with parents to work toward the students' best interests

## **Did You Know ....**

***... That VCS offers many programs and services?***

Alberta Education program of studies is followed and taught

Second Language (French) is taught by well qualified teachers

Art, drama and music experiences are given to all students: through classroom instruction, Christmas concerts and other performances through the year, extra-curricular drama programs, extra-curricular music offerings, Junior High Options

Rural leadership focus teaching and activities: whole school, age appropriate public speaking training and practice, “community values” modelling and teaching, public service encouragement and opportunities

In-class student/teacher support by highly skilled and caring educational assistants

Support for English Language Learners

Extra help for students who require it

one on one pull out with instructors (especially at elementary level)

ability-based placements in elementary in reading program

modified programs and special accommodations when needed

Enhanced Learning Opportunity (ELO) class (30 min/day) for all junior high students to help keep ahead of homework and learn study skills

Study, Knowledge, Initiative and Life-long Learning (SKILL) Program for enhancing study and life skills and even more help with homework (by teacher placement or parent request)

Extra-curricular sports programs

In school speech therapy services

In school access to Family Child Support Services (FCSS) counselling and small group support

In school access to Alberta Health Services counselling