



## Valhalla Community School

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**December 15, 2009**

**“Seasons Greetings”**

### **School Information & Updates:**

**Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>** is a CSW. Enjoy your Christmas break☺

**Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>** is early closing.

**Mr. Mumert** and the staff would like to say “**Thank you**” to **Miss Alicia Westad** for having chosen Valhalla Community School for her year three teaching practicum site. It has been a pleasure to have Miss Westad share in our experience and to have her assist with the Christmas Concert and extra-curricular sports program. Best Wishes Miss Westad as you continue with your studies.

**The Christmas Concert** is tomorrow, Wednesday, **December 16<sup>th</sup>**. There are **two performances**; an afternoon performance at **1:30pm** and evening performance at **7:00pm** (students need to be here at **6:30pm** to get ready for the performance).

**Kindergarten** will have school on **Wednesday**, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Their class party will be on Wednesday in the morning along with the Pre-School. Kindergarten **will not** have school on **Thursday**.

The **student gift exchange** will take place on Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.

There are some **important changes** to the way the **Christmas Concert** will function this year. **1.** There **will NOT** be coffee and snacks after the concert due to the very limited space here in the building. **2.** Those attending will **need to be seated** in the seats available; evacuation routes must be maintained throughout the gym facility. **3.** Please feel free to use the Lutheran Church parking lot (either side) if the school yard is full.

The Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> Grande Prairie Composite High School Choir presentation has been cancelled.

### **OVER...**

**Legion Awards** are here. The following students are recipients in various categories:

Faith Nayko	1 <sup>st</sup> place	Poem	\$25.00 cheque
Kailey Bratland	1 <sup>st</sup> place	Essay	\$25.00 cheque
Ariane Harpe	1 <sup>st</sup> place	Poem, Junior	\$25.00 cheque
Daytona Barclay	2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Poem, Junior	\$15.00 cheque
Hanna Nayko	1 <sup>st</sup> place	B&W Poster	\$25.00 cheque
Aarika Harpe	1 <sup>st</sup> place	Colour Poster, Junior	\$25.00 cheque
Ariane Harpe	2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Colour Poster, Junior	\$15.00 cheque
Justine Hanson	1 <sup>st</sup> place	Colour Poster, Primary	\$25.00 cheque
Avianna Fehr	2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Colour Poster, Primary	\$15.00 cheque

**Skating** is tentatively scheduled for **January & February** as part of the physical education program. We are looking forward to going to the rink here in Valhalla for up to 4 lessons. Students wishing to take part in this opportunity will need to have their own **skates and helmet**. As this is natural ice, we hope Mother Nature will support us in this venture.

**Piano lessons** will resume after the holidays.

### **Bus Driver's Corner:**

Be certain to **dress** for the **weather**. Please check the **website** for changes to bus times or cancellations. The radio stations, Sun FM and CJXX, also announce bus schedule changes and identify the school by name as Valhalla Community School.

### **School Council:**

**Volunteers** are needed to assist with the Spring Lake **ski hill**, Friday **hot lunch** program and **recycle** (to the Mercantile bins).

### **Charter School Board:**

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December is well under way and with this nasty cold snap we have been reminded of the value of our website for getting messages out to our families. Check out our Annual Education Results Report 2008-2009 which has been recently posted on the site. Please make use of the website ([www.valhallacommunityschool.ca](http://www.valhallacommunityschool.ca)); it has accurate and useful information regarding our charter, as well as practical announcements to keep you up to date. Thank you to Paul Gibson for volunteering his time and expertise to this essential service.

The next time you visit the school gym, take time to notice some school improvements. We are delighted to be able to use some fundraised money to acquire new stage curtains and choral risers, which will immediately be put to good use for the Christmas Concert.

Thank you to the School Council for their support for this project. In addition, Conoco Phillips has donated \$3000 to our school toward the purchase of a score clock. Once again, our Christmas program is a highlight we look forward to each year. The staff has worked extremely hard on this, particularly Cindy and Steve Mumert. Thank you for your dedication to, and enthusiasm for, this project. Now to all the staff, students, parents, and community members of the Valhalla Community School we wish you a well-deserved rest, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!

**Community News:**

**Valhalla Community Library:** regular **library hours** are:

Tuesday 11am to 5pm, Wednesday 10am to 6pm and Thursday 11am to 5pm.

Susan Thomson, Principal

“Whatever the mind can conceive and believe; the mind can achieve.” Dr. Napoleon Hill

**Please note the following protocols and procedures;**  
**these courtesies allow for greater student safety and home-school communication:**

The newsletter is available on the Valhalla Community School website.

Please have items for the newsletter in on Monday of each week. Thank you.

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.