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Message from the Board

The Valhalla School Foundation would like to announce that the Charter Board is still seeking one individual (who must be a parent of a VCS student) to fill an interim director vacancy according to Article 2: Section 9 of our bylaws. Information regarding the position of director and this process is available in the Director Nomination Package, which includes the Director Nomination Profile Agreement, our Charter and our Bylaws, and can be viewed on our website or paper copies can be requested at the office. Please feel free to call for more information.

Our next board meeting is January 20, 2015 @ 6:00pm.

Jolene Kochendorfer (Chair) [\(780\) 356-2114](tel:7803562114)

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!

Speech Competitions Coming!

Students in all grades are beginning to prepare for the VCS annual speech competition. The competition will be held on February 6, 2015.

Preliminary competition will be held during school hours in class prior to the finals competition. Each teacher will schedule classroom speaking for their class. Winners in each competition level will advance to a finals speak-off which will be held on the evening of February 6.

We will be looking for volunteers to help with organizing and judging the speech competition.

All students will do an age appropriate public speaking activity in class. The best of these will present their efforts at the Feb.6 evening event.

While students will be given some time in school to work on their written and impromptu speeches, they will need to spend some time at home working on them as well to achieve their best effort.

Check out the Valhalla Community Charter School



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MIGHTY PEACE DAY!

Many of our grades 6-9 students have plans to participate in this year's Mighty Peace Day in Grande Prairie.

This is an event designed to encourage and inspire students to "Be the difference" ... to get involved in social action projects to improve our community and world. To be eligible to attend the event students must have participated in at least one local and one national social action project.

To help our students become eligible, the VCS Student Council is hosting the following fund raiser:

Student Council will be organizing a *PIE IN FACE* fundraiser that will support two causes: local is SPCA (Grande Prairie) and global is RYAN'S WELL (fresh water for people in 3rd world countries).

This fundraiser will also coordinate with the students in grade 6-9 who wish to attend Mighty Peace Day on Feb 10. For students who are trying to earn their spot into Mighty Peace Day (MPD), they must participate in this fundraiser by volunteering to be "pied in the face" or by making a \$5 flat rate minimum donation or by bidding at the pie auction.

All opening bids, must start at \$5 and then can increase by any dollar amount. Each time a person makes a bid, they must put their bid money into the donation jar in order for it to be a valid bid. The highest bidder gets the honor of doing the "pieing". Pies will be whip cream paper plate pies.

E.g. Opening bid \$5 by Flint, next bid is \$6 by Mumert. We both have to put our money into the jar. Flint bids again \$7 (I only have to put in \$2 more). Mumert bids \$8 (he must put in \$3 more) etc.

The event will be held on Thursday, January 27 starting around 2pm in the gym.

Upcoming

Events

January 20

School Spirit Day—Black and White Day

January 29

School Spirit Day— Neon Bright Day

January 30

PD Day, No School

February 2

Early Dismissal

February 2

School Council Meeting

7pm @VCS

February 9

Grade 9 Farewell Meeting

5:30 pm

February 13

PD Day, No School

February 16

Family Day, No School

Spring Lake Ski Hill

The Spring Lake Ski Hill is now open! Season passes are available . For more information or to book the chalet contact Anna Odd from the Spring Lake Ski Hill Association @ 780-897-2055 or email aodd@valhallaschool.ca. Check us out on Facebook.

Grade 9 Farewell Meeting

A meeting will take place on Monday, February 9th at 5:30pm to plan our grade 9 farewell event. We would like to form a committee of parents, students and staff to plan this occasion. We are looking for input to ensure this evening is memorable and meaningful for all. Please attend if at all possible, we NEED to get organized. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

Children's Author Coming to VCS

Children's author, Laural Randall is coming to talk to students on February 10. She will speak to students in grades 1 to 4 at 1pm in the Viking Centre library.

Laural has published farm stories from her central Alberta home with titles like "Lolly and the Hat", "Peter's Surprise", "Braided Pigtailed" and "The Great Chuckwagon Race".

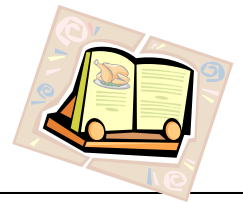
PE News!

PE classes will be doing a skating unit (K-9) in February. Date for skating will be Feb 17,19,24,26 . This is a mandatory unit for all students to participate in. Students will need to bring skates and a helmet (any kind of helmet will do) for all sessions. The school has some extra hockey helmets but no skates. If your son/daughter does not have skates, please try to beg, borrow or buy some. We will also need parent helpers to volunteer to help tie skates. A schedule and more detailed information will be coming when available!



Cookbooks for Sale

The Valhalla Community School has cookbooks for sale. Parents, students, community members and community groups have all contributed to create our own unique cookbook. They are available at the school office for \$15.75 each including GST . All proceeds are to be used as a school board fundraiser. Your support is greatly appreciated.



Basketball Fundraising

The basketball teams are having a 50/50 draw. Sales will be at noon recess. Bring two loonies and fill the space on the basketball, once the basketball is filled a name will be drawn to win the cash.

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 the next couple of months . 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.

Win a free iTunes gift card from your School Council!

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

Are you familiar with the Alberta Education Parent Satisfaction Survey?

(Check one) Yes _____ No _____

Check your mail in the upcoming weeks and complete the survey!

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 _____

