



Valhalla Community School

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It's Time for Kindergarten Registration!

Kindergarten registrations are now being accepted at Valhalla Community School!

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!

To register your child for kindergarten, please call Valhalla Community School 780-356-2370.

Kindergarten lays the foundation for a child's future. Choose

Valhalla Community Charter School

Rural Leadership Program

Kindergarten Registration is open at Valhalla Community School

Bussing available
Call 780-356-2370

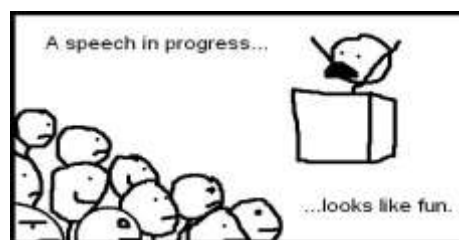
Speech Competitions This Week!

Students in all grades are beginning to prepare for the VCS annual speech competition. The competition will be held on February 6, 2014 at 7pm.

Preliminary competition has been held during school hours in class. The top two students in each grade are advancing to a final speak-off which will be held on the evening of February 6.

Volunteers for officiating and judging the speech competition are in place.

We want to recognize the hard work that all students have put in to their speeches and presentations and congratulate those who have moved up to the finals evening!



Check out the [Valhalla Community Charter School](#)

Facebook Page!



Valhalla School Foundation Notice

The VSF Annual General Meeting has been set for **Thursday, March 13 at 7 p.m. in the Viking Room.**

Three directors are coming to the end of their current terms and our interim position will need to be elected at that time, as well. Brenda Kjemhus, John Moutray, and I have all agreed to let our names stand for another term. In addition, Tracy Campbell has agreed to let her name stand for the position she has been filling in the interim.

It is still possible for interested individuals to put their names in for election as a charter board director. According to our bylaws, a director must be 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. 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 is available on our website. Part of this package is *The VSF Director Nomination Profile Agreement*, which needs to be signed by anyone who is entering his or her name as a nominee for the director position and then returned to the school office by **March 5 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 Board Chair

Upcoming Events

February 6, 2014

Time: 7pm, VCS

VCS Speech Competition

Speech Finals and public speaking displays. Come support our students as they seek public speaking distinction!

February 14, 2014

School PD Day

No School

February 17, 2014

Family Day, No School

February 20, 2014

VSF Board Meeting

February 21, 2014

Extra Kindergarten Day

February 27, 2014

Report Cards Issued

February 28, 2014

CSW

March 5, 2014

Parent Teacher Interviews

March 6-7, 2014

Teachers' Convention

No School

March 12, 2014

6 pm, Valhalla Room

VSF Board Meeting

March 13, 2014

7pm, Viking Room

VSF Annual General Meeting

Come to hear and discuss the business of our school community!

March 21, 2014

Extra Kindergarten Day

Bus Driver's Corner



Your **Valhalla Community School** Transportation Director will notify you of changes to your bus route. ***If your bus is delayed for any reason, you will receive a TEXT message on your cell phone(s).*** The number(s) used will be from the information you provided at school registration. ***If you cannot receive a text message, please let me know.***

Thank you

Mark Standing, Transportation Director



PLEASE BE AWARE

The Valhalla School Foundation Board of Directors has adopted a change to the winter weather clothing policy.

All students riding on school buses during the winter months shall be required to wear winter footwear and outer wear and to carry with them headgear and gloves or gloves or mitts, effective Nov 1 to Mar 31. **It is the responsibility of the parents to ensure that their children comply with the requirements.** If a student is not wearing, or does not have in their possession, appropriate clothing suitable for the weather conditions the bus driver shall advise the parent, principal and document the discussion. In a situation that the Principal determines to be of significant risk to the student he/she may decide to keep the student at the school until they have appropriate clothing or the parent picks them up.

Thank you

Steve Mumert, Principal

Mark Standing, Transportation Director

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 and February of 2014. 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.

Registration Week

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 Registration Week. From April 22 to April 25, we will ask parents to book one evening appointment at the school to come in and complete the registration process for next year. From 4pm to 8pm each evening, bookings for 30 minute time slots will be available. More information will be released in upcoming newsletters.

Ski Trip to Nitehawk

VCS has planned a school ski/snowboard trip to Nitehawk on Tuesday, February 11 for the Grades 3-9. If you wish your child to attend this extra-curricular field trip please have all forms and fees returned to the office by Wednesday February 5th.

Spring Lake Ski Hill

We are off to a great start! Some of the County of GP Grant money we received helped us hang new signs around the community this weekend and purchased a new fridge for our kitchen. With that grant money we also have been able to purchase lumber and build new picnic tables and ski/snowboard stands. Big Country 93.1 has been very helpful promoting our ski hill with extra advertisement on the radio station. We are open this Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 4pm. If you have already signed up for a volunteer day please contact Anna to confirm that you can make it. If you have not yet volunteered for a day at the hill please call Anna @ 780.897.2055, aodd@valhallaschool.ca or call the school office.



Valhalla

Community Library News

Hours of Operation:

Monday	10 - 4 pm
Tuesday	10 - 5 pm
Wednesday	10 - 8 pm
Thursday	10 - 5 pm
Friday	Closed

Annual General Meeting is February 26, 4pm . Everyone is welcome to attend, the coffee will be on!

PE Skating Schedule

All students will be skating **each** day,
Wednesday February 19th,
Thursday February 20th,
Wednesday February 26th,
Thursday February 27th.
Skating times are;

Grade K, 1/2 & Grade 9 - 9:20am to 10:20am.

Grade 7 - 10:20am to 11:05am.

Grade 8 - 12:30pm to 1:15pm.

Grade 3/4 - 1:10pm to 2:30pm.

Grade 5/6 - 2:30pm to 3:30pm.

Win a free family meal from your School Council!

A large 2 topping pizza from Anna's Pizza, just for reading our newsletter!

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 Council Question.... Do you Value Hot Lunch? Yes I Value Hot Lunch No I Do Not Value Hot Lunch

Why _____

