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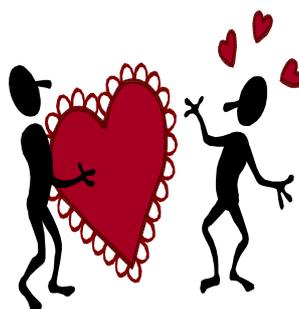
*The Buzz From Miss S
Replacement February
Calendar*

Valhalla Community School

Valentine Fun!

Who will be Ms or Mr Irresistible?

On Tuesday, Feb 14, each student will be challenged to remain silent towards their male or female counterparts. From 10:00am to 12:15pm, the boys shall attempt to refrain from talking to the girls; then from 12:15pm to 2:30pm the girls must refrain from speaking to the boys. Everyone will start the contest with a heart; each student will be vying for the most hearts. When a boy speaks to a girl, he must give up his heart,



Then the contest is reversed for the next part of the day. Ms and Mr Irresistible will be identified in the last hour of the day.

Also to celebrate Valentine's Day, we ask each class to challenge each other for the most participation by dressing in red or pink. The class with the highest participation will receive their sweet reward at 2:30pm. The costumes will be given double points for challenging outfits or 1 point for dressing easily. Dress for the day and have fun supporting your class and challenging others.

Keep it sweet and try to defeat!

(The day's activities will also include an afternoon soc hop.)

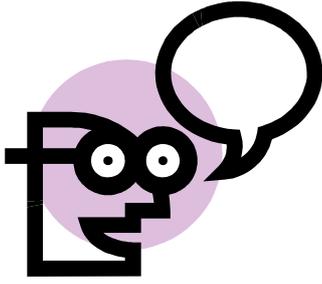


School Fees Reminder

Just a quick reminder: VCS is now into the second half of the school year. To date we have a number of families who have not paid school fees. Please make a point of paying fees as soon as possible. These fees help offset the cost of school supplies that the school purchases for our students. If your fees are unpaid, please contact the office to make arrangements concerning this important issue. Thanks.

PE News!

Skating will begin in all our classes (K-9) sometime in February. 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 soon!



4H Speech Competitions Coming!

Students in 4H (grades 7-9) are preparing for the 4H club's annual speech competition. The competition will be held on February 16, 2012.

Because of the large number of 4H members in our multi-club, preliminary competition will be held during school hours. Winners in each competition level will advance to a finals speak-off which will be held on the evening of February 16.

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

Together with this event, all non-4H students will also do an age appropriate

public speaking activity in class. The best of these will also present their efforts at the Feb.16 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.

Spring Lake Ski Hill Open!

The Spring Lake Ski Hill is open on Saturday February 11th and Sunday February 12th from 10am to 4pm. Bring your kids up for an afternoon of fun! For more information or orientation contact Anna @ 780.356.2370 or 780.897.2055

Travel Club

A reminder to all families participating in the VCS Quebec field trip this May: EF Tours has informed us that all accounts must be paid in full by Feb.8. We cannot book flights or proceed with the trip in any way until all accounts are settled. Thanks.

Upcoming Events

February 9, 2012

VCS

Hot Lunch Day

February 14, 2012

Valentine's Day Spirit Activities

February 16, 2012

7pm, VCS

VCS 4H Multi-Club Speech Competition

4H Speech Finals and Non- 4H public speaking displays. Come support our students as they seek public speaking distinction!

February 17, 2012

VCS

Extra Kindergarten Day

February 17, 2012

12:10pm, VCS Gym

Boys Basketball Pie Throw

Come out, have fun, support our teams!

March 26, 2012

7pm, VCS Viking Room

VSF Annual General Meeting

A Few Reminders....

Student Spectators at Basketball Practice

Just a reminder: students who are not members of school basketball teams should not plan on remaining at school to watch practice or "hang out" with friends. Team members do not need distractions and coaches cannot supervise students who are not part of practice.

Absences

If your child(ren) are going to be away from school, please inform the office and the bus driver.

Destination

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.

Arrival/Departure

If your child is arriving late, or being picked up early, please sign them in or out at the office.

Family Day!

"Being Active" Photo Challenge!

Over the Family Day long weekend, either draw a picture or bring in a photo of your family being active and having fun together. Bring them in for Tuesday, February 21st and we will display them along the halls. Staff, students and visitors can vote on which picture/photo looks like the family that had the most fun!!

Parents and Students: Please Note that this is the VCS Policy on Winter Clothing to be Worn or Available at all Times on School Buses!

E. Support Services

Policy E-102: Bus and School Operations during Inclement Weather

GUIDELINES:

- All students riding on school buses must wear, which is preferable, or carry with them, proper clothing appropriate for the weather conditions. 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.

Junior High Boys Basketball Fundraiser!

February 17, 2012

Staff! Students! Parents! The time has come to

Throw a PIE in the face of any Junior High Boy
Basketball Player of your choice!

For a simple price of \$5.00 per pie!

The pies will be filled with pudding and players will
be taped to the wall so they **CAN'T** dodge them! So
make sure you practice your aim and bring some
spare cash so you can cream the Junior High Boys
Basketball team!

Please come out and support us at 12:10 on
February 17th

**FOR THE EVENT WE'VE ALL BEEN WAITING
FOR!**

The Buzz from Miss. S

Hello Parents! I apologize for the delay in my newsletter! January proved to be a crazy busy month!

We are being blessed right now with such wonderful weather; I hope everyone is getting the chance to be outdoors to enjoy it! Hopefully it will last!

Most of you know I spent my Christmas in South Africa! It was quite beautiful there! It was a different Christmas being away from family and being in plus 40° weather. I must say the heat was welcomed! It was nice not to have to bundle up to go outside! Though, I suppose back here it was rather warm in our terms as well! It was great to spend some time with Sean and his family! We were able to go on a few safaris and stay in a game park!

I was able to bring down Christmas cards the grade 7/8 class made for their pen-pals in Pulane, Lesotho; I also brought with me the quilt the class had made as well, which couldn't have been done without Mrs. Bratland's help!

I have been told that the children over in Pulane are working on a project to send over to our kids as well. This week the student's will be receiving their first letters. Traditional mail takes a long time when travelling internationally. The 7/8's have been great with their patience in this whole process!

Well getting on with the students' studies. The 7/8's just finished reading their novel study

"The Cay". We have some left over odds and ends to do to wrap up the novel but are taking a short break to concentrate on our speeches for the upcoming competition. Once the competition is over we will be going back to conclude our unit on "Surviving Extremes".

In Social Studies, the 7/8's have been looking at moving towards Canada's Confederation. We are at the Upper and Lower Canada rebellions. There is about one more chapter to look at before we head in to our Unit Exam. So parents, in about two weeks time, your children will be writing a big test!

In Social Studies 8, the students are studying Japan. They are looking at how Japan went from Isolation and created a unique culture to Adaptation. They will be studying how Japan kept its culture and adapted to the modern world without being colonized by Western Civilization.

Social Studies 9 students just wrapped up their unit on Individual and Collective rights. The students did a fantastic job on their exams! We ended the unit with the film, "The Rocket". This gave students a glimpse of the treatment French Canadian's endured in Canada. How a hockey player helped French Canadiens gain recognition and equal rights. Students will be starting their next unit on Immigration.

In Social studies 3/4, the students are working through regions of Alberta. They just finished their unit on the Grassland region by making postcards. This hopefully will be in the mail by the end of the week!

