



Valhalla Community School

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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.

It is very important that as many parents as possible complete and return the surveys to Alberta Education.

Please make every effort to get your responses back to Alberta Education. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school.

Did You Know

... That VCS offers many programs and services?

- Alberta Education program of studies is followed and taught
- Second Languages (French and German) are taught by well qualified bilingual 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 in Junior High for enhancing study and life skills and even more help with homework (by teacher placement or parent request)
- Gender segregated Physical Education and Health/Leadership classes for junior high students
- Extra-curricular sports programs
- In school speech therapy services
- In school access to Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) counselling and small group support
- In school access to Alberta Health Services counselling

Speech Competition Winners

As always, the VCS Public Speaking Competition which was held on February 6 showcased great speeches by our students. Every one who came out and presented is a winner! The final standings were as follows:

Junior—1st: Chelsie Woronowski, 2nd: Reuben Morales, 3rd: Rain Odd

Intermediate—1st: Josie Kjemhus, 2nd: Kaleigh Dwyer, 3rd—Daymion Hounsell

Senior—1st Cassie Gerow, 2nd—Sara Unger

Congratulations everyone on a job well done!

WHAT I LEARNT TODAY



Check out the
Valhalla Community
Charter School
Facebook Page!

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PE News!

PE classes will be doing a skating unit (K-9) in February. Dates 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.

Registration Week April 20-22

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 2015/2016 Registration Week for our students. From **April 20 to April 22**, we will ask parents to book one evening appointment at the school to come in and complete the registration process for 2015/2016 school year. From **4pm to 8pm** each evening, bookings for 30 minute time slots will be available. Please bring birth certificates and Alberta Health Care cards. We also need to know your legal land description or town /county address. School fees are due at this time to complete registration.

Once all our existing families have registered (by April 22), the school will be considering wait list students for any class spaces that remain available.

Call the school office to book your appointment! If the school does not hear from you we will be contacting you to arrange a time. Registration must be completed by April 22, 2015.

Upcoming

Events

February 19
VSF Board Meeting
6 pm

March 5-6
Teachers Convention

March 13
Report Cards

March 9-19
CTBS Testing
Please ensure students are present for testing!

March 18
Les Bouchérons
French cultural group at VCS to teach students songs and dance. Performance at end of day open to all!

March 19
Parent/Teacher Interviews
Make a point of visiting your child's teachers!

March 20
CSW—no school

Vesey's Bulb Fundraiser

The school has sent out order forms for Vesey 's bulbs to help fundraise to cover the cost for Les Bouchérons coming in March. We are asking that every family participate in this fundraiser to benefit all students. Deadline to order is March 4th.

Win a free iTunes gift card from your School Council!

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

Did you know that school council provides a babysitter at school council meetings?

(Check one) Yes _____ No _____

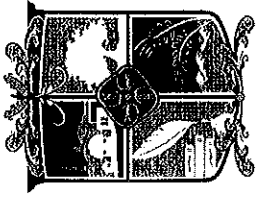
Sign this slip, have your child return it to the office draw box.

Winner will be drawn at next month's assembly!

Students Name _____

Parent's Signature _____





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John Picard, Superintendent
 Steve Mumert, Principal
 Anna Odd, Admin Asst
 Reanna Stockman, Gr. K & TA
 Jennifer LeBlanc, Gr. 3/4
 Vivian Fowler, Gr. 5/6
 Robert El-Tantawy, Gr. 7
 Cindy Mumert, Gr. 1/2
 Kelli Flint, Gr. 9
 John Heikel, Gr.7/8/9 Social/Science
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 Angie Tetreau, TA
 Cora Lee Rath, TA
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March 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 School Council Meeting 7pm	3	4	5 Teachers Convention No School	6 Teachers Convention No School	7
8	9 CTBS Testing All Week Grades K to 9	10	11	12	13 Report Cards Issued	14
15	16 CTBS Testing All Week Grades K to 9	17	18 Les Bouchérons Presentation	19 Parent Teacher Interviews	20 CSW No School	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Extra Kindergarten day	28
29	30	31		Please make sure your child attends all school days during CTBS		