



# Valhalla Community School

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## It's Time for Kindergarten Registration!

Kindergarten registrations are now being accepted at Valhalla Community School!

*Orientation will be held on March 10 at 6-7pm in the Kindergarten room.*

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 be-come 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

Boxing available  
Call 780-356-2370

**IMPORTANT!**  
**PLEASE READ**

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

**Ps: During the winter months bus times vary due to road conditions and changes to the routes.**

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.

## VCS Students Compete in Winter Games!

Our congratulations to Cassie and Josie for competing in the Alberta Winter Games archery competition!

Although only beginning in the sport of archery this winter, both girls made

the Zone 8 Winter Games archery team and shot personal bests in the actual Winter Games competition in Banff February 7, 8 and 9th.



## Upcoming Events

**February 13, 2014**  
**Carnival and Valentine's Soc Hop**

**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!*

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# Public Speaking Competition!

Thursday evening , February 6, saw Valhalla Community School's annual public speaking competition take place.

All the speakers from grade one to nine, did a fantastic job! We are so proud of them all!

## Our congratulations to the winners of the competitive events:

Junior (grade 5-6): 1st - Hemi, 2nd - Rain, 3rd - Avianna

Intermediate (grade 7-8): 1st - Kayleigh, 2nd - Sarah, 3rd - Sabrina

Senior (grade 9): 1st - Agatha, 2nd - Shaylin, 3rd - Anna

Our thanks as well to Agatha and Kayleigh for an excellent job as the evening's emcees!

## 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!

## Spring Lake Ski Hill

Come to the ski hill this weekend and enter your name in a draw to win a set of skis that Ernie's has donated to us! We are open this weekend Saturday, Sunday and Monday from 10am to 4pm. Contact Anna @ 780-897-2055 for more information.

## 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

The ski trip to Nitehawk for February 11th has been cancelled due to cold weather. We are trying to reschedule but if that is not possible we will reimburse all ski trip money. Reschedule date TBA. Keep an eye on future newsletters for more information

## 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.**

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 and limited pairs of 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. Consent forms have been sent out with the students. Please have the consent forms and the fee returned to the office as soon as possible.

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 \_\_\_\_\_



Once again, we find ourselves at the halfway point of our school year much more quickly than seems possible, bringing us to the season of planning and preparations for next year, and with that, there are a few updates to pass on.

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Please note: in order to accommodate the AGM, the March regular board meeting has been changed to Wednesday, March 12, 6-9 p.m. in the Valhalla Room.

One of the significant projects that our board will be considering this spring is the relatively new opportunity to make an application for a 15 year Charter Renewal. As part of our work on this, we have been considering 2 questions: “What are the core things about VSF that you don’t ever want to change?” and “What should we do differently in the future to remain successful?” We would like to hear from you. How would you answer these questions?

I would also like to mention our school’s terrific Public Speaking event on February 6. As a demonstration of part of our Charter vision, it was a great pleasure to hear the skill with which these students delivered their speeches, though it made the judging very difficult. In addition, the younger students were again a delight and promise more great speaking for the coming years.

Finally, thank you. The support and input we enjoy from everyone who contributes to our school is invaluable. So many people devote their time in such a variety of ways: website, school council, ski hill, playground, regular and special events in the classroom or for class trips, sports, fundraising, music, drama, administrative, and more. We truly value this work and recognize the huge advantage it provides in helping us work together to be an effective school.

As always, if you have any questions or comments, please contact me or another one of the directors. Jolene Kochendorfer, Chair

Beaverlodge Hidden Potential Society

### Neurodevelopmental Seminar

Saturday, March 1st, 2014 10:00 am to Noon

Admission by Donation - Lunch Provided

St. Luke's Anglican Hall

Guest speaker: Sylvia Funk (Neurodevelopmentalist)

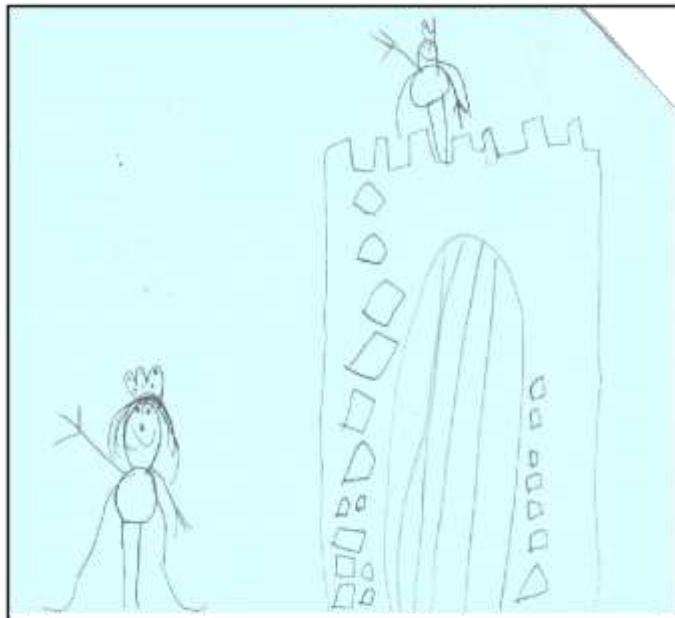
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By Ashlynn

## Parent Teacher Interviews.

Term 2 report cards will be issued on February 27th. Parent teacher interviews will be held on Wednesday **March 5th** from **4pm** to **8pm**. Please contact the school office to book your appointment.



By Jenna

## 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.

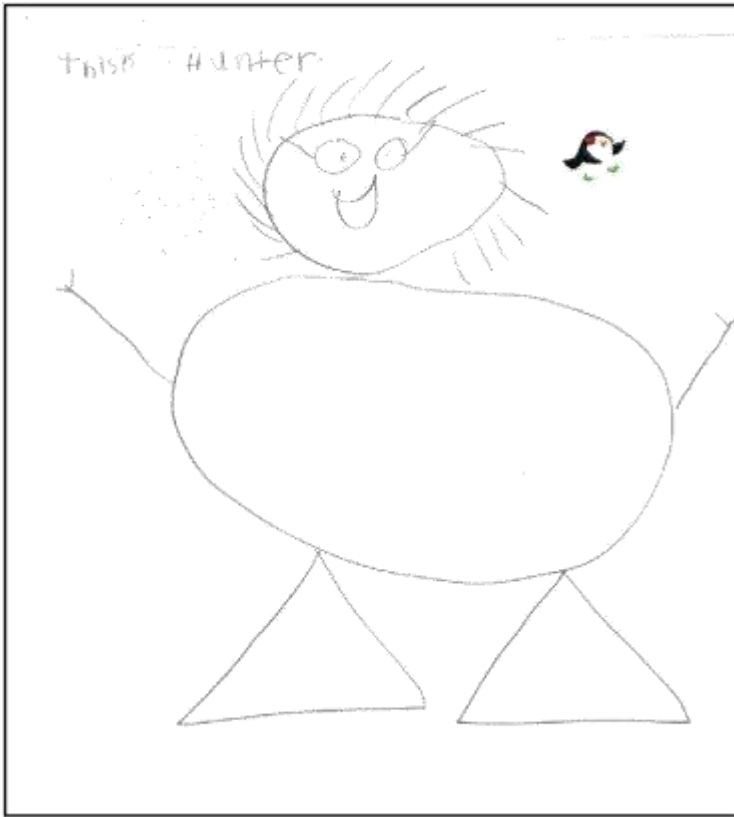
## Carnival

On Thursday, February 13, 2014 @ 12:45pm the Grades 4-9 French classes will be sponsoring a mini-carnival for the entire school. We would like to promote winter fun in the spirit of the Carnival de Quebec and the Winter Olympics. Due to the unpredictability of the weather, all events will be held indoors. Some events will be dog sled racing (scooter races), snowball throwing (foam balls), and the snowman wrap.

## Valentine's Day Soc Hop

On Thursday, February 13th after the Carnival is complete, VCS will have a Valentine's Day Soc Hop.

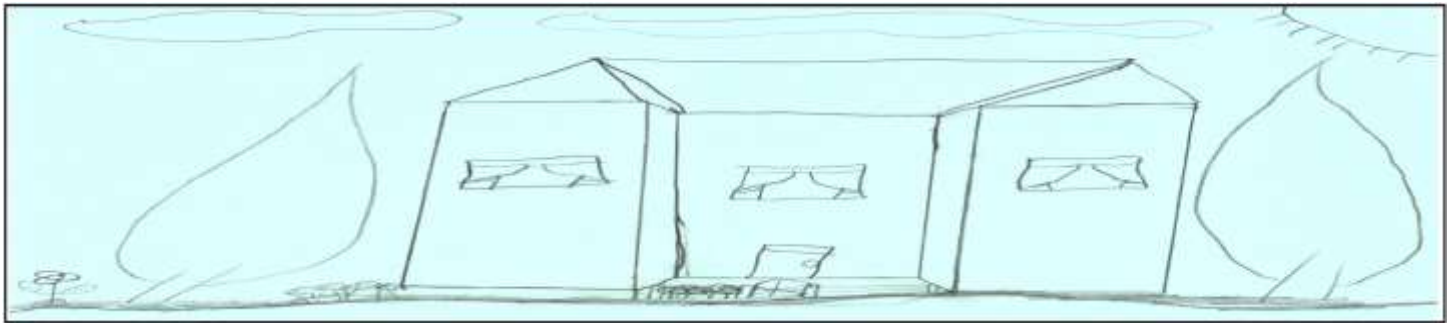




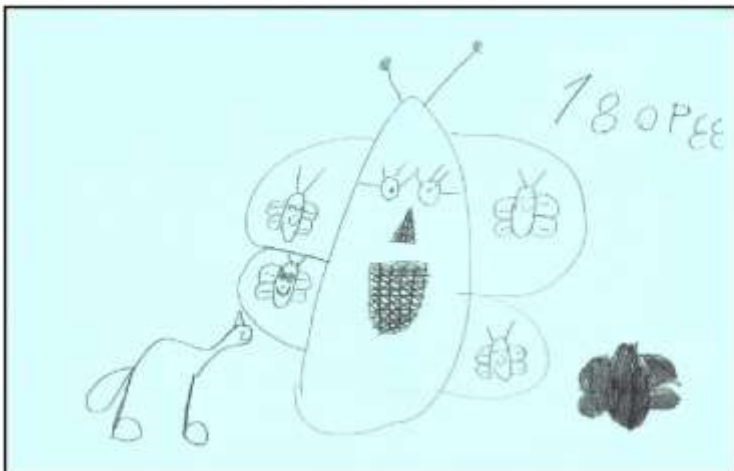
By Landen



By Annie



By Sara



By Kyrie



By Sara