

VCS Curriculum/Program Update

In an effort to improve communication between school and home, VCS is beginning a curriculum update program. We will be sending home class updates monthly, to help parents be better informed about what their children are currently studying and working on in their core courses (including Second Language courses). It is a short summary. If parents need or desire more detailed information than they are receiving, we encourage them to contact classroom teachers directly.

Kindergarten Class Update

Things are moving along nicely in Kindergarten. This month we will be focussing on families, friends (and how to be a good one) as well as Valentine's Day. Reading Mastery and Language for learning are both going well. We are working on ordinal numbers in math. We continue to practice our phone numbers and last names as well.

Mrs. Stockman

Grade 1/2 Class Update

Language Arts

The Grade 1/2's are improving immensely in their Reading fluency!

Mrs. Mumert

Math

This month in Math the Grade 1 and Grade 2's are starting their second workbook! We're right on track for the halfway point of the school year. In Grade 1 and 2 we're going to be working on our second Number Sense Unit of the year that will be further developing some of the concepts we covered early on in the school year. It will be a busy month. If you're interested in any extra practice or have any questions please don't hesitate to email or call me at the school. Thank you!

Mrs. LeBlanc

Social/Science

In Science we are putting the finishing touches on our house, adding a roof soon. We need no more egg cartons, but could use a few empty kleenex boxes. We learned about Groundhog's day and built paper bag puppets. We will be building pop-up cards for Valentine's.

Mrs. Mumert

German

Younger ones still working through vocabulary and the alphabet.
The vocabulary has been put on the back burner until my voice returns.
Mr. El-Tantawy

Grade 3/4 Class Update

Language Arts

Reading Mastery and Language are still on track and going well. Feel free to contact me at anytime with questions regarding anything going on in the classroom.

Mrs. LeBlanc

Math

In Math we are going to be working on money, measurement and time.

Mrs. LeBlanc

Science

The month of February will be busy as usual in the Grade 3/4 class . Our Science unit on Plant Growth & Change really gets going as our seeds have already started to sprout

Mrs. LeBlanc

Social Studies

Test on environment chap 5 Starting Chap 6 Goods and Services in the countries of Peru, Tunisia, Ukraine, India and Canada.

Ms. Fowler

German

We are working on food items and skits as before and using Heidi as our listening exercises

Mr. El-Tantawy

French

French 4-6 are learning how to talk about the thing we all love...food! They preformed a skit for the class on Thursday February 5.

Mrs. Mumert

Grade 5/6 Class Update

Language Arts

Starting New Unit “Into the Spotlight” - we will be doing short stories, poems, music, plays and figurative language

Ms. Fowler

Math

All grades are almost 1/2 way through the text book and working very hard. We usually have a math test after every 5 lessons. I ask students to take these math tests home for you to sign and return. Right now we working on adding/subtracting very large numbers, dividing decimal numbers, multiplying by 2 digit numbers and work with fractions area and perimeter. All grades usually complete 1 lesson per day. Sometimes, I will throw in a review day when we are struggling with concepts. If you don't hear from me personally, your son or daughter is completing assignments and homework. Some students are asked occasionally to stay in at lunch recess if they didn't complete the math lesson from the day before. If you have any questions or want more information, please feel free to contact me here at the school.

Mrs. Flint

Science

(Mr. Mumert has taken on this class for the balance of this year.)

Grade 5/6 Science is currently working on a unit called Air and Aerodynamics. We're studying properties of air (eg. air takes up space, acts like a fluid, can be compressed, expands when heated) and Bernoulli's Principle. We're also working on improving observation and note-taking skills. If you have any questions or concerns, please call or stop in for a chat!

Mr. Mumert

Social Studies

Cordillera Region

Ms. Fowler

German

We are working on food items and skits as before and using Heidi as our listening exercises

Mr. El-Tantawy

French

French 4-6 are learning how to talk about the thing we all love...food! They preformed a skit for the class on Thursday February 5.

Mrs. Mumert

Grade 7 Class Update

Language Arts

We have completed essay writing and the speech writing/ presentation. The remainder of the novel study Gulliver's Travel was completed today. Beginning work on grammar.

Mr. El-Tantawy

Math

The class is working toward lesson 70. They will have two tests in the next week. One the regular unit tests and the second will be a cumulative test lessons 30-60.

Mr. El-Tantawy

Science

Unit test is tomorrow for plants, moving on to physics unit on heat and energy transfer.

Mr. Heikel

Social Studies

Entering the American Revolution and the united loyalists and discussing how it affects Canadian history and what kind of country we live in today.

Mr. Heikel

German

Culture has been the focus these two weeks and we continue to work on the A1 booklet.

Mr. El-Tantawy

French

French 7-9 are completing our unit on sports; the quiz is next Wednesday, February 11.

Mrs. Mumert

Grade 8 Class Update

Language Arts

Poetry Students will be creating a booklet of their poems and analyzing 2 others.

Ms. Fowler

Math

All grades are almost 1/2 way through the text book and working very hard. We usually have a math test after every 5 lessons. We are working on rates, ratios, average, percents, fractions, proportions, area and perimeter. All grades usually complete 1 lesson per day. Sometimes, I will throw in a review day when we are struggling with concepts. If you don't hear from me personally, your son or daughter is completing assignments and homework. Some students are asked occasionally to stay in at lunch recess if they didn't complete the math lesson from the day before. If you have any questions or want more information, please feel free to contact me here at the school.

Mrs. Flint

Science

Unit test on body systems this week. Next unit we are beginning to talk about light and optics.

Mr. Heikel

Social Studies

Wrapping up renaissance moving on to the reformation. Discussing differing philosophies in the early modern world and how they impact our modern science technology and politics.

Mr. Heikel

German

Culture has been the focus these two weeks and we continue to work on the A1 booklet.

Mr. El-Tantawy

French

French 7-9 are completing our unit on sports; the quiz is next Wednesday, February 11

Mrs. Mumert

Grade 9 Class Update

Language Arts

We have completed essay writing and the speech writing/ presentation. We're finishing the remainder of the novel study; the remaining comprehension question for 1984 will be completed by Monday. Beginning work on grammar.

Mr. El-Tantawy

Math

All grades are almost 1/2 way through the text book and working very hard. We usually have a math test after every 5 lessons. We are working on angle relationships, area, perimeter, adding/subtracting/multiplying and dividing algebra and solving equations and proportions. All grades usually complete 1 lesson per day. Sometimes, I will throw in a review day when we are struggling with concepts. If you don't hear from me personally, your son or daughter is completing assignments and homework. Some students are asked occasionally to stay in at lunch recess if they didn't complete the math lesson from the day before.

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Mrs K. Flint

Science

Wrapping up chemistry. Unit exam coming up. Moving on to ecological chemistry, looking at pollution, acid rain, nutrition.

Mr. Heikel

Social Studies

Working on history of multiculturalism and how Canada has failed, succeeded and expressed this principle in the past, present and future.

Mr. Heikel

German

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Mr. El-Tantawy

French

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Mrs. Mumert

Upcoming Important Dates:

February 6 – Speech Competition 7pm

February 10 – Mighty Peace Day Grades 6-9

February 12 – Valentine’s SocHop

February 13 - Professional Development Day, No School

February 16 – Family Day, No School

February 19 – Hat Day

February 19 – VSF Board Meeting 6pm

February 24 – Opposite Gender Dress-up Day

March 2 – School Council meeting 7pm

March 5&6 – Teachers Convention NO SCHOOL

March 9 through 19 – CTBS Testing for Grades K-9

March 18 - Les Bouchérons

March 27 – Extra Kindergarten Day

School Spirit Days

This year Mrs. Flint is organizing a Student Council option class. The students are responsible to set the school spirit days. The February school spirit days are Hat Day and Opposite Gender Dress-up Day. For participation students will be entered into a monthly draw and one student will win an item from the school store (Chips or chocolate bar). Also, all students that participate in any school spirit day will have their name entered in a draw to win a gift basket at the end of the school year. Show your school spirit and dress up!

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 month. 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.

Performing Arts

Les Bouchérons is coming to Valhalla Community School March 18th, 2015. All of our students will have a great opportunity to learn new dances and French/Canadian culture. If anyone is interested in helping support this program please contact the school. There will be an afternoon performance that we hope family and community members can come to and enjoy. Mark your calendars!

PE News

All PE classes will be doing a skating unit (K-9) 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.

Skating dates:

Tuesday February 17th
Thursday February 19th
Tuesday February 24th
Thursday February 26th

All students will skate all four days listed above.

Skating Times:

Grade K, 1/2

11am to 12pm

Grade 3/4

1:15pm – 2:15pm

Grade 5/6

2:30pm - 3:30pm

Grade 7, 8, 9 Girls

10:15am – 11:05am

Grade 7, 8, 9 Boys

9:45am – 10:35am

If you have any questions about information on this letter please contact me anytime at the office, I would be happy to help. Please contact your teachers directly for any questions about your child.

Have a great day ☺

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