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# Valhalla Community School

## VCS Welcomes Charter Review Team!

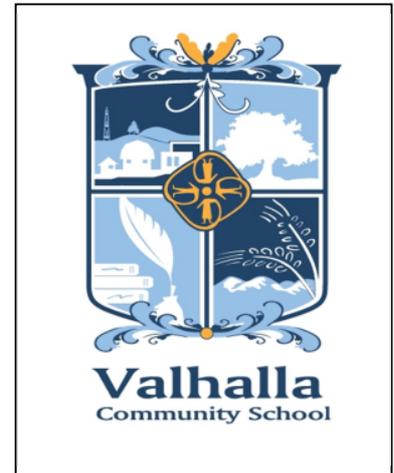
Well, it's finally here! The Charter School Review process which we've been working toward all year is culminating this week with the on-site review visit.

Today we wish to extend a warm Valhalla Community School welcome to Mr. Dave van Tamelen and his colleague, Mr. Dale Bischoff. These men will be visiting our school all this week, so if you see them stop and introduce yourself and make them feel at home.

The team, conducting a review for Alberta Education (which is mandatory for all Charter schools every five years), is tasked with making a determination as to how well our school is realizing the goals we set out to reach when we applied for charter school status.

The men will be looking closely into all aspects of our school. They'll interview parents, students, staff and board members. They'll observe some classes. They'll review surveys done by parents, students and staff. They've already reviewed reams of school documents prepared earlier by our staff.

It's a great opportunity for us as a school to show Alberta Education what a great thing we have going on here! It's a ready-made tool to help us discover what we might be able to do even better! It's time to "...let our little light shine"!



## Flu Update

Well it's official! We know what parents have known for some time: we definitely have a flu bug going around our school community.

Students are reminded to take precautions, including frequent washing, no sharing of water bottles or food, covering mouth when coughing or sneezing, etc.

We would ask that parents keep children home if they're showing symptoms of the flu so children can recover.

## Nomination Time!

**Valhalla School Foundation Annual General Meeting - Wednesday, March 23, 2011 - 7pm - VCS gymnasium.**

Are you interested in letting your name stand for a three year term as a charter board director?

If you are 18 years of age or older, a parent or guardian of a child attending

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VCS or a community member who is supportive of the VCS mission, you can be a director. Staff currently employed by the VCS may not be a director. An information package for nominees can be picked up at the school office. To enter your name as a nominee for director, sign the Valhalla Director Nomination Profile Agreement, in the package, and return it to the school, attention Mary Ann Westad, electoral officer, by March 14 at 4 pm. After the deadline, names of nominees will be posted in the school newsletter and on the school website.

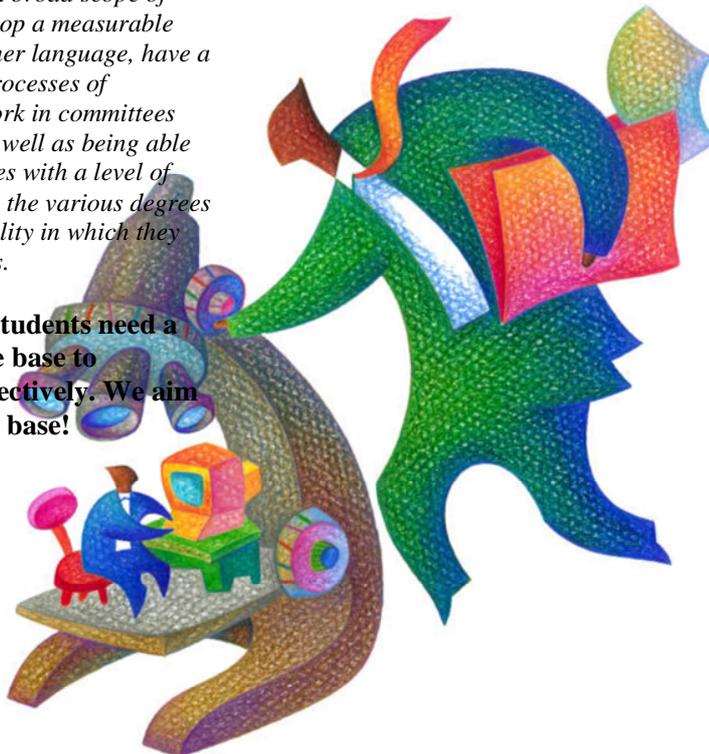
## Charter Bits

### **"On Developing Leaders"**

*Excerpt from VCS Charter*

*With the intent of training students to be able to competently embrace leadership opportunities as they arise, the VSF values its students acquiring a body of knowledge to enable them to function comfortably in a wide variety of situations in both urban and rural settings. Therefore, the VSF sees it as critical that students are able to converse easily on a broad scope of subject areas, develop a measurable proficiency in another language, have a keen grasp of the processes of organized group work in committees and civic arenas as well as being able to present themselves with a level of decorum suitable to the various degrees of situational formality in which they may find themselves.*

**In other words, students need a broad knowledge base to communicate effectively. We aim to give them that base!**



## Basketball

Basketball teams are showing some skill with a hard fought battle in Elsworth resulting in a slight loss for our girls and victory for our boys.

Next, LaGlance came to our school Feb.15. Our teams worked hard and had a good showing, ending in a slight loss for both teams. We have a team practice Tuesday, Feb.22. Our teams will participate in a tournament in Wembley on Feb.26. Our parent challenge will be moved to Tuesday, Mar.1 from 3:30pm to 5pm, followed by refreshments to end the season.

Badminton begins in March. If you have some talents in this field and are interested in coaching, please give the school a call.

## Upcoming Events

**February 22 - 25, 2011**

**VCS**

**Charter Review Committee at VCS**

**February 25, 2011**

**VCS**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Kindergarten Friday**

**March 10-11, 2011**

**No School**

**Teachers' Convention**

**March 17, 2011**

**Report Cards**

**March 21, 2011**

**Beginning @ 5pm, VCS**

**Parent Teacher Interviews**

Come out and connect with the teachers!

**March 23, 2011**

**7pm, VCS Gymnasium**

**Valhalla School Foundation AGM**

Don't miss this important meeting!

## Need Math Help??

*Mrs. Flint will be available to offer students extra help with Math on Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunch. This would be a great opportunity for some one-on-one instruction and help to get those corrections caught up and complete.*