



# Valhalla Community School

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## Valhalla Students Show Talent!

Last Friday's talent show has raised the bar for future events!

Students from Kindergarten to grade 9 participated in multiple displays of talent, showing that much effort and enthusiasm has gone into preparing for this event.

Our thanks to Mrs. Nadeau and Miss Gallepeau for their hard work in organizing this great talent show.

Thanks too, to Ben and Kyle for emceeing the show. Great job guys!

Thanks to all the parents and friends who joined us and of course thanks to all the students who participated in such a great way!



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## Richard Harpe- A Hero In Our Community

By Sabrina

Richard Harpe is one of the many heroes in our Valhalla Community. His interest in this school is to keep it running smoothly and vibrantly for many more years. He says the efforts of many people are being given to make this school

self-sufficient.

The biggest issue Mr. Harpe says is to keep pride in our community. He agrees that this school has a very good system that provides a great education for the students.

He finds it challenging to work on a public board but finds it rewarding and enjoy-

able. Mr. Harpe helped our school stay open. He talked to the premier of Alberta, Ed Stelmach, who agreed that it should remain open. His biggest challenge of all is to keep this community sustainable without constant grants. He admits it is never easy to be on

## Richard Harpe—continued

a public board, it's hard and at times frustrating, but still rewarding.

Richard married a local girl, whose mother taught in Valhalla for many years and whose father was very involved with the church and local issues. Her father made a positive difference in our community as well. Mr. Harpe enjoys following in those footsteps. We thank him for helping our school be a place for the students and the community.



Richard Harpe

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## Registration Week!

Next week is registration week. Many of our families have already booked appointments for registering. Make sure you get your time reserved!

Please bring birth certificates and Alberta Health Care cards. We also need to know your legal land description or town address.

Once all our existing families have registered (by April 26), the school

will be considering wait list students for any class spaces that remain available.

If you have any questions, please contact the school.

"After April 26, VCS will be considering wait list students for available class spaces."

## Quebec Trip Reminders

All order forms for Devry Spring Flowers are due back to the school on April 18<sup>th</sup>! Please make sure you have your forms handed in on **TIME**.

On May 3<sup>rd</sup> we are having our bottle drive. If you are collecting bottles in the Valhalla area, we are meeting at the school at 1:00pm to sort them. The La Glace bottle guy will be picking them up at the school.

*Next Quebec Trip Meeting: May 14, 2013 @ 7pm*

*All who are planning on going on the trip must be in attendance, it is **MANDATORY!***

*Make sure that at least one parent from your family is in attendance.*

## Upcoming Events

April 16, 2013  
VCS, 5pm  
*Grade 9 Farewell Meeting*

April 17, 2013  
BRHS, 7pm  
*Grade 10 Orientation*

April 18, 2013  
VCS  
*Cowboy Day*  
Dress Western!

April 20, 2013  
VCS, GYM  
*Playground Fundraiser*  
Come visit, snack, bid!

April 22 – 26, 2013  
*VCS Registration Week*  
New Registration Procedures!  
Call to book an appointment

April 24, 2013, 4pm-7pm  
*Kindergarten and Playschool Registration*

April 25, 2013  
VCS, 5:30pm  
*VSF Board Meeting*



Chateau Frontenac  
Quebec City

## Reminder Gr 9 Parent/Student Orientation for BRHS Wed. April 17 7pm GYM

It is very important for student/parents to attend, so you can pick up the student/parent handbook as well as the grade 10 registration package. These packages need to be filled out and returned to Mrs. Flint no later than Mon-day, April 22. She will be dropping them off at the high school Monday after school.

Remember, the option/electives will fill up early, so it is important to hand them in on time to ensure your son/daughter has a better chance to get their first choice of options.

If you have any questions, please call or email Mrs. Flint.

## Drama Club!

We are starting to audition for the musical, "The Sound of Music"!

If you are interested in participating in this fundraiser production at the end of May, please pick up a consent form from the office and return by Thursday, April 18. There will be practices every Thursday after school, beginning with a reading of the play on April 18.

See you there!

Mrs. Mumert & Mrs. Leblanc

## Upcoming Achievement Tests

May 2013		
Monday, May 13	9:00 – 11:00 A.M.	Grade 6 Français/French Language Arts Partie A
	9:00 – 11:00 A.M.	Grade 9 English Language Arts Part A
	9:00 – 10:20 A.M.	Grade 9 K&E English Language Arts Part A
Tuesday, May 14	9:00 – 10:10 A.M.	Grade 3 English Language Arts Part A
Wednesday, May 15	9:00 – 11:00 A.M.	Grade 6 English Language Arts Part A
	9:00 – 11:00 A.M.	Grade 9 Français/French Language Arts Partie A
Thursday, May 16	9:00 – 10:10 A.M.	Grade 3 Français/French Language Arts Partie A

June 2013		
Tuesday, June 11	9:00 – 10:00 A.M.	Grade 3 English Language Arts Partie B
Thursday, June 13	9:00 – 10:00 A.M.	Grade 3 Mathematics
Friday, June 14	9:00 – 10:00 A.M.	Grade 6 Français/French Language Arts Partie B
Monday, June 17	9:00 – 10:00 A.M.	Grade 6 English Language Arts Part B
Tuesday, June 18	9:00 – 9:45 A.M.	Grade 3 Français/French Language Arts Partie B
	9:00 – 10:15 A.M.	Grade 6 Mathematics
Wednesday, June 19	9:00 – 10:00 A.M.	Grade 6 Science
Thursday, June 20	9:00 – 10:00 A.M.	Grade 6 Social Studies
	9:00 – 10:15 A.M.	Grade 9 Français/French Language Arts Partie B
Friday, June 21	ABORIGINAL DAY	No Tests Scheduled
Monday, June 24	9:00 – 10:15 A.M.	Grade 9 Science
	9:00 – 10:15 A.M.	Grade 9 K&E Science
Tuesday, June 25	9:00 – 10:30 A.M.	Grade 9 Mathematics
	9:00 – 10:15 A.M.	Grade 9 K&E Mathematics
Wednesday, June 26	9:00 – 10:15 A.M.	Grade 9 English Language Arts Part B
	9:00 – 10:15 A.M.	Grade 9 K&E English Language Arts Part B
Thursday, June 27	9:00 – 10:20 A.M.	Grade 9 Social Studies
	9:00 – 10:15 A.M.	Grade 9 K&E Social Studies

# School Council

Next Meeting to be held at VCS on May 6, 2013 at 7:00pm.  
Anyone with a child attending VCS is a member and more than welcome to attend.

## Discussed at April meeting

Registration week is Apr 22-26. Everyone needs to book their spot, if your child is not registered by the end of registration week, they may be bumped for someone on the wait list. The school has had a debit/credit machine installed, which will be available to pay school fees.

CTBS testing is complete and tests have been sent away for marking. School will report back to families once results have been returned. School was able to purchase a new student info program for the office - making managing student information much more efficient. This is thanks to the funds raised through the ski hill. Ski hill funds also paid for new phys-ed equipment.

There was a good turn out at the Foundation Board AGM and all three open positions were filled. School council is working on developing a timeline for next year, which will help make SC more effective. And SC is still looking into hosting an Internet safety course for parents - will be announced once arrangements have been made.

Discussed the cost of offering swimming lessons as well as how beneficial they may/may not be. A lot of concern about the cost and the number of students per instructor was expressed. Students were not always given the level appropriate instruction due to the size of group each instructor had. Many parents are still enrolling their children in the summer because they do not learn the base material.

Discussion on school fees, fee policy and possible enforcement for unpaid fees it was decided to table this issue until next meeting.

Discussion on age grouping for track and field - this will be discussed again prior to the June track and field day.

## To be discussed at meeting on May 6, 2013

- Meeting Date for School Council AGM for 2013/2014 year
- Policy in place for bus drivers monitoring what kids wear to and from school
- School Council By-laws
- What school council can do to help children with conflict issues
- Grant opportunities to help school with extra's
- SC involvement in Registration Week
- Discuss what School Council should recommend to the School Board on school fees, fee policy and possible enforcement for unpaid fees.
- Should we continue with swimming lessons or should we look into other possibilities it would open up to have the money for something else.

If you feel there is something that should be addressed at a VCS School Council meeting you can contact the VCS School Council President Barb Lind by phoning or texting (780) 882-4508 or emailing [lind368@hotmail.com](mailto:lind368@hotmail.com).

## May Volunteer Opportunities

VCS relies on parents and community members for many hours of work at the school. If you or someone you know can help out this coming month with one of the following items please contact Anna at the school to schedule a time that is convenient.

- Hot Lunch
- Hauling Recycling to recycle bins in Valhalla
- Playground Supervision

Don't forget that as a parent or guardian of a child attending VCS you signed up for 20 hours of volunteer work when you registered them for the school year.

## Question of the Week!

What do you think of swimming lessons being provided through the school?

If you have an opinion or a comment on the question of the week please call or text your response to Barb @ (780) 882-4508.

**Babysitting is provided  
at all School Council Meetings**



Valhalla  
Archery Club  
Spring Fling  
DANCE!!!

ANNUAL SPRING FAMILY  
DANCE

Saturday May 11th 7:00pm-  
2:00am

\$15/person

\$10/ 17 & under

10 & under FREE

Midnight snack and DJ music

CONTACT 780-897-2954

# BRING on Your SUMMER BODY

Bring a Friend ☺ Get a Discount

## FUN FITNESS CHALLENGES

Gain Strength, Flexibility & Cardio

Mondays & Wednesdays 6:45 pm – 7:45 pm

Starting April 15, 2013 @ VCS Gym

**\$325/20 classes – Ask about friend discount ☺**

Drop In Available



Group is lead and inspired by Bernadette Schmaltz – CSEP Certified Personal Trainer with over 12 years of fitness experience. Open to all fitness levels. From beginners, variant ages, to people experiencing physical issues for example back, knee and shoulder problems, post injury etc.

**Everyone is welcome. All that is needed:  
Shoes, water bottle, desire to have fun, challenge your body & mind.**

For more info contact – Bernadette 780- 780-978-2080 or email at [berd101@hotmail.com](mailto:berd101@hotmail.com).

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