



Valhalla Voyagers News

Creating Minds that Think and Hearts that Care

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Dear Parents,

The warm days of September are behind us and the chilly days of fall have arrived! November happens to be one of my favorite seasons, as I love the beautiful colors that fall brings. Our year has started with success as students are busily engaged in new learning and teachers are working hard to provide high quality instruction for your child. Speaking of learning, I hope to see you all on Thursday or Friday, October 29th and 30th at your son or daughter's **Student-led Conference**. Your child has been preparing his or her portfolio filled with evidence of his or her learning to share with you. The portfolio contains samples of work completed in September and October. You will also receive a **Progress Report** detailing your student's progress so far this year. By now you have received your conference time and we thank you in advance for arriving at the scheduled time.

We could certainly use your help to make sure your child leaves home each morning with a warm coat as we do go out for recess everyday, even when it's raining. Writing his or her first and last name inside coats and sweatshirts helps lost items find their way back to the owner. We already have quite a collection of navy blue sweatshirts in our Lost and Found! Be sure to stop by the commons to claim any lost items during Student-led Conferences.

We also hope you'll mark your calendar for our **Family Math Night** just around the corner on Thursday, November 10th from 6:30 to 8:00. This is always a family favorite as you will be able to make math games to play at home, learn more about math instruction in your child's classroom, and even enjoy some tasty treats!

Check out the new **Valhalla Calendar** you will receive at your child's conference. This handy calendar has just about every date you'll need to stay informed and involved this year. Hopefully it will find a place on your refrigerator! Partnering with you in your son or daughter's education is very important to us. In today's world it takes more than just the school to educate the child. It takes a strong partnership between the home and school. After all, parents are a child's first teacher!

I look forward to seeing you at our many upcoming November events!

Warmly,

Marie Verhaar
Principal

Daylight savings time ends on Sunday. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour.



The students at Valhalla have been discussing who Veterans are, what they have done and what that means for us. The answer we come to is Veterans are people who gave their time and effort to keep us safe and free. Please talk with your children about these topics at home all year, but especially on Veterans Day!

‘Without the brave efforts of all the

*Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen,
and Marines and their families,
this Nation, along with our allies around the
world, would not stand so boldly,
shine so brightly and live so freely.’*

- Lane Evans

Calling all Veterans!

Valhalla Elementary invites our parents, grandparents, neighbors, friends, brothers, and sisters to attend our 2009 recognition honoring our Veterans!

On Friday, Nov. 13, 2009 our school will present two Veterans Day Programs honoring our Veterans. The assemblies **will take place in the Valhalla Commons.**

1:45 pm – K,1,2

2:30 pm – 3,4,5

You are invited to join us fifteen minutes before each program when there will be a time of celebration as our guests gather in the Welcome room to meet and visit with each other.

****For more information, please contact the school office at 253-945-4300***