



VALHALLA VOYAGERS

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President's Message

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Calendar of Events

- No Dec PTA Meetings
- Food Drive (Dec1-10)
- Pancake Feed/
Holiday Shop (Dec 4)
- Holiday Break
No School
(Dec 20-Jan 2)

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October was an active one for the PTA! The 2010 Walk-a-Thon was an unprecedented SUCCESS! We would like to thank all those involved who helped make this event happen including: Rachel Jorren, Walk-a-Thon Financial Recorder, all those students, parents and friends who participated in the Walk-a-Thon (and especially those who volunteered on Oct. 15), the Rotary Club of Federal Way,

local musicians Paul Hall and Don Neuman, Valhalla teachers and staff, and Mr. Smith, School Principal for his guidance, support and encouragement - 'We-Can-Do-It!!!!!!' Kudos go to Aliza Hauser 'Book Fair Lady!' and her team for producing a successful Fall Scholastic Book Fair Nov. 5-10! Over \$4000 (going past our \$3500 goal!) in sales means more books for our library and class-

rooms (check out the Book Fair Wrap-Up in this newsletter) Thanks to all who volunteered in the setup and running of the fair, and to all you who visited the fair with our students. The next event ahead for the PTA is our second annual Pancake Breakfast and Holiday Shop on Saturday, Dec. 4. Be sure to check out the article in this newsletter with the fun details and chances

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Valhalla Community Pancake Breakfast & Holiday Shop!

Join the Valhalla Voyagers for a hearty breakfast, good company and the opportunity to assist families in need by attending the 2nd annual Valhalla Community Pancake Breakfast & Holiday shop on Saturday, December 4 in the Commons! Breakfast runs from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and the holiday shop is open until 1:00 p.m.

Admission is one nonperishable canned good per person, which will go to benefit families in need during this Holiday season.

The Holiday Shop gives our Voyager students the chance to purchase holiday gifts for family members. Gifts in the children's holiday shop ranges in price from .25¢ to \$14.00, and free gift bags are provided. Additional shopping opportunities will be provided by : Close to My Heart scrap booking (students will have the chance to design their own cards), Petrik Photography, Scentsy Candles, Tupperware, The Pampered Chef, and Usborne Books to name a few.

The following contact information is available should you have any questions or would like to volunteer: Monty Potter at 253-945-4337.

PTA Website: www.valhallapta.com / PTA Email: ptavalhalla@gmail.com

PTA Communication Board (located in the main hallway at Valhalla)



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Holiday shopping on your list?

If you do your holiday shopping at Amazon.com through Valhalla's referral link, 4-10% of your purchases will go toward supporting school programs at Valhalla!

Simply go to Valhalla PTA's website at <http://valhallapta.com>, click on the Amazon.com logo and start shopping!



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Help Plan for the future

IMPORTANT! For the next several months the PTA is discussing future projects, student and school needs, etc. that may be possible for us to sponsor. Your input is welcome and we invite you to be a part of our conversation at our general meetings, talking to board members or sending us an email to ptavalhalla@gmail.com
(next meeting is Wed. 1/19)

Can't make PTA Meetings? No Worries

As you can tell, there are lots of great events happening in the PTA and our school, so keep up to date by visiting our website: www.valhallapta.com and viewing the PTA Communication Board which is located in the main hallway between the Commons and the office. Have a concern or a question send an email: ptavalhalla@gmail.com

Your Membership Counts

Valhalla PTA proudly boasts that we have a total membership of 165 which includes 100% teacher participation. As you may recall the PTA has a goal this year to double our membership over last year. We are so close to achieving this. (15 more)

By joining the PTA you are showing your support for our school and being a PTA member can provide resources and discounts for you and your family. Becoming a member gives parents a voice in their children's education both at a local level within our school and at a national level. Be sure to check our honor roll of 2010-11 PTA members at our 'Every Member Matters' Wall of Support in the main hallway of the school.

If you are not yet a member please consider becoming one. Enrollment forms can be found on the PTA website or in the front office. The cost is \$10 single membership and \$17 family (same household) membership. .



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Book Fair – Tribute to our Heroes Huge Success

Thanks to all who attended the Scholastic Book Fair. It was a huge success with over 200 people visiting on opening night.

Enjoying the movie *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, listening to books read by our local firefighter “Joe” and voting on classroom door decoration

Over \$4000 in total sales occurred during our four day sale, which means we were able to award the following prizes in 'Tribute to Heroes' Contest.

1st Place door went to Mrs. Draeger and her Kindergarten class.

They are the proud winners of \$150 worth of Scholastic Books for their classroom.

2nd place with \$100 of books for their classroom went to Ms Hoyt & Ms. Lusk’s 3rd grade class.

3rd Place with \$50 in books for her classroom went to Ms. Berstrom’s Gate Class.

The remaining profits from the Book fair go to benefit the Valhalla library allowing them to maintain and grow an engaging library for the Valhalla Students.

Kudos go to Aliza Hauser – the Book Lady (and all of the Book Fair attendants for giving your time to make it all possible) for planning such a fun event for our school. .

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you have to assist in making this event happen!

In closing this message we say thanks to all who continue to join the PTA. Our membership is currently at 165! If you know someone who is not yet a member or hasn't had a chance to sign up yet – please encourage him or her to fill out an application TODAY! This is the year to join PTA – the Valhalla PTA where 'Every Member Matters'!!!! We are a diverse community who are making wonderful things happen.

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Cork Recycling Program has been cancelled

TerraCycle® has advised us that they are no longer sponsoring the Cork Brigade™. We would like to thank all of you who participate in this program while it was active but ask that you no longer send your corks to school.

Please note that TerraCycle® is still continuing with the Capri Sun recycling program. The TerraCycle Drink Pouch Brigade™ program allows Valhalla to save drink pouches from taking up space in landfills. TerraCycle will pay \$0.02 per drink pouch to the school. Terra Cycle even pays the postage.

Students are encouraged to recycle at lunch time and there are collection boxes set up near the office for easy drop off.



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Valhalla Elementary Annual Food Drive

Wednesday 12/1/2010 – Friday, 12/10/2010

Help those in need during the holiday season by making a donation to Valhalla's annual food drive.

Donations can be sent with kids to school, dropped off in the school office or at the Pancake Breakfast 12/4/10. Donated items will benefit our local families.

Donation Ideas

General Food Items:

- Oatmeal
- Whole grain pastas
- Brown rice
- Tomato products
- Canned Beans
- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruit
- Canned fish or meat
- Shelf-stable milk
- Beef stew, chili & similar meals
- Peanut Butter
- Granola Bars
- Pudding Cups
- Cereal

Infant and Baby Foods:

- Baby formula
- Canned milk
- Infant cereal
- Teething Biscuits
- Jars of baby food
- Wipes
- Baby diapers

Hygiene & Paper Products:

- Toothpaste
- Shaving Items
- Feminine Products
- Soap / Hand Sanitizer
- Shampoo
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels

Contact Tracy Guffee with questions: ptavalhalla@gmail.com

Holiday Word Search

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- DASHER

- DEER
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- FROSTY
- GIFT
- PRANCER
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- SACK

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