



# VALHALLA VOYAGERS

October 2010 Volume 1 Issue 2

[WWW.VALHALLAPTA.COM](http://WWW.VALHALLAPTA.COM)

## A Fantastic Start to the 2010-11 PTA Year!

### Calendar of Events

- No School – Teacher Inservice Days (Oct. 7-8)
- Walk-a-Thon (Oct. 15)
- PTA Meeting (Oct. 20)
- Student-Led Conferences (Oct. 28–29)
- Movie Night (Nov. 4)
- Book Fair (Nov. 4– Nov. 11)

*Valhalla Voice* is published every two months. Valhalla PTA is a member of Washington State PTA.

Federal School District website [www.fwps.org/](http://www.fwps.org/)

Washington State PTA [www.wastatepta.org](http://www.wastatepta.org)

Valhalla PTA [www.valhallapta.com](http://www.valhallapta.com)

Editor  
Susanne McIntyre  
[snmcintyre@msn.com](mailto:snmcintyre@msn.com)

Local Unit number 9.4.75, a member of the National PTA  
"Every Child, One Voice"

Washington State  
**PTA**  
*everychild.onevoice.*

Our first general meeting at 'Back-to-School' Night was one of the largest ever and demonstrates how the PTA and school work together (co-sponsoring the Barbecue). There are lots of great events happening in the PTA and our school. Stay informed by visiting our website: [valhallapta.com](http://valhallapta.com) and checking out the PTA Communication Board located between the school office and the Commons.

### Meeting – October 20

Our next general meeting is Wednesday, October 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the school Commons. Principal Smith will discuss MSP (Measurement of Student Progress) results. This is a great time to connect with other families at Valhalla. Attending a meeting does not commit you to anything except showing your support.

### Book Fair

We are also looking

forward to our Scholastic Book Fair scheduled for November 4 – 11. Volunteers are needed.

### Every Member Matters

Thanks to all who have joined PTA this year. If you know Valhalla families who are not yet members, encourage them to complete an application TODAY! In the Valhalla PTA, "Every Member Matters!" Visit the PTA Wall of Support in the main hallway of our school to see your name.

## Valhalla Voyager are Taking a Walk!

The Valhalla PTA is excited to announce our Fall Walk-a-Thon as our major fundraiser for this school year. The goal is to raise \$12,000. It is a lofty goal, but with everyone's participation we can achieve it. The good news is this will happen if every student raises just \$25 in pledges from family, friends, and community.

Our intent is to have this one big fundraiser that will replace selling candy and cookie dough throughout the year. The Walk-a-Thon is a healthy way to have our students

moving and engaged in helping their school. All money earned helps support Valhalla activities and community events such as School BBQ, Math and Literacy Nights, Field Trips, Programs, Assemblies, Music, Spring Carnival and Bingo Night — just to name a few.

### Get Ready...Get Set...Go!

The Walk-a-Thon will be held during school hours on the school campus during student rotation periods on Friday, October 15. There are great prizes for all who partici-

pate including tossing a pie at Mr. Nelson, our PE teacher!

### Be a Part of the Fun

Please volunteer. Sign up now at the PTA Communication Board in the main hallway or visit <http://schools/fwps.org/val/> or [www.valhallapta.com](http://www.valhallapta.com) for more information. Grab your sneakers and get moving!





# Valhalla Voyagers

October 2010 Volume 1 Issue 2

WWW.VALHALLAPTA.COM

## ELIZABETH BAGNELL –VALHALLA FAMILY LIAISON!

The PTA welcomes Elizabeth Bagnell, our new family liaison, to Valhalla Elementary! We are one of only two schools in the district who have been selected to pilot this new position. Her beginning goal is to connect by reaching out to all families, taking questions and/or suggestions you may have to assist in having the most effective communication ever with the school. Her office is located beside Ms. Tate's in the main hallway of the school. Be sure to stop by and welcome Ms. Bagnell to Valhalla! Her office phone is 253-945-4346 and email is [ebanell@fwps.org](mailto:ebanell@fwps.org)

## Emergency Comfort Kit Does your child have one?

Valhalla requires that each student must have a comfort kit at school.

Natural hazards, disasters, and emergencies can happen at all hours of the day. A comfort kit is a Ziploc bag full of items to make your child comfortable should an emergency happen during school hours.

The PTA still has comfort kits available please send \$6.00 (*make checks payable to Valhalla PTA*) to the office. Hurry supplies are limited

If you would like to make your own kit a listing of suggested items is available in the front office or can be found on the PTA website: [www.valhallapta.com](http://www.valhallapta.com)

## 2010/ 2011 PTA Board

### Co-President

*Vicki Chandler*

[jackandvicki@gmail.com](mailto:jackandvicki@gmail.com)

*Monty Potter*

[mpotter@fwps.org](mailto:mpotter@fwps.org) /

### Vice President

*Aliza Hauser*

[ahauser@u.washington.edu](mailto:ahauser@u.washington.edu)

### Secretary

*Larry Hauser*

[elhauser31@yahoo.com](mailto:elhauser31@yahoo.com)

### Co-Treasurer

*Jaleane Moore*

[jaleanem@wzbcpa.com](mailto:jaleanem@wzbcpa.com)

*Sarah Szczepanski*

[sarah09@comcast.net](mailto:sarah09@comcast.net)



Visit [valhallapta.com](http://valhallapta.com) to stay current on all school happenings



# Valhalla Voyagers

October 2010 Volume 1 Issue 2

WWW.VALHALLAPTA.COM

## Coming November 4: Book Fair – Tribute to our Heroes

Opening day of the Book Fair (Friday, November 5), PTA will host the first Movie Night of the year. Our evening will kick-off with Federal Way Police and Fire Department and staff reading a book to students prior to the movie (starting at 6:00 p.m.) We look forward to seeing all of you! (Book sales begin at 4:30 p.m.)

### Diary of a Wimpy Kid

Exciting news. The newest *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* can be pre ordered and will be at Valhalla by November 11.

### Classroom Contest

To celebrate the fair, each classroom will be asked to pick a hero and decorate their door. Prizes awarded!

### The Mr. Nelsons are Heroes

Our goal for this book fair is \$2,500 in sales. If this goal is met, ONE of the Mr. Nelsons will dress up as his favorite hero. If our second goal of \$3,250 in sales is met, the OTHER Mr. Nelson will dress up as his favorite hero! Let's get some new books for the library and find out what our Mr. Nelsons choose as their heroes for a day! All sales benefit the Valhalla Library.

### Please Help

PTA members are needed to help with sales during the day and after school. Lunch hours are our busiest times when kids come to pick up their favorite reads. Training will be provided! It's easy and fun. Please contact Aliza Hauser, "The Book Fair Lady" at 253-203-5222. Book Fair runs November 4–11. Staff previews on November 4.

## Thank You for Joining PTA!

As of the time of this writing, Valhalla PTA has 146 members and almost 100% teacher membership. This is a 60% increase in membership from last year's ending enrollment and we thank you all. Membership in the PTA shows our students and community that we are interested and concerned about their education. Students at Valhalla are proud of their families and loved ones who are actively involved in their lives. Studies have shown that when families are involved in their children's education children are more successful in school.

### Every Member Matters

There are opportunities for all parents to be involved in Valhalla and Valhalla PTA. The PTA is involved in fundraising and activities for the students. If time is an issue, your membership alone offers financial support to help in providing programs to benefit our students. Joining the PTA allows the organization to increase activities that promote community within our schools as well as assisting in providing high tech equipment and supplies for our classrooms. 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.

Donelle Chandler, Membership Chair

## Coming in May – Garage Sale

Coming Saturday, May 14 — the 2nd Annual Valhalla Garage Sale. You can be involved many ways:

- Start saving items to donate today! We'll be looking for clothing, household items, toys, kitchen gadgets, music, CD's/ DVD's, outdoor and sporting equipment, books, etc. We'll be collecting donations at the school the week prior to the sale.
- Plan on shopping at the sale for great bargains! We also have a food court with incredible food and drinks — tamales, enchiladas, flan, papusas, and more!
- Volunteer to help out sorting items, making signs, setting up, working the day of the sale. Let us know how you'd like to help!
- Put the date on your calendar and join us. All money raised goes the PTA and benefits all children at Valhalla. Questions or want to be involved? Email or call Claire at wilson\_leavell@msn.com or 253.852.2096. More specific details will be available closer to the date of the sale.

# You shop for Groceries — Valhalla Earns Money

When you register your Safeway Club Card, each time you make a purchase a contribution is made to Valhalla.

Sign up today — every little bit helps.

Visit [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) to register your card.

Valhalla's Group ID #8567546

It's fast and easy.

Or complete the below form and return to school in an envelope marked PTA.  
We'll do all the work for you.



## Put Education on Your Shopping List

*It's Free*

*It's Easy*

*It's Powerful*



*Register Your Safeway Club Card Today and Earn Money for Your School*

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Safeway Club Card Number

**Valhalla Elementary PTA 9-4-75**

**8567546**

Group Name

Group ID#

Last Name

First Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Email

Phone Number

**Need your club card number? Call 1-877-723-3929**