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Calendar of Events

- PTA-Sponsored Play for Students at 1:15 "Henry's Freedom Box" by Book-It All Over Repertory Theater (Jan. 20)
- PTA at Showare Concession Stand for T-Birds Game (Jan. 21)
- Family & Community Bingo (Feb. 25)
- PTA-Sponsored "Totally Courageous Basketball Exhibition at 2:00 (Mar. 2)

President's Message

Co Chairs: Vicki Chandler
Monty Potter

Happy 2011!

This is a great time to be active in the life of the Valhalla PTA! Our major fund-raising has been accomplished and your input is needed as we discuss and vote on student and school needs as well as future projects at our next general meeting on Wed. Jan 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Commons. We encourage you to attend and hope to see you there.

Success

November and December were productive months as our 'Concession Team' (see article in this newsletter) worked its first event at Showare Center, we completed a successful food drive, held the 2nd Annual Pancake Breakfast and Holiday Shop and provided support for the 4th and 5th Grade Holiday Music Program on Dec. 6!

Events

We have lots of student and family events ahead so be sure to check out all the articles in this news-

letter, our website (valhallapta.com) and/or on the PTA Communication Board which is located in the main hallway between the Commons and the office. Some soon-to-happen events include:

Thurs, 1/20 — PTA-sponsored play for students at 1:15, "Henry's Freedom Box" performed by Book-It All Over Repertory Theatre of Seattle

Fri, 1/21 — PTA at Showare Concession Stand for T-Birds Game

Fri, 2/25 — Family & Community Bingo Night

Membership

Our membership goal of 182 for this year is close to being reached! We are currently at 163. Please check with your friends to be sure they are a member and if not, encourage them to join. Membership applications are available online and in the school office. Everyone who signs up is helping show those in the community and district that we at

Valhalla are committed to our children and their education.

Future

In closing, please consider being involved as an officer next school year (check out the article for 2011-12 PTA Officers). The nominating committee plays an important role of putting together a slate of officers for our March 16 meeting and they are looking for your assistance. Would you perhaps be interested in being nominated/serving or know of someone you'd recommend? — Or how about partnering to co-chair? With this being our second year in this building and we become more settled in — it's a rewarding time to be on the executive board!

We are a diverse community who are making wonderful things happen as we share our individual talents in the PTA. Why? Because we share a bond — where we believe in our children!

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Did You Know?

Valhalla earns money when you shop through Valhalla's Amazon link. Here's how that broke down for 2010:

Month	Amount
June	\$25.35
July	\$66.41
August	\$52.09
September	\$14.96
October	\$25.49
November	\$46.15
December	\$164.00
Total 2010	\$394.45



Simply go to Valhalla PTA's website at <http://valhallapta.com>, click on the Amazon.com logo and start shopping! Don't forget to forward the link to your families and friends.

Pancake Success!

Over 200 Attend the 2nd Annual Pancake Breakfast and Holiday Shop!

Parents and students came together in the Commons to enjoy pancakes, sausage, muffins, fruit, juice and coffee prepared by some of our own skilled Valhalla 'chefs' on Saturday, December 4. Admission was one nonperishable canned good per person, which helped benefit 15 of our Valhalla families during this Holiday season!

In the gym, student Voyagers and others had the chance to purchase holiday gifts for family members. Additional opportunities for shopping included: **Close to My Heart** scrapbooking, **Scentsy Candles**, **The Pampered Chef**, and **Usborne Books**.

The **Rotary Club of Federal Way** co-sponsored the event with generous food donations as well as providing volunteers for the breakfast. Donations were also given by **Continental Mills** and **Costco**. Thanks to everyone who assisted in setup, cooking and serving, as well

BINGO Anyone?

Family & Community BINGO Night February 25

Do you enjoy spending a night out with friends and family? Do you love the opportunity to win games and prizes?

Come join the fun as the PTA presents Bingo Night at Valhalla February 25th, from 6:30 to 8:pm. There will be prizes, raffle and a guaranteed good time.

If you would like volunteer, donate raffle prizes or have additional questions please contact:

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Concession Team Scores!

Concession Teams' First Time Working Event is Success!

During the 2009-2010 school year as the PTA was looking for different ways to add money to our treasury, a group of parents and teacher volunteered to become certified with a Food Handlers and Mixologist Card so they could work concessions as a non-profit group. The benefit to this way of bringing in extra money is it takes only 10-12 folks to work four-five hours in one night and can raise between \$400 and 1000+. (we receive 15% of the sales at Showare) which go to the PTA.

On Nov. 27 this group worked our first event at Showare Center in Kent. The profit from that evening was \$625.11! Our next date for working is this Fri., January 21st at the T-Birds ice hockey game. Come to the game and visit our booth...the service and food is great!

There are several venues where we may be able to work as a non-profit group in the future if our 'pool' of eligible workers were to increase. For ex. working an event at Safeco Field can earn a lot, however there's a minimum number of events which the group signs on to work. When there's more folks who are certified, then it's easier to make such a commitment, (knowing there may be some schedule conflicts)

Currently we have twelve members who are on our Concession Team: Melanie Miles (Team Leader). Jack and Vicki Chandler, Charis Oothoudt, Donelle Chandler, Sue McIntyre, Stephanie Nguyen, Claire Wilson, Michele Cordi, Jani Borchers, Sarah Szczepanski and Monty Potter.

Workers must be at least 18 years old with a valid Washington State Food Workers Card and Washington State Class 12 or 13 Mixologist Handlers License. The cards are good for 2 – 5 yrs. (depending on type of card you receive)

Some folks in our Valhalla families may already have their Food Handlers and/or Mixologist License, which we'd just need a copy of their certification in order to join our team. The Valhalla website site has the places where these classes are offered under Forms and Documents.

As we consider our options and future of adding this type of fund-raising – if you are interested and/or have these licenses or any other questions, please contact Melanie Miles <melaniemiles@comcast.net>

It's Never too Early to Start Collecting and Consider Volunteering for the 2nd Annual Valhalla Garage & Yard Sale!

For the 2nd year in a row, Valhalla PTA is sponsoring a GARAGE & YARD SALE. This year it is set for **Saturday, May 14th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** There are two ways you can help. One is to start now and **help us collect items to sell.** We are looking for items that have been sitting in your closets, garages, drawers, and basements just waiting for this event! Because of limited storage at the school, we will be collecting items the week before the event (more detailed information will come closer to that date). The other way you can help is to **consider volunteering to help with the sale.**

If you want to collect items - what kinds of things are we looking for?

Gently used children, teen and adult clothing, School uniform pieces, Small appliances in working condition, Toys, Books, Household items, Kitchen stuff, Jewelry, Household furniture (chairs, tables, bookshelves, etc.), and Other treasures!

Unfortunately we will not be able to accept upholstered furniture, computers and other electronic equipment, televisions, and items not in working order or good sellable condition.

If you want to volunteer to help with the sale - what kinds of help do we need?

We need people willing to donate any amount of time from the planning of the event to getting things ready for the sale (sorting, collecting, making signs, pricing, setting up, helping the day of the sale, etc.) – any time you can give will be appreciated! You could volunteer during the day, in the evenings, from home, based on the task and your schedule – just let us know what works for you!

If you have questions about donations and/or volunteering, please call Claire Wilson at (253) 852-2096 or email her at wilson_leavell@msn.com.

We look forward to another great sale!
Claire Wilson and Maricela Chavez