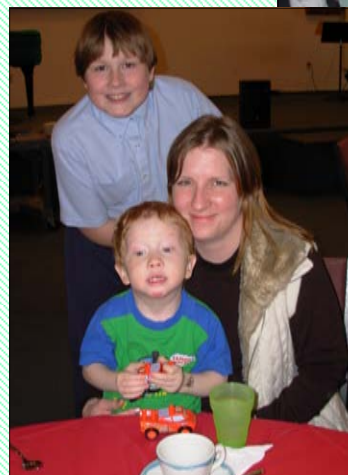


Strawberry Tea—April 15th/08



Thank you to all who have volunteered at Valley Christian School over this past year. We have been blessed by your willing hands and gracious hearts. May God bless you.

"This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God." II Corinthians 9:12



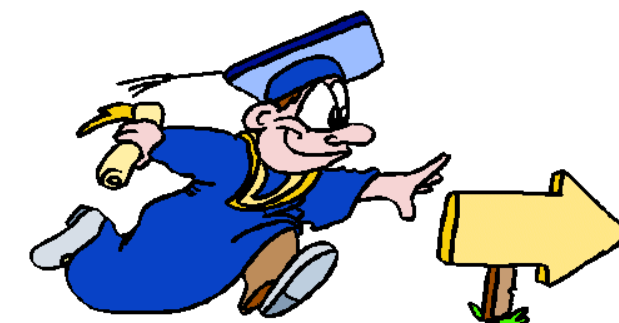
Valley Christian news

A Message from the Principal . . .

It always amazes me how quickly a school year passes. Despite the common cliché that time accelerates as you get older it seems the general consensus, amongst adults at least, is that the school year seems to have a built in, unstoppable accelerator. The phenomena is, however, easily explained by the intense busyness that exists from the moment you hit the ground in September, whether you are a teacher or a parent, to the moment you write or walk away with the final report card of the year. Ahhhh, summer and a chance to relax, recharge, soak up some sun (hopefully) and plan for the next power-packed school year, filled with activities, papers, exams, report cards, but most of all opportunity. Opportunity to encourage, prepare and shape the lives of young people. What an awesome and privileged responsibility God has given each of us as teachers at VCS to impact for the good the lives of the children you have entrusted to our care. May God grant us all the wisdom, patience and strength to fulfill this greatest of all mandates.

"Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not turn from it." Proverbs 22:6

Bill Humphreys



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Dates to Note:

- ☉ May 9—Intermediate Interim Reports
- ☉ May 12-15—CTBS Testing
- ☉ May 16—Pro D Day—No School
- ☉ May 19—Victoria Day—No School
- ☉ May 20—Class Photos
- ☉ May 24—Fun Fair
- ☉ May 30—Sports Day
- ☉ June 9-12 & 23-26 Uniform Fit Weeks
- ☉ June 13—Waterslides Gr. 5-8
- ☉ June 17-20—SALTS Sailing Trip

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Track and Field

Daffodils on the sides of the roads and in people's gardens make me smile and remind me that spring is here, or at least just around the corner. With spring comes many outdoor activities, including track and field. Since Wednesday, April 23rd, students have been trekking to the Albert McMahon track at 9 AM for track and field practice. At



A photo from the VCS archives

that track, they are learning how to do long jump and also beginning to train for the different running events. Here on our grounds, the students will be learning shot put, discus, and ball

throw. All this is in preparation for the Christian Elementary School Sports Track Meet on Friday, May 30th, in Langley, BC at the MacLeod Athletic Park.

SALTS Sailing Trip

is only 2 months away

(June 17-20) and the crew is hard at work getting ship-shape. Shipmates will be scrubbing the poop deck after hearty days shovelling and bagging the *Steer Manure* for the fundraising campaign. Thank you one and all from the crew of the Pacific Swift. (20+ lb. bags are selling fast @ \$2/bag)



If you know of any hearty sailors wanting to join us, please send them our way. We are in need of a few more good men/ladies/boys/girls!

Intramurals Anybody?

VCS students have responded with energy and enthusiasm! In round robin play, four soccer teams battle it out every Thursday, with the fifth team acting as referees. At the end of the series of round robin matches, the team with the most points will challenge the staff to a game. Thursday, May 15th is the date. Which will be the team?



Group Photos

The morning of Tuesday, May 20th has been scheduled for class pictures. Dress uniform (including ties for Intermediate) for all students please.

Cultus Lake Water Park

The P.E. program at Valley Christian School also includes a day at Cultus Lake Waterslides for Gr. 5-8. It's a day of wonderful water fun. Not only will our students enjoy the variety of slides and look forward to the popular freefall tube ride called the *Valley of Fear*, but this year the *Colossal Canyon* is bound to be a hit. This new ride starts at an elevation of 75 feet and twists and winds its way through the trees for approximately 700 feet. At the top of the tower, the group of up to 6 people pile into a large raft and an amazing ride, high banking corners, surprising drops, and finally splashing down heavily into the landing pool. Then it's back up into line to do it all over again! Watch for details coming home soon.



Preschool Beach Day

How does the VCS Preschool compensate for snowfall after snowfall, freezing temperatures, and a long, long, long rainy season? Why bring out the watermelon, grab a beach umbrella and have a beach party of course! Great idea!



Awards Night/Grad Night

Of special interest to our graduating Gr. 8 students this year is Monday, June 23rd, our Grad Night. Plans are in the works for a special evening.

Please take note that *Awards Night* has been changed to *June 27th*, the last day of school.

April Birthdays

Nicole Skulstad	April 2nd
Nick Skulstad	April 2nd
Mrs. Ujlaky	April 7th
Emmilee O'Reilly	April 15th
Mrs. Eberle	April 23rd
Mrs. Falconer	April 20th
Dylan West	April 28th



May Birthdays

Noah Erickson	May 1st
Elijah Rienks	May 1st
Mrs. Wells	May 2nd
Kaitlyn Newton	May 2nd
Mrs. Rempel	May 8th
Justin Guest	May 10th
Daniel Plain	May 16th
Amber Langley	May 19th
Taylor Watson	May 25th
Alex Grant	May 26th
Rhianna Harris	May 30th



VCS Fun Fair

The annual Family Fun Fair on Saturday, May 24th, 2008 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm is coming up quickly. It will be a wonderful family event to which you can bring friends and family.

- Local businesses will have booths and be providing family oriented free of charge activities
- The Optimist Club, the RCMP, and community groups will be joining us for the day
- Dunk tank, games and fun for the children
- Hamburgers *pizza* ice cream *popcorn*

Volunteers are needed to help operate the games & serve food. Are you available?



VCS Vantage – the Board's Eye View



- The Board has approved our association with a Christian financial group that will allow VCS to create a foundation under their structure. This provides VCS the required arrangement for future capital campaigns and to help those interested in estate and planned giving. As part of our formal relationship with this group, they will provide a financial and estate planner (free) to review your estate plans including wills and other important considerations. Detailed information will be announced soon.
- The new VCS information packages are available. If you know of families you would like to introduce to the VCS difference, please pick up a package in the office. Just a reminder that there is a referral credit of one month free tuition for each new family that registers with VCS because of your efforts.
- With the growth of VCS also comes capacity challenges so the board has approved the addition of another stall in the boys' bathroom. The work will be done this summer.
- Our current school building has only heating units so we are investigating the options of adding air conditioning to the office area this summer.
- The board will be participating in a planning session in May to outline some of our future plans and directions. If you have any thoughts in this matter, please forward your ideas to Bob so they can be included in our discussions. We also have a committee that continues to investigate the various possibilities for our expansion and growth..
- Finally we are looking for a few good men and women who are willing to sit on the board or committees. Usually it requires someone to be directly approached or asked, but we don't get to engage each other as parents very often, so please volunteer yourself, or let us know of someone you recommend. Remember this is a 100% parent run school. So we thank you in advance for stepping up.

"But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." Isaiah 41:31

Valley Christian School Homeschool Used Curriculum/Book Fair

May 3rd—9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Please call Kathie at 604-826-1388 to reserve a table to sell your used-but-good articles

Everyone Welcome

