

Val Marie School

Newsletter



Principal's Message

It is hard to believe but December is upon us and we are heading into the Christmas festivities already but here we are! The school Christmas Concert is coming up on December 17th and so students and Mrs. Coupe and Mrs. Legault are working hard to get ready. This year we have a K-5 play, a 6-7 play and a 8-9 play. This is such a great opportunity for students to practice not only some of their drama skills but also their speaking, listening and presenting skills as well. It is a fun way to practice so many other things such as working together as a team and learning how to practice something to get it just right. We will enjoy a performance from the guitar students as well. Mr. Scott has been teaching guitar to students from grades 3-9. It will be fun to see what they have put together for us. The Val Marie School Daycare will also be performing and so expect to be well entertained with the great variety of performances!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful Christmas. May your travels be safe and may the year 2016 bring wonderful blessings to you and your family! Happy Holidays!!

Mrs. Clement





Ashlyn Mything - being an excellent listener & trying your best.

Daniel Cornoc - Displaying excellent sportsmanship in gym

Emerson Clausen - her kindness & helpfulness with Gracie & her peers

Cameron Grant - Mature discussions in the classroom & activities



Rayna Coupe - December 18

Jesse Christianson - December 31

Ashlyn Mything - December 31

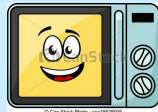
Madison Stevens - December 31

What is Student of the Week?

Student of the week is something that was initiated by the teachers to help recognize the great things that students are doing in Val Marie School. Each week at our staff meetings we talk about celebrations in our school. Most often those celebrations involve student achievements. These might be academic achievements or a display of all round good citizenship. Each week at our assembly students are recognized. The nominating teacher presents a small certificate to the student that outlines what they are being recognized for and then at the end of assembly the student receives a milk card and also an opportunity to pick something from our prize box. Students enjoy being recognized for their achievements and it brings special attention to the great things that are happening at our school.

In past newsletters we have listed the names of our students of the week. Along with the name of the student there will be a short description of the recognition. You will see our students are extremely special individuals that work hard to be successful at whatever they do whether it is academic or otherwise. Our students help make our school a great place to learn!

The SRC has purchased
a new microwave for the
Yak Shak.



Thank you to all who purchased
Mom's Pantry products! The
school made \$1378.00.



The 2011-2015 school yearbook has been completed. If you would like to order 1 please submit \$35.00 by December 17th. Cheques will be payable to Val Marie School.

Distance Learning Corner - Did you know?

Did you know that there are two unique ways the online courses are delivered?

Asynchronous courses are delivered by accessing a page on the internet where the assignments are housed. Students can go to this page anytime to access their assignments and get the resources and lessons they need to do those assignments. Teachers will often post video or use interactive websites or other information items in their lessons that the students can access anytime of the day or night.

Synchronous courses are delivered through the computer as well but it is different in that the student connects with the teacher at a certain time. The teacher and the students in the class all meet together at the same time each day and the teacher delivers the lesson "live". They deliver the lesson as they would in a face to face classroom and the students can use a microphone to ask questions or they can "chat" with their teacher by typing their questions in the chat box. This type of delivery is most often used for the senior math and science courses.

Vocabulary for Second Go Round

The first round of vocabulary word study is complete for this year. Not all the results are in yet but I will share those with you in the next newsletter. Here are the words for the next round of vocabulary. We would appreciate if you could try to use these words at home to help students familiarize themselves with the use of these words in different settings. We will be studying these words until the end of February. Our goal is for 80% of the students from K-9 to know 80% of the words. Thank you for your support in meeting our vocabulary goal!

K-2 Words

Get
Give
Go
Goal
Group
Guess
Help

How
If
Include
Join
Know
Label
Like

Link
Listen
Make
Minus
Never
Order
Plus

Prepare
Print
Question
Read

3-5 Words

Elect
Emotional
Employ
Eventually
Exercise
Experiment
Explore

Foundation
Frequently
Global
Grant
Immediately
Instead
Integrate

Intelligence
Introduce
Invite
Level
Mental
Method
Model

Objectives
Organize
Perhaps
Phase

6-9 Words

Doubtless
Element
Enlighten
Enumerate
Ethics
Facilitate
Familiarize

Federal
Flexibility
Foster
Fundamental
Hypothesis
Identical
Import

Improvise
Incorporate
Individualize
Initially
Innovate
Issue
Just as

Literacy
Meantime
Modify
Nevertheless



CHECK THIS OUT - New School Clothing

Val Marie School's very own ONLINE CLOTHING STORE will be open and running by the weekend. This is an extremely cool business that allows users to log in and shop for Mustang apparel without having to wait for a bulk school order to be organized. There are multitudes of choices within the store - products ranging from school jerseys, to bunny hugs and t-shirts, toques, caps, backpacks, jackets, shorts, and pants! There are lots of different styles, and various brand names of clothing to choose from. The BEST part is that you have so many options to customize most every piece - selecting the color of your item, designing the front and back of your item, adding your name &/or number to the item, deciding between approximately 10 different logos, font colours, outline colours... the options are almost endless!! Prices are very reasonable. Delivery is super-fast. Just be sure to read the return policy carefully, and to take note of the sizing charts at the bottom of each item.

Watch for a follow up email, containing the link to the website, to be coming through your computer in the near future. Happy Shopping

Everyone!! (Some Fantastic Christmas Gift Ideas)

Any questions can be directed to Mrs. Coupe



Scholastic Book Fair

Our book fair coincided with our 3-way conferences this year. Thank-you to everyone who supported our Book Fair again. Our net sales were \$690.33. By partnering with Frontier School we received 60% credit which amounted to \$414.20! This credit goes toward the purchase of literary resources for our school.

Mrs. Glas



Important School Dates

December 17 - Christmas Concert - 7:00p.m.

December 18 - Last Day of School

January 4, 2016 - Back to School



December Movies

December 5 & 6 - The Age of Adeline

December 11 & 12 - Jurassic World

December 18 & 19 - Vacation

