



# Val Marie School Newsletter

## Fall 2024



### Principal's Message



Welcome to a new school year and also to many new faces around the building. I would like to extend a warm welcome to Mr. Mitchell Banks (Middle years homeroom teacher), Ms. Rebecca Evans (Elementary homeroom teacher), Mrs. Brandy Harbor (Educational Assistant), and to Ms. Michele Dash (Office Manager). You will find more information about our new staff members later in this newsletter. I also want to extend a fond farewell to our long time office manager - January Legault. Jan is pursuing her educational goals at SaskPolytech where she is taking Mental Health and Addictions Counseling this fall. All the best January, we will miss you!

For a small school we seem to keep exceptionally busy and September has already flown by. September was busy with cross country running, school pictures, a delicious “meet the new staff” lunch put on by our SCC, as well as our first School Community Council and grad meetings for the year. Please mark your calendars as Grad will be held on Saturday May 31st @ 2:00 pm. The grad class is looking at having a bottle drive fundraiser after Thanksgiving so watch for more details coming out soon!

Homeroom teachers send out monthly classroom newsletters the first week of every month and if you haven't checked out our Val Marie School Facebook page yet, you can find all the latest news and announcements there including our Mom's Pantry School Fundraiser happening now!

Val Marie School is always looking for volunteers and community coaches. If you have a special skill and/or would like to volunteer at the school, please call the office and we would be happy for you to join our extra-curricular team! Our community is filled with talented and knowledgeable people who our youth could benefit from learning from. Just let us know how you would like to help!

Here's to a beautiful fall filled with warm weather, gorgeous sunsets and fruitful harvests. Happy Cowtober everyone!

Mrs. Legault.



# HAPPY Birthday

*Renee Gaff - September 2nd*  
*Dominic Andree - September 11th*  
*Janine Perrault - September 14th*  
*Quinn Olson - September 20th*  
*Gracie McCrea - September 29th*

## Early Dismissal Days

To help families plan ahead and make arrangements, students will be dismissed **ONE HOUR EARLY** on the following five Wednesdays:

VAL MARIE  
SCHOOL

October 16, 2024

November 27, 2024

February 12, 2025

April 30, 2025

June 4, 2025



OUR REGULAR  
DISMISSAL TIME IS  
**3:05** SO OUR  
EARLY DISMISSAL  
TIME IS **2:05**



Each early dismissal allows teachers to participate in **2** hours of professional development to support student learning and assessment.



Buses will also depart the school one hour earlier than the regular time.



## Parent Reminder



Please send cutlery & a water bottle to school with your child



**REMINDER**



**THERE IS**

**NO SUPERVISION**

**BEFORE 8:30 A.M.**

## Mom's Pantry School Fundraiser

Val Marie School will once again be selling Mom's Pantry as a fundraiser for our year end field trips. This year, the fundraiser will be 100% online. Please visit the website for a complete list of ingredients, photos, and product information.

All orders are due October 25th and product delivery will be the week of Nov. 12-15th. Watch for a specific delivery date and time closer to this week.

Website: <https://momspantry.ca/>

Group Name: Val Marie School

Order Number: 36604

Group Passcode: 39312

# Graduation 2025

## Save the Date

### May 31, 2025



# MEET OUR NEW STAFF

*My name is Michele Dash. I am the new school Office Manager. I live in Glentworth with my daughter, 2 cats and 50 or so town cats I feed when they show up, which is often. I am also a student, taking an online library technician program from Mohawk College in Hamilton, Ontario. I am an amateur photographer and love the countryside here around the Grasslands National Park. Looking forward to getting to know you all!!*

HEY EVERYONE! MY NAME IS BRANDY HARBOR, AND I LIVE ON A RANCH SOUTHWEST OF TOWN WITH MY HUSBAND BROCK, AND OUR SON, HAYDEN. I ALSO HAVE TWO OTHER CHILDREN THAT GO TO SCHOOL IN BENGOUGH - KEITH AND MARLEE; BEING A MOM IS MY GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT. I HAVE LIVED HERE FOR ALMOST TWO YEARS NOW, AND I LOVE IT. I ENJOY SPORTS OF ALL KINDS, MUSIC, LEARNING, AND I LOVE KIDS! I AM SO EXCITED TO BE A PART OF THE VAL MARIE SCHOOL COMMUNITY THIS YEAR.

**MY NAME IS MISS EVANS, I AM ORIGINALLY FROM VERMILION, AB AND GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA. I NOW LIVE IN CADILLAC WITH MY FIANCE, THIS IS MY THIRD YEAR OF TEACHING. I WAS A SUBSTITUTE MY FIRST YEAR FOR NUMEROUS RURAL SCHOOLS, I WAS A GRADE 4 TEACHER IN SWIFT CURRENT LAST YEAR, AND I AM NOW THE K-4 TEACHER IN VAL MARIE.**

**MY NAME IS MR. BANKS, BORN AND RAISED IN THE SMALL TOWN OF KYLE, SASKATCHEWAN, IF I'M NOT TEACHING YOU CAN FIND ME EITHER READING, GAMING, OR HELPING ON THE FAMILY FARM. I'M NOW THE HOMEROOM TEACHER FOR MIDDLE YEARS IN VAL MARIE SCHOOL AND HAVE ENJOYED MY FIRST FEW WEEKS WITH THE STUDENTS AND THE TOWN. A LOVER OF HISTORY AND ENGLISH, I LOOK FORWARD TO THE UPCOMING MONTHS WHERE THE STUDENTS AND I WILL DELVE FURTHER INTO THESE INTERESTING AND ENTERTAINING SUBJECTS. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME AT ANY TIME.**



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## A BIG TIP OF THE HAT

**Thank you for coming together to help out, volunteer, and enjoy the 59th Annual Rodeo and Dance. It was great to see you there supporting your community and being involved in any way!**

**A GREAT BIG shout out to the Grade 12 class, Kristian, Jaxson and Joanna for their hard work on getting the rink ready before, during and after the rodeo!!**

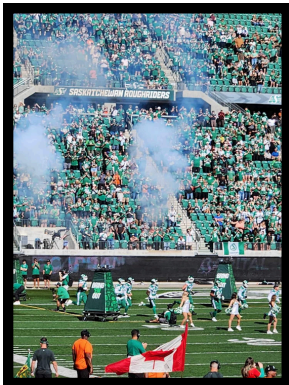
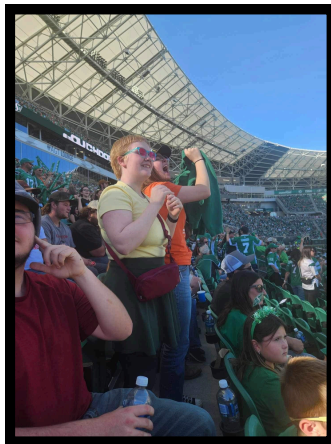
**Mikayla, you made the community proud by singing our national anthem, Dominic you definitely got the best barrel raker award, and Josie it was an honor to have you, Willie and your big smile carrying the Prairie Rodeo flag in the Grand Entry in front of your hometown crowd!!**

**From helping Betty, Deanna, the rodeo and queen committee, always saying “Hi”, and seeing you enjoying the Rodeo and dance, it was the best community spirit!!**

**THANK YOU !**

### Gr. 10-12 Field Trip to Regina

On Sept. 28th, the grade 10-12 class traveled to Regina to attend a Saskatchewan Roughrider home game at Mosaic Stadium. The special theme was “kisiskaciwan” and we watched special Indigenous dancers at halftime and listened to special messages provided throughout the game that focused on continued commitment towards truth and reconciliation. The weather was ideal, the food was great, the Riders actually beat Ottawa and lots of laughter was shared by all. It was a good day! Thank you to Renee for helping to chaperone!



**DONT  
MISS IT**

## **Important Dates**

**Oct. 4 - Mom's Pantry Fundraiser begins**

**Oct. 9 - Chinook Career Expo**

**Oct. 10 - SCC Fall Forum**

**Oct. 14 - No school (Thanksgiving Monday)**

**Oct. 15 - Terry Fox Fundraiser closes**

**Oct. 16 - Early Dismissal @ 2:05**

**Oct. 23 - Gr. 6 & 8 Public Health Immunizations**

**Oct. 25 - Mom's Pantry Fundraiser Closes.**

**Oct. 28th - Teacher's Convention in Swift**

**Nov. 7 - High School Report cards**

**Nov. 8 - No School (in lieu of PT interviews)**

**Nov. 11 - No school**

**Nov. 25 - 29 Education Week**

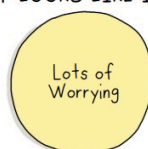
**Nov 25 - Bus Driver Appreciation Day**

**Nov. 27 - Early Dismissal @ 2:05**

**Dec 23- Jan 3 - Christmas Vacation**

**DONT  
FORGET**

WHAT WE OFTEN THINK  
ANXIETY LOOKS LIKE IN KIDS:



HOW KIDS ACTUALLY SHOW  
THEY ARE FEELING ANXIETY:

