



Voyager Support— December's Expeditions

Valhalla Community Pancake Breakfast & Holiday Shop

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Who doesn't LOVE pancakes AND shopping?!

Help support our Valhalla Voyagers and families in need by attending the first Valhalla Community Pancake Breakfast and Holiday shop on Saturday, December 5th. Breakfast runs from 9:00am to 10:30am, and the Holiday shop is open until 1:00pm.

Admission is one non-perishable canned good per person, which will go to benefit families in need during this Holiday season.

The Pancake Breakfast is a great way for our families to come to-

gether and get to know each other.

Also during this event there will be a Holiday Shop, which gives our Valhalla Voyagers the chance to purchase holiday gifts for family members. Gifts in the kids holiday shop range in price from .25¢ to \$14.00, and free gift bags are provided. There is an additional shopping opportunity provided by representatives from Close To My Heart scrapbooking, It's About Time Automotive, Scentsy, Sensaria Skin Care, Tup-

perware, and Usborne Books. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Valhalla PTA to benefit our Voyagers. You'll also be able to pick up your pre-ordered holiday wreaths at the Pancake Breakfast.



PANCAKES! GET YOUR PANCAKES!!!

Special points of interest:

- ✓ Find us on the web at valhallapta.com
- ✓ Become a Voyager Supporter by joining the PTA! Get in the boat and help us row our children to a better and brighter future.
- ✓ Got ideas or suggestions? SHARE THEM!
- ✓ CALLING VOLUNTEERS—Any support of time, talent, or money is welcome!

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Putting the FUN in Fundraising!

ShoWare Center concessions offers a fundraising opportunity that Valhalla PTA would like to get involved in, and we need the support of our members and Valhalla parents to make this happen.

The ShoWare Center has a total of four concession stands. Two stands require up to 10 associates to staff at 100% on a busy night, and the other two stands require 18 associates to staff at 100%

during a busy night. Exact staffing numbers depend on the amount of ticket sales sold for any given event.

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Putting the FUN in Fundraising (cont.)

In order to take advantage of this opportunity all volunteers must be at least 18 years old and possess a current WA State Class 12 mixologist permit and a WA State food handler permit.

Valhalla PTA currently has **ELEVEN** volunteers certified and ready to work at ShoWare Center, which means we are really close to being able to take advantage of this great fundraising opportunity.

If you would like to volunteer, we will provide you with a list of the class dates and times for obtaining both of your permits.

If we can get at least six people to agree on taking the mixologist class together, we might be able to arrange for a separate class and a discount on the class fees. The food handler permit is \$10 and the mixologist permit is \$40 in fees, but your food handler permit is valid for two years and your mixologist

permit is valid for five years.

By staffing these concession stands Valhalla PTA receives a percentage of the sales of food and beverages, which could greatly supplement our yearly budget. Which considering these tough economic times and last years budget shortfall, would be a great thing!



FUNDRAISING is critical to our success!

Upcoming Events—DECEMBER & JANUARY

- +Remember to come out and support your first, second, and fourth grade Voyagers on Thursday, December 3rd, at 6:45pm.
- +Pancake Breakfast Saturday, December 5th, from 9am-10:30am and shopping until 1:00pm.
- +Honor Choir and Choir Chimes Holiday Concert on Monday, December 7th at 6:45pm.
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Winterfest at Seattle Center on Wednesday, December 9th at 10:00am.

+WINTER BREAK = NO SCHOOL 12/21/2009 through 01/01/2010.

+Valhalla PTA FUNDRAISING special meeting on Thursday, January 7th at 6:30pm.

+PTA General Meeting on Thursday, January 14th at 6:30pm.

+NO SCHOOL on Monday, January 18th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

+Math Tours, What every parent wants to know, Wednesday, January 27th from 10:00am—1:00pm

+NO SCHOOL on Friday, January 29th for Teacher Workshops.

What does PTA do?

As the largest volunteer child advocacy association in the nation, Parent Teacher Association (PTA) reminds our country of its obligations to children and provides parents and families with a powerful voice to speak on behalf of every child while providing the best tools for parents to help their children be successful students.



Visit www.pta.org to learn more about PTA

Working in cooperation with many national education, health, safety, and child advocacy groups and federal agencies, the national PTA organization collaborates on projects that benefit children and that bring valuable resources to its members.

- PTA Mission:**
- The overall purpose of PTA**
- A powerful voice for all children,**
- A relevant resource for families and communities, and**
- A strong advocate for the education and well-being of every child.**

PTA does not act alone.