

Livingstone Range School Division #68

Superintendent's Report

December, 2011



Celebrations

There are some traditions within the division that even Mother Nature cannot over rule. Last month, the membrane roofing over the gym at J.T. Foster School was lifted off and tossed onto the roof of the shop. Once it was clear that no one was hurt, the community's attention turned immediately to the Queen's Ball which was scheduled the week after the damage. There was no thought of postponement or cancellation. The Queen's Ball had scheduled its 45th annual celebration on December 2, 2011 and the expectation was that the Ball would go forward as planned. Put simply, it did. Twenty-four students participated in dancing, visits to the local Lodge and speeches as a culmination of 12 weeks preparation for the big night. Happily, repairs were made to the roof and tradition was upheld.

Modernization Update

The general contract for W.C.C.H.S. has been awarded to Ward Brothers and mobilization is scheduled to commence by the contractor right after the Christmas break. The school has been fully decanted in preparation for the work.

Personnel

Due to funding that was recently provided to Livingstone Range School Division, an additional 10 teachers have been hired by Livingstone Range School Division to support student learning.

Professional Development

Livingstone Range School Division provides support to new teachers and administrators through two mentorship programs: Teacher2Teacher Mentorship and Leader2Leader Mentorship. In both programs teachers or administrators who are new to their positions are provided with a mentor or mentorship team as well as release time to support them as they learn and grow in their positions.

This year there are 6 administrators involved in the Leader2Leader program. Learning Support Teachers and a FSL counselor have been invited to work with the leadership teams to focus on implementing an effective pyramid of interventions that is responsive to student learning needs.

The Teacher2Teacher program has 12 participants this year.

Important Dates

December 7-22, 2011	There are 32 Christmas concerts scheduled in our schools
January 4, 2012	First day back at school
January 10, 2012	Board Meeting
January 16, 2012	Nomination Day for LRSD Trustee Position
January 18, 2012	University of Lethbridge Career Day
January 19, 2012	Trustee PD at Central Office
January 19-20, 2012	AISI Cycle 5, Calgary
January 23, 2012	Regional School Council with Regional Student Council participation