

# Livingstone Range School Division #68

## Superintendent's Report

### October, 2011



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#### Celebrations

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The ATA teacher induction and retirement banquet was a real success. The induction ceremony is a strong tradition in this division. The retirees who were recognized appreciated the kind words of appreciation that were offered to them by current staff. The camaraderie, teasing and storytelling added to the celebratory atmosphere. We wish our new teachers good luck in their chosen profession and offer our retirees since thanks for their years of dedication to students in Livingstone Range School Division.

On October 7, 2011 teacher assistants attended a T.A. PD day. At one session, entitled 'Believe in Yourself', a young student named Rebecca Neels was the guest speaker. Rebecca is currently a Grade 10 student at F.P. Walshe School. She thanked many of the teacher assistants in the room for the support that they provided her over the years. She values her independence which she stated came from the unconditional support and guidance that she received from those teacher assistants. She wanted teacher assistants to know that their work is valued and makes a difference. Her message was clear and appreciated by those in attendance.

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#### Professional Development

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Dick Peterson, Board Chair facilitated a SWOT analysis of the August 29<sup>th</sup> 'Schools Cannot Do it Alone' session with administrators at the October 4<sup>th</sup> Admin Council meeting. Administrators gained a better understanding of the process that will be used throughout the division to increase public engagement. A copy of administrators' input will be provided to trustees. Administrators reviewed the trustees' analysis and made suggestions for the next steps in the process.

As staff and community working groups prepare for their meetings with community groups, it is worth noting that Jamie Vollmer has given us permission to post two of his recent publications on our website. They can be found at [www.lrsd.ab.ca](http://www.lrsd.ab.ca) under the Board tab, then Board Activities and Parent and Community Involvement. Several schools and School Councils have asked for copies of these articles as well as for copies of Vollmer's book, *Schools Cannot Do it Alone*.

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#### Modernization Update

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Asbestos abatement contractors are on site and that work is progressing. Division personnel continue to remove materials from the site in preparation for the general contractor.

The project is posted for tender on the government of Alberta's CoolNet site. The walk through for potential general contractors that was scheduled for September 27, 2011 has been re-scheduled for October 7, 2011.

Modernization updates are posted bi-monthly on both the jurisdiction and WCCHS' websites. The latest posting includes photos of CTS classes and classrooms.

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## Information

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Sam Marra, Greg Long and Bonnie Linderman have indicated that they will retire on October 31, 2011. All three are long-serving teachers within the division.

Sam Marra graduated from the University of Lethbridge and began his career teaching grade 5 at Isabelle Sellon School. Later he served as a Technical Inservice Facilitator to the four schools in Crowsnest Pass. In 2003, he transferred to Crowsnest Consolidated High School where he taught junior high students. We wish Sam all the best in his retirement.

Upon his graduation from the University of Lethbridge, Greg Long began teaching at Isabelle Sellon School in 1980. He transferred to Crowsnest Consolidated High School in 2003 where he taught physical education. We extend best wishes to Greg in his retirement.

Bonnie Linderman joined Crowsnest Pass School Division in 1976 from Calgary where she completed her Bachelor of Education degree. She initially taught grades 4, 5 and 6, Language Arts and Art then went on to teacher Grade 1 – 6 Art in the elementary schools in the Crowsnest Pass. In 1987 Bonnie served a three year term as a professional development consultant with the Alberta Teachers' Association. She completed her teaching career at Isabelle Sellon School. We offer sincere best wishes to Bonnie in her retirement.

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## Important Dates

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October 12-14, 2011	21 <sup>st</sup> Century Learning Leadership Forum. Banff. Sir Ken Robinson will speak to the public at 7:00 p.m. on October 12, 2011
October 20-21, 2011	Leadership.11. Building a Framework for Change. (formerly named the Western Canadian Administrators Conference). Edmonton.
October 24, 2011	6:00 pm Regional School Council. PD room, F.P. Walshe, Fort Macleod
November 1, 2011	Jurisdictional PD day. Fort Macleod.
November 14-18, 2011	International Education Week.