

Livingstone Range School Division #68
Superintendent Report
2018-2019 School Year



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Board Meeting: December 19, 2018

Highlights

Functions & Meetings

- Monthly Board Meeting
- Admin. Council meeting
- ASBA Fall General Meeting
- FACES discussion with AB Ed
- Meeting of the Whole and tour of WAD
- School Improvement Plan meetings with all but three schools
- Attend ABDaley School Council meeting
- CASSIX Christmas Social/Retirement Evening & Fall meeting
- AB Ed. Tour of WAD Nutrition Program
- Colony Minister's meeting
- ATA/Board Liaison meeting
- ESA meeting with KBE and four provincial school jurisdictions
- CEO Evaluation/Board Self-Evaluation
- ATA Christmas Dinner

Other

- Wrote *Eye on Education* article for Lethbridge Herald: Increasing your odds through education
- Guest speaker – Aspiring School Leaders
- Guest speaker – 7 Habits at CASSIX gathering
- Presenter: Calgary session: Thought Leaders Forum on Environmental and Energy Education

Key Areas for Next Month

- Admin Council Meeting
- Monthly Board Meeting
- Nanton Town Council rep meeting re: potential partnerships
- PBOE ESA #3 meeting
- Christmas Concert attendance
- OCAP Meeting re: Sharing of information for First Nations

Increasing your odds through education

Growing up in Ontario and British Columbia I learned the importance of having winter tires while traveling in the snow. At times, my father put studded tires on our vehicles to provide an added measure of stability and control during those winter months. Many people will travel this holiday season to spend time with family and friends; some will have winter tires while others may not. I hope that all arrive safely.

December marks the fifth anniversary of my father's death. This season has become even more important to me as I reflect on the lessons he taught me. My father quit school after grade eight and went to work in the bush. He worked hard and put in long days. He learned from others as well as from trial and error. He ended up working many jobs over the years and was always able to provide for his family although at times things were tough. Over time, my father developed skills and knowledge in carpentry, electrical, welding, plumbing and mechanical work. Through experience and out of necessity, he found that he had an aptitude for repairing things. He eventually worked as a mechanic and increased his qualifications by returning to the classroom to become a heavy duty mechanic. This additional education opened the door for his career as a foreman of a crew at a coalmine.

I didn't share my father's talent for fixing things, but I was able to see him excel in his work environment when I drove truck there as a summer student. My father supported my desire to complete high school, attend post-secondary and earn a degree. While working as a teacher I attended additional post-secondary classes evenings, weekends and during summer vacations to earn a master's degree in educational leadership and a certificate in human resource management.

My father and I traveled two very different roads on our educational journeys. After witnessing my route and reflecting back on his own, my father would say my path was a better choice. He might even say that I used winter tires while he did not. Formal schooling does not guarantee reaching our destination, however, like having a good set of winter tires, it greatly increases the odds of arriving safely, while ensuring greater stability and control along the way. Anything we can do to avoid the inevitable white-knuckle experiences of life is valuable.

The Global Partnership for Education (2018) summarizes some of the significant benefits of formal education: "Education reduces poverty, boosts economic growth and increases income. It increases a person's chances of having a healthy life, reduces maternal deaths, and combats diseases such as HIV and AIDS. Education can promote gender equality, reduce child marriage, and promote peace. In sum, education is one of the most important investments a country can make in its people and its future."

As you head out on the roads this holiday season to spend time with family and friends, prepare in advance. Know your route and, if you can, try to take advantage of using good winter tires to help you get safely to your destination.

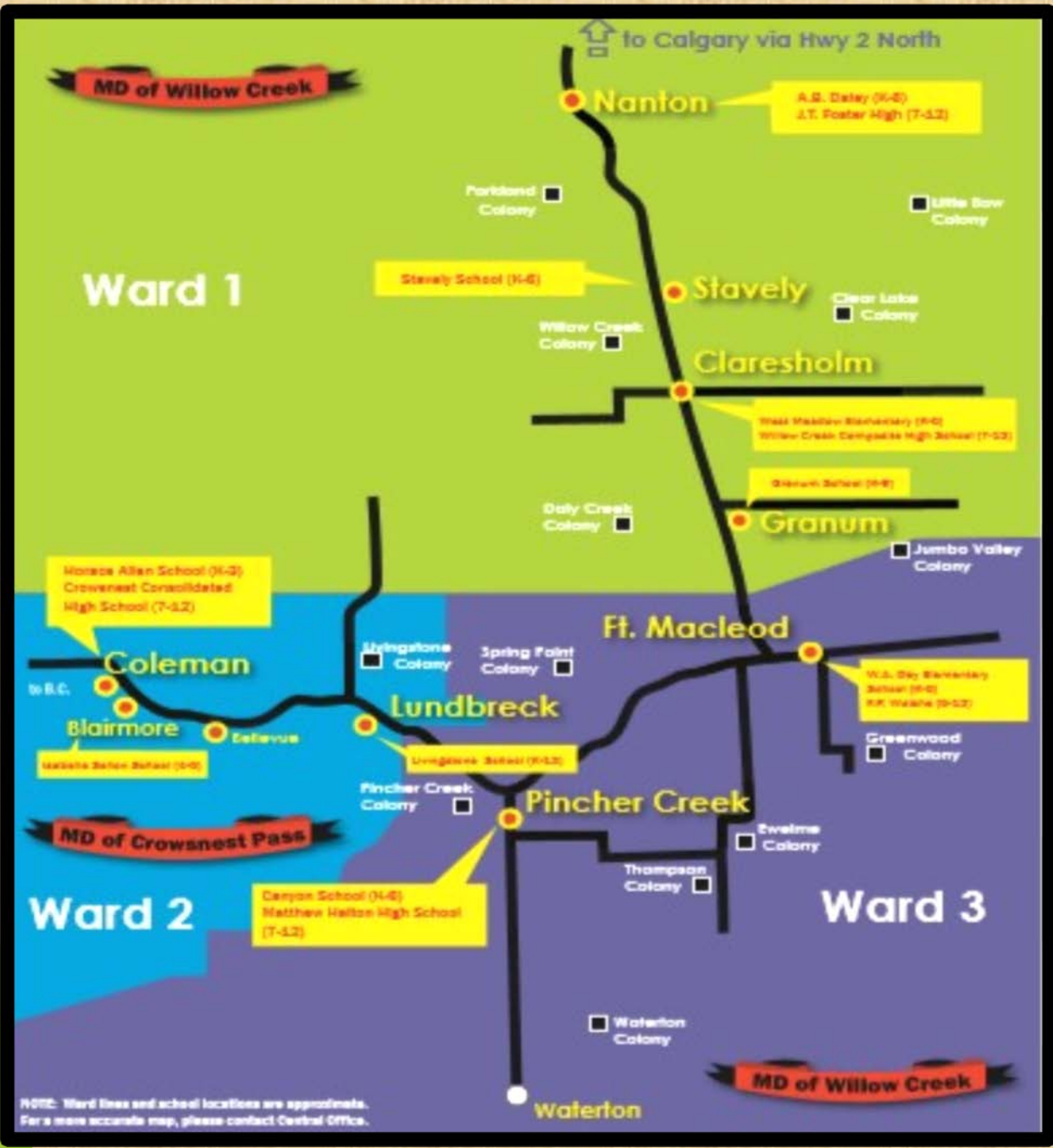
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Thought Leaders Forum on Environmental and Energy Education

Challenges, Opportunities and Solutions

November 23, 2018 Calgary, AB



FOR THE LOVE OF PLACE

One Community's Journey Towards Place-Based Learning
& Environmental Education



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Beauvais Lake Provincial Park

So much to do, so much to see. So much history and diversity.

In 2016 the grade 10 Matthew Halton High School students put together this insight to Beauvais Lake Provincial Parks history, diversity, people, landforms and ecology. Please visit this link to discover more www.albertaparks.ca/beauvais-lake/

Beauvais Lake Provincial Park: it's family friendly, it's physically challenging, it's restful and rejuvenating. In a fun, short video we will show you highlights of the kinds of activities we enjoy at Beauvais.

The InTreeGing Tree; the BIGgest tree in the park. Our hike was worth it. This tree was bigger than we had imagined taking 4 grade 10 students hand to hand to reach around it.

Beauvais in the Winter. If one lives in Canada, winter is a wonderful time of year. The winter wonderland at Beauvais Provincial Park is worth looking into.

A diverse range of animals call Beauvais Lake Provincial Park home depending on the season. Although some species are endangered and live protected in the park, a number of species we enjoy are much more prolific. Some of those are: sucker fish, pocket gophers, ants, bears, cougars, wolves, grouse, fox, moose, badgers, coyotes, trout, deer, and elk; these are only a handful of the different species that can be found in this landscape.

The Wonders of Beauvais Lake Provincial Park PowerPoint features some of our favourite visual, natural, and activity highlights, as well as our park inspired poetry.

Please take the time to visit the link that takes you to the rest of this sign that resides in the cloud. You will find some incredible student work and how this project came to be. Clair Hockley, Teacher

Here lies James Whitford, a helpful and kind Metis pioneer. He met General Custer, assisted a local by the name of Thomas Scott, became Chief Ermineskin's relative through marriage and was married by the famous Father Lacombe. He died of old age here in Beauvais Lake in 1939.

Some fascinating historic figures crossed our path here at Beauvais Lake.

Thinking about landforms might seem a scientific endeavour but not a bad thing to ponder for a few moments. The land forms we have at Beauvais are what give us what we enjoy so much in this small lake with the multiple converging ecosystems and the immense diversity of accompanying life.

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<http://www.abcee.org/high-school-english-and-environmental-education>





Day on the Creek

<https://www.watertonbiosphere.com/projects/day-on-the-creek/>

- ▶ Date: May 30, 2018 - 9 am to 3 pm
- ▶ Location: Pincher Creek, Alberta
- ▶ Attendance: More than 850 students, teachers, and community members
- ▶ Sessions: 81 x 45 minute sessions were held for 34 classes (Kindergarten to Grade 12)
- ▶ Learning Stations: 17 stations along the creek, plus 3 off-site, and 3 ongoing drop-ins
- ▶ Support: More than 70 presenters and volunteers from the community and 17 organizations



