

TRUSTEE COMMUNITY UPDATE



**BLACK GOLD
REGIONAL
DIVISION NO. 18**

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2010

Black Gold Regional Division No. 18 is made up of 9 communities, including Leduc County. These communities are: New Sarepta, Beaumont, Leduc, Devon, Calmar, New Humble, Thorsby, Warburg and the Hutterite Colony. We also operate programs in Home-Based Schooling and Distance Learning from our Outreach School.

Welcome New Trustees

The Black Gold Board of Education welcomes two newly elected Trustees. Rebecca Eilander, Trustee for County Central and Lori Bauckman, Trustee for Leduc.

The Board is looking forward to another year working alongside students, parents and staff.



Board Meetings

Our bi-monthly Board meetings occur on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month beginning at 10:30 a.m., 5th floor at Central Office, County Centre in Nisku. If you have an item you wish to address, please contact Ruth Andres, Secretary-Treasurer of Black Gold Regional Division at 780-955-6025.

To access more information on Black Gold Regional Schools, please visit our website:

www.blackgold.ca

Fall Planning Session

On November 16 & 17, the Board met for their annual Fall Planning Session. Presentations from Department Heads included: Budget and Finance, Technology, Student Services, AISI and Transportation.

Strategic Planning

Trustees, Administration, Department Heads and Principals are beginning to put our Strategic Plan into action. With the defined core values and short and long term plans for success in Black Gold, we will continue developing these goals in the upcoming year.

School Councils

A School Council is an association of parents, teachers, principals, staff and community representatives who work together to effectively support and enhance student learning.

School Councils help to provide advice and consult with the principal and to advise the school board.

Here at Black Gold we honor the importance of School Councils. As Trustees we are available to answer questions and work together with our School Councils.

Board Contacts:

As members of the Board of Education of Black Gold Regional Division No. 18, we commit ourselves to working with staff members and other relevant stakeholder groups to provide the highest possible standard of educational opportunities for our students. Our goal is to help students fulfill personal aspirations while they learn how to become life-long learners and contributing members of society.

Beaumont
County Central
County East
County West
Devon
Leduc
Leduc

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Trustee Events

This fall trustees have attended, and been involved in, a variety of functions and committees including:

- Alberta School Boards Association and Public School Board Fall General Meetings
- Awards ceremonies for students
- School visits: trustees visit all 27 schools in our Division throughout the school year
- Alberta School Boards Association Zone 2/3
- Meeting with MLAs George Rogers and Diana McQueen
- Joint Action for Children Committee (JACC)
- Alberta Education Accountability Pillar Information Session
- Community Remembrance Day Ceremonies

Professional Development



Our teacher and support staff are continually trying to improve their standard of teaching. Professional Development sessions are one way teachers can learn new aspects in teaching and also share best practices in cohort groups with colleagues.

Professional Development Schedule 2010-2011

- In-school Division PD Day - Sept. 17, 2010
- Division Fall Cohort ½ Days (Optional)
- ATA Institute Day - November 1, 2010
- Division PD Day - January 31, 2011
- ATA North Central Teachers' Convention - February 10 & 11, 2011
- Division PD Day - March 4, 2011
- In-School PD Day (ATA) - April 11, 2011

E4: Essential Elements of Excellent Education

This year the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA) developed the E4 document. This document is about the work of public school education and the community as a whole.

PSBAA believes that "public schools are the first choice of our communities, where all of our children learn and live the values of democracy together, reflecting our hope and shaping the future of our communities."

To read the entire E4 document go to www.public-schools.ab.ca



Did you know:

All School Councils in Black Gold Regional Schools have a one year membership to ASCA (Alberta School Council Association).

We encourage all schools to take advantage of the resources ASCA has to offer.

You can get more information at their website: www.albertaschoolcouncil.ca

We would like to wish you and yours a very safe and happy Christmas!

