



**BLACK GOLD
REGIONAL
DIVISION NO. 18**

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

April 5, 2017



CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Leduc Composite High School



On March 15th, Her Honour, Lieutenant Governor of Alberta Lois E. Mitchell visited Leduc Composite High School (LCHS) and did an interview with LCHS students on their upcoming Vimy Ridge Field Trip. LCHS Teacher Larry Sherwood organized the interview which involved the LCHS Broadcasting CTS Program students and volunteers. LCHS is very proud of the superb efforts of their students and staff team. Her Honour, Lieutenant Governor Lois E. Mitchell, shared her support of our Alberta legacy of public service, volunteerism, community spirit and the upcoming Vimy Ridge Learning Experience for our Division students. We thank Her Honour,

Lieutenant Governor Lois E. Mitchell, for her inspiring and caring input with our students and the future of Alberta!



Thorsby Elementary School - Pizza, Pajamas, and Picture Books



Thorsby Elementary School hosted a family Literacy Night for Kindergarten to Grade 2 students and their families. Approximately 100 children and parents attended to learn about reading strategies that parents can use when reading with their child. Participants wore their pajamas, were treated to pizza and presentations by Thorsby Elementary Staff. Students left with a new picture book to enjoy at home.



Congratulations to the staff for organizing such a fun evening for all!

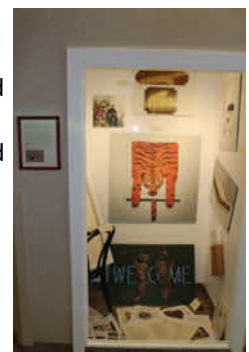


Mathieu Lefevre Artwork



On March 14th, Alain and Erika Lefevre unveiled and presented pieces of their son's artwork to be displayed in the County Centre lobby. Mathieu was a former honour roll student in Black Gold Regional Schools and had moved to Quebec in his early 20s to attend and graduate from l'Université du Québec à Montréal in 2006. During his short career, Mathieu Lefevre made a name for himself very quickly by creating a series of paintings and sculptures that humourously deconstructed the nature of the object, as well as art-world

platitudes. In 2007, he was one of 25 artists selected to take part in the International Contemporary Art Symposium of Baie-Saint-Paul in Quebec. In 2011, at age 30, Lefevre was killed in a hit and run collision between his bicycle and a flatbed truck in Brooklyn. That year, he had solo exhibitions at Galerie Division in Montreal, Angell Gallery in Toronto, the Hole Gallery in New York and Temporary Storage Gallery in Brooklyn. His work continues to be shown in Canada and internationally. As well, many of his works can be viewed online at: [Mathieu Lefevre](#)



Thank you to the Lefevre family for their generous donation and inspiring presentation on Mathieu's life and passion for art.

VIMY RIDGE CANADIAN HERITAGE TOUR 2017

Trustee Nosyk extended a big thank you to Associate Superintendent Romanchuk, teachers and chaperones, Travel Your World and our students for the Vimy Ridge Canadian Heritage Tour 2017. This field trip was a huge undertaking, and the students were great ambassadors for our Division and for Canada.

Associate Superintendent Romanchuk also gave a huge 'shout out' to the chaperones who were on call 24/7 throughout the entire trip. The students were totally awesome even when some minor glitches occurred. Associate Superintendent Romanchuk has received letters from chaperones who complimented the students on their great behavior.



Trustees commented they would like to thank all chaperones and students on all our field trips.

Visit our BGRD website for further information on the Vimy trip at: [Their Name Liveth For Evermore](#)

WARBURG — 'LEADER IN ME'



Ms. Jennifer Phillips, teacher at Warburg School, along with students from the 'Leader in Me' Program at Warburg School provided a presentation on their program. The students explained the school mission statement, "Warburg School believes, Change begins with me, I am a leader, I am empowered to learn, I respect myself and others, everyone has genius".

The students explained how the school assemblies are working, how students are recognized by awards in leadership, fine arts, academics and athletics and how Program activities run.

Ms. Phillips developed an App for the school that students, parents and staff can access for daily announcements, events and sports, student council information, and bell schedule. The students in the Program attended the Rethink Leadership Symposium where they were invited to talk to other teachers and students from all over Alberta to gather new ideas. The Program helps the students to communicate, they attend School Council and staff meetings, and help to recognize greatness throughout the school.

Trustees thanked the students for attending the meeting with their presentation, and being volunteers and great role models for the younger students.

Superintendent Yanitski stated that this was a great opportunity for the students to share the Program with the Trustees, as everyone has the potential to be a leader and have positive attitudes. Trustees also thanked Ms. Phillips for all her work.

EDWIN PARR NOMINEE

Trustee Eilander explained the history and requirements of the Edwin Parr Award. The Edwin Parr Award is available for nomination of K-12 first year teachers that meet the criteria.



Trustee Misselbrook announced that Susanne Stroud, Principal of École Dansereau Meadows School, nominated a teacher at her school, Andrea Kotscherofski. Andrea is teaching Grade 7 ELA, Math, Social Studies, Career and Technology Foundations. Chairman Lemke thanked the Administration from École Dansereau Meadows School for their work in submitting the nominee.

PROVINCIAL BUS SAFETY POSTER WINNERS

Sue Timmermans, Transportation Manager, announced that there were three winners from Black Gold Regional Division in the Provincial contest for the School Bus Safety Week Poster contest that was held in October 2016. The winners, along with their parents and school staff representatives, attended the meeting to have the awards presented. The winners were as follows:

WINNERS:

- ECS: Harlum Laing, West Haven Public School
- Grade 2: Felix Bebernik, École Dansereau Meadows School
- Grade 6: Kenya Davies, Calmar Elementary School

HONOURABLE MENTION:

- ECS: Kianna Larson, New Humble Centre School



Front left to right: Felix Bebernik, Kenya Davies, Kianna Larson, Harlum Laing
Trustees: Lorna Misselbrook, Barb Martinson, Johnette Lemke, Rebecca Eilander, Sandy Koroll, Sam Kabeluck, Dennis Nosyk

Sue Timmermans also announced that each student will receive a \$25 Chapters/Indigo gift card and a plaque with their framed print. In addition to this, the winners also receive a \$100 cheque payable to their school for a class field trip.

Chairman Lemke thanked the students and parents for attending the meeting, and commented that the Board is very proud of all of the students in our Division who participated in the contest.

2017 AWARDS – BOARD & SUPERINTENDENT

Inspiring Success Award of Distinction

Superintendent Yanitski stated that the Board believes in recognizing contributions of individuals or groups within Regional Schools that “Inspire Success” of students and staff. The nomination information will be posted on the BGRD website and the Board encourages staff to nominate their colleagues.



2016 Winners

Superintendent’s Service Award of Excellence

Superintendent Yanitski reviewed the criteria of the Superintendent’s Service Award of Excellence. This award will recognize one individual or group that demonstrates outstanding spirit and excellence and inspires others to perform their best in the Division. The nomination information will be posted on the BGRD website.



FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

The Board gave final approval to the field trip request from École J.E. Lapointe School. The field trip is to Musicfest Canada “The Nationals” in Niagara Falls, Ontario from May 13 to 17, 2017 for 43 Grades 8 and 9 students with two teacher supervisors and parent chaperones.



The Board gave final approval to the field trip request from École Bellevue School. The field trip is to Quebec City, Montreal and Ottawa from June 23 to 29, 2017 for 17 Grade 6 French Immersion students with one teacher supervisor and parent chaperones.

The Board give final approval to the field trip request from École Coloniale Estates School. The field trip is to Jasper National Park from June 20 to 23, 2017 for 90 Grades 7 and 8 students with eight supervisors.



BILL 1 – AN ACT TO REDUCE SCHOOL FEES

Associate Superintendent Andres stated that the ASBA survey regarding Bill 1 is due on April 7, 2017. Trustees and Administration discussed and completed the survey to be submitted.

The Board will submit a letter addressed to the Minister of Education, David Eggen, on the effects of capping the Credit Unit Enrolment (CEU) at 45 CEUs annually.

ECS FEES



Associate Superintendent Andres stated that the government has introduced Bill 1, An Act to Reduce School Fees. As of September 1, 2017, School Boards will not be able to charge for Fees for Basic Instructional Services. BGRD currently charges for Grades 1-6 – \$60.00, and the ECS fees are \$110.00 which includes a fee for enhanced programming, such as field trips and nutrition.

Trustee Koroll commented that the government has not fully recognized what the fees are for, and parents are used to the programming that has taken place, so Boards are not sure what the direction and service will be.

The Board approved the recommendation from Administration to reduce the ECS fees from \$110.00 to \$80.00 for the 2017-2018 school year.

FEES FOR ENHANCED SERVICES

Associate Superintendent Andres stated that currently the fees for Enhanced Educational Services for Grades 7-9 is \$55.00, Grade 10 is \$70.00, Grade 11 is \$80.00 and Grade 12 is based on \$9.00/credit.

Trustees stated that BGRD would like to continue to offer the enhanced programming for students, but are concerned about the level of service and expectation of parents.

The Board approved the recommendation from Administration to have fees for the Enhanced Educational Services for Grades 7-10 remain the same, and for Grade 11 change the fees to be consistent with Grade 12 at the \$9.00/credit.

