



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

October 17, 2018



BOARD ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Trustee Barb Martinson was declared Chairman of the Board of Education of Black Gold Regional Division No. 18 for the 2018-2019 term. Trustee Martinson took the Oath of Office as Chairman of the Board of Education.

Trustee Devonna Klaassen was declared Vice-Chairman of the Board of Education of Black Gold Regional Division No. 18 for the 2018-2019 term. Trustee Klaassen took the Oath of Office as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Education.

The Board approved the committee structure and ad hoc committee trustee representation for 2018-2019. The Board of Education Sub-Committees will be published in the Leduc Rep, Beaumont News and Devon Dispatch newspapers.

The Chairman or Vice-Chairman and the Superintendent or Associate Superintendent—Business & Finance will be the signing authorities for Black Gold Regional Division No. 18 for 2018-2019.



Board of Trustees of Black Gold Regional Division No. 18

(l to r): Chairman Barb Martinson, Sarah O’Gorman, Esther Eckert, Vice-Chairman Devonna Klaassen, Shawna Ofstie, Rebecca Eilander, Robyn Steed

PROVINCIAL ACHIEVEMENT TESTS & DIPLOMA EXAM RESULTS

Associate Superintendent Romanchuk presented the Provincial Achievement Tests and Diploma Exam Results, and provided the following results summary which will be shared on our public website. Our students continue to excel, and the administrators, teachers and counsellors are aware of some challenges where additional strategies are required. Associate Superintendent Romanchuk regularly meets with Administrators to go through the results of the individual schools, and discuss strategies for learning.

Diploma Exam Results

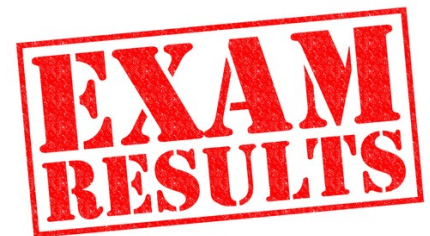
- Consistently **At or Above** provincial average in Biology, Chemistry, English 30-1, Social Studies
- Consistently **Above** provincial average in English Language Arts 30-2, Physics, Science 30
- Marked **Improvement** in French Language Arts and Social Studies 30-2

Grade 6 PAT Results

- Consistently **At or Above** provincial average in Math, English Language Arts and Social Studies
- Consistently **Above** provincial average in Acceptable Level of Achievement for all subjects
- Marked **Improvement** in Mathematics 6

Grade 9 PAT Results

- Consistently **At or Above** provincial average in English Language Arts and Science
- Consistently **Above** provincial average in Acceptable Level of Achievement for all subjects
- Marked **Improvement** in Social Studies, Science and French Language Arts



Trustees thanked Associate Superintendent Romanchuk for the awesome work in offering our students programs in all levels, and for inspiring success in our students and staff.

WELCOME BACK & LONG SERVICE AWARDS CEREMONY

On September 14, 2018, the Board of Trustees of Black Gold Regional Division No. 18 hosted its annual Welcome Back & Long Service Awards Ceremony at Leduc Composite High School. Teachers and support staff attended the ceremony to kick-off “welcome back to school” and to celebrate long service achievements and recognize special award recipients. The ceremony was emceed by École Leduc Junior High School Grade 9 students, Liam Bolton and Madeleine Dufour. École Beau Meadow School teacher Jo-Anne Hendriks led the 750 attendees in singing the national anthem and the ceremony continued with the following introductions: Board of Trustees, Division Administrative Staff, Union & Contractor Representatives, School Administration and new staff introduced themselves.



Trustees presented long service awards to the 25, 30 and 40 year recipients and to ATA/support staff retirees.



25 Years



30 Years



40 Years



Retirees



Dr. Norman Yanitski, presented the Superintendent’s Service Award of Excellence to Wieslaw and Zofia Klimaszewski who are custodians at École J.E. Lapointe School in Beaumont. The Klimaszewskis were recognized for their commitment to excellence in their work. Congratulations Wieslaw and Zofia!

The Board of Trustees presented the Award of Distinction – Inspiring Success to Deb Schmidt, a Learning Services teacher at West Haven Public School in Leduc. Deb was nominated by her peers for her dedication to supporting students and staff in her role. Congratulations Deb!



The Welcome Back Ceremony closed with a lively performance of Bryan Adams’ hit song ‘Summer of 69’ by our Black Gold House Band. The memorable day continued with Professional Development.

Congratulations to all the long service and special award recipients! Thank you to all those who organized and attended this very successful event to celebrate and recognize our dedicated staff!

Superintendent Yanitski congratulated the Board on hosting the ceremony as it is a wonderful activity to introduce new staff and recognize long service awards.

2019-2020 MODULAR CLASSROOM REQUESTS

The Board approved the New Modular Classroom Requests as stated below for the 2019-2020 school year, subject to approval from the City of Leduc for Caledonia Park School and École Leduc Estates School:

- 2 new modulars @ West Haven Public School (based on enrolment growth and programming changes)
- 3 new modulars (including one washroom unit) @ Caledonia Park School (based on enrolment growth)
- 1 new modular @ École Leduc Estates School (enrolment growth)
- 1 new modular @ East Elementary School (enrolment growth)
- 4 new modulars @ École Beau Meadow School (life-cycle)



STUDENT EXCURSION REQUESTS

Associate Superintendent Romanchuk presented the Administrative Procedure 260 on Student Excursions, and the approved criteria for international excursions.

The Board gave approval in principle to the student excursion request from Leduc Composite High School. The excursion is to New York City from April 17 to 22, 2019 for 20 Grades 11 and 12 students with two supervisors.



The Board gave approval in principle to the student excursion request from École J.E. Lapointe School. The excursion is to Quebec City and Ottawa from June 21 to 27, 2019 for 29 Grade 7 French Immersion students with two supervisors and parent volunteers. This excursion supports the French Immersion program.

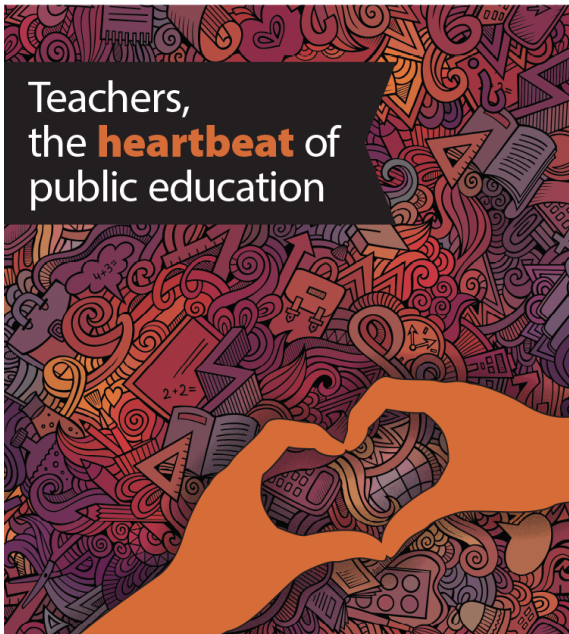
MACLAB SOCIETY UPDATE

Trustee O’Gorman announced that the City of Leduc will be assuming the operations of the Maclab Centre for the Performing Arts effective January 1, 2019.



WORLD TEACHERS' DAY
2018.10.05

Inspiring Quotes to Celebrate Educators



Teachers,
the **heartbeat** of
public education

1. “Teaching is a very noble profession that shapes the character, caliber, and future of an individual. If the people remember me as a good teacher, that will be the biggest honour for me.” *APJ Abdul Kalam*
2. “Let us remember: One book, one pen, one child, and one teacher can change the world.” *Malala Yousafzai*
3. “The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires.” *William Arthur Ward*
4. “It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge.” *Albert Einstein*
5. “The task of the modern educator is not to cut down jungles, but to irrigate deserts.” *CS Lewis*
6. “Teach the children so it will not be necessary to teach the adults.” *Abraham Lincoln*
7. “I am not a teacher, but an awakener.” *Robert Frost*
8. “I like a teacher who gives you something to take home to think about besides homework.” *Lily Tomlin*
9. “Those who know, do. Those who understand, teach.” *Aristotle*
10. “Teachers can change lives with just the right mix of chalk and challenges.” *Joyce Meyer*

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Why We Love Children . . .

OPINIONS - On the first day of school, a first-grader handed his teacher a note from his mother. The note read, “The opinions expressed by this child are not necessarily those of his parents.”



POLICE - While taking a routine vandalism report at an elementary school, I was interrupted by a little girl about 6 years old. Looking up and down at my uniform, she asked, “Are you a cop?” “Yes,” I answered and continued writing the report. “My mother said if I ever needed help I should ask the police. Is that right?” “Yes, that’s right,” I told her. “Well then,” she said as she extended her foot toward me, “Would you please tie my shoe?”

