

The first week of May has been set aside by some groups as Teacher Appreciation Week. In keeping with this designation, we would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge the work of all the staff involved with our school. Teachers, bus drivers, and support staff all work so hard to make this school such a great place for our students and their families. These are one of the most devoted groups of people imaginable, consistently going above and beyond the call of duty, each doing their part to contribute to the overall operation, to carrying out the vision of our school community. Thank you. We couldn't do it without you!

A special mention needs to be made in recognition of Mrs. Mumert being named as one of the Semi-finalists in Alberta's Excellence in Teaching Award. This is a great credit to her and to our school. And with the badminton recently finishing, we also want to express our appreciation to Mrs. Mumert and Dwayne Beck for providing another wonderful sport opportunity for our students.

We are also very grateful to our school council for the wonderful job they have done all year long. The role of the school council is advising the principal and the board on educational issues regarding the school; their input has been invaluable. In addition to this advisory role, the school council has supported the school with several projects, not the least of which is coordinating the work at the Spring Lake Ski Hill. The hill is now closed for the year, but the number of volunteers that have taken part in this venture is immense; in the three years that our school has been volunteering at Spring Lake over 70 individuals have listed their names in the volunteer log at the hill. Thank you so much to school council chair Anna Odd, the rest of the school council executive, and all of the volunteers. This is a terrific project for our school, which provides not only support for items such as the computers for the Smart Boards, but gives families opportunities for fresh air, exercise and visiting at the hill.

As far as board business, we would like to welcome John Moutray as the new director acclaimed at the AGM. In accordance with our bylaws, each year after the AGM we have our organizational meeting, at which time we choose the board executive and committees for the next one year term. This year the board changed its structure from co-chairs to a chair/vice-chair and the results are as follows:

Jolene Kochendorfer	Chair	Brenda Kjemhus	Vice chair
Trone Arnet, Tara Fehr, Andre Harpe, John Moutray, Diane Nordhagen		Directors	

Thank you to all of the directors for their willingness and commitment to the work of the board. First up on our order of business is finalizing the budget and education plan for the 2011-2012 school year. We have also been told we will receive the results of the Charter Review in June.

Thank you for your interest and enjoy the coming of spring!