

November 2013 School Council Report

- Election update. Ward 1 Norma Lang, Ward 2 Bev LaPeare, Ward 3 Sylvia Eggerer and Todd Brand, Ward 4 Helen Clease, Ward 5 Colleen Munro, Ward 6 Fiona Gilbert. Colleen Munro and Bev LaPeare were acclaimed.
- Swearing In Ceremony was October 31.
- Organizational Meeting was on October 31. I've been elected to sit on: Advocacy Committee, Alberta School Board's Association Zone 5 Rep, Appeals Committee, Calendar Development Committee, Student Transportation Committee, Professional Development Leave Committee, Superintendent's Policy Development Committee, Student Expulsion Committee, Bow North Rec Board, Chestermere Conrich Regional Rec Board and my 9 School Councils' meetings.
- Colder weather is coming. It's the parents right and responsibility to decide whether or not their children will go to school in bad weather conditions if schools are open.
- Policy JL-Resolution of Public Concerns
- Excellence in Teaching Awards nominations are being accepted until Feb 7. Forms are on AB Ed Website.
- 2014 Great Kids Award-recognizes a young person that's made an outstanding contribution at home, school or community. Sponsored by Alberta Human Services. www.greatkids.alberta.ca
- Christmas Card Contest-open to K-9. Entries should depict the global community we live in and the multi-cultural student presence that abounds in RVS. Submit entries to Lorna Reynolds. Cards will be used as the official RVS Christmas card for this year.
- Please be sure to offer feedback on the new Communication of Student Assessment practice. You can email assessment@rockyview.ab.ca or email me and I'll make sure it gets to the right people. blapeare@rockyview.ab.ca.
- Alberta School Board Association Conference-
 - Our own Helen Clease has been elected as the new President of the Alberta School Board's Association.
 - Ab Ed Minister Jeff Johnson spoke about the High School Flexibility Project, which will allow students more time for courses if needed or allow them to complete courses in less time.
 - Ab Ed is working towards having diploma exams on demand
 - Will be announcements on modernizations soon and new capital in new year
 - Will be more opportunity for input into new Education Act regulations after the draft is created.