New Appointments 2016-2017 School Year

FNMI Success Coordinator  
(June 22, 2016)

Livingstone Range School Division No. 68 is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Georgina Henderson as the FNMI Success Coordinator commencing with the 2016-2017 school year.

Ms. Henderson started her teaching career with Northland School Division after receiving her Bachelor of Education from the University of Alberta in 1981. Throughout her teaching profession, Ms. Henderson continued her studies, receiving her Masters of Education from Sinte Gleska University in South Dakota in 2006 and her Masters in Counselling from Gonzaga University in Washington in 2011. With 30 plus years of teaching, including 8 years of administration, along with 2 years of counselling experience, Ms. Henderson comes to us from Maskwacis, Alberta with extensive experience in all aspects of the teaching curriculum, and predominately as an educational leader in First Nations schools, a solid skill set of best instructional practices while teaching all student levels within First Nations settings.

Ms. Henderson’s strengths and successes in the dedication to the delivery of quality education and implementing research-based instructional practices and strategies in a diverse student centered learning environment, will be a great asset to the support of student learning in our division.

Reporting to the Associate Superintendent of Programs and Services, Ms. Henderson will serve all schools in Livingstone Range School Division in collaboration and coordination with Division Principals, Staff and the Community.

Principal F.P. Walshe School  
(June 1, 2016)

Livingstone Range School Division No. 68 is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Sterling Paiha as Principal of F.P. Walshe School in Fort Macleod commencing with the 2016-2017 school year.

Mr. Paiha started his teaching career at Fort Vermilion, Alberta after receiving his Master of Arts in Administration and Supervision from Gonzaga University, Spokane and his Bachelor of Education, with a major in Social Studies and a minor in English LA, from the University of Lethbridge. After three years of teaching junior and senior high Social Studies and English Language Arts in northern Alberta, Mr. Paiha joined Palliser Regional Schools where he has taught all grade levels and has held administrative positions for the past twenty-two years, most recently as Principal at Coalhurst Elementary School.

Mr. Paiha has built his career upon excellent teaching skills, establishing relationships and strong educational leadership. He believes that education provides every student with the opportunity to better themselves, both in the present and in the future. Mr. Paiha is well acquainted with current instruction and assessment trends, especially in the area of Literacy and Assessment.

We feel Mr. Paiha’s extensive experience and knowledge will be a great asset to F.P. Walshe School. He replaces Mr. Bill Forster who will be continuing his teaching career in another school division.
Assistant Principal Crowsnest Consolidated High School  
(May 3, 2016)

Livingstone Range School Division No. 68 is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Deanna Fidelak as Assistant Principal of Crowsnest Consolidated High School in Coleman commencing with the 2016-2017 school year.

Having received her Bachelor of Education in Secondary Education from the University of Alberta in 2005, Ms. Deanna Fidelak started her teaching career in Auckland, New Zealand where she taught for two years. Returning to Canada, Ms. Fidelak was an Instructor at the Faculty of Continuing Education at NAIT and subsequently for the Faculty of Education at the University of Alberta. She also was a Special Education Coordinator, Reading Specialist and Teacher for the Edmonton Public School Board for five years, at which time she completed her Master of Education in Special Education. Ms. Fidelak comes to us from the Grande Prairie Public Schools where she has served as Vice Principal since 2013.

Ms. Fidelak is a dedicated Instructional Leader with focused expertise in literacy, inclusive education, and adapting instruction for students with exceptionalities. She demonstrates a commitment to data based educational enhancement and ethical decision-making abilities. We are confident Ms. Fidelak will be a great asset to Crowsnest Consolidated High School.

Assistant Principal A.B. Daley School  
(April 29, 2016)

Livingstone Range School Division No. 68 is pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs. Allison Martin as Assistant Principal of A.B. Daley Elementary School in Nanton effective with the 2016-2017 school year.

After receiving her Bachelor of Arts / Education from the University of Lethbridge in 2009 with a major in general social science and a minor in Physical Education, Mrs. Martin began her teaching career in Stavely where she has taught since. She has been the lead teacher on three school improvement projects; improving math achievement, reading comprehension skills and most recently, increasing the number of students reaching excellence in Language Arts. Mrs. Martin maintains a child-centered approach to education and has a keen desire to deal with the diverse learning needs of the students in her classroom. Eager to learn, she is a great asset to any school environment as she maintains a collaborative approach to being an effective member of an educational team. She is an outstanding educator who always has a fresh and energetic desire to help students and staff. Mrs. Martin was a candidate for the Edwin Parr Award in 2010. She completed her Masters of Education with a focus on Professional Development in 2012.

Mrs. Martin replaces Jolene Becker who will be on leave for the 2016-17 school year. Mrs. Martin’s experience and knowledge in teaching at the elementary level and her commitment to students and learning will serve A.B. Daley students and staff well.

Assistant Principal Matthew Halton High School  
(April 29, 2016)

Livingstone Range School Division No. 68 is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Greg Freer as Assistant Principal of Matthew Halton High School in Pincher Creek effective with the 2016-2017 school year.

Mr. Freer received his Bachelor of Education in 1994 from the University of Alberta. He is currently a graduate student in the Masters of Education Studies Program working on his research project, School Improvement and Educational Leadership, also from the University of Alberta and will partake in his convocation this year. Mr. Freer started his teaching career in Fort McMurray where he taught for six years prior to coming to Matthew Halton High School in 2000 where he has been instrumental in teaching social studies. In addition, Mr. Freer is also the academic advisor for both Matthew Halton High and Napi Friendship Center. In 2010 Mr. Freer taught in Queensland, Australia for one year under the Teacher Exchange Programs where he
was nominated as Teacher of the Year for the State of Queensland. He was appointed Acting Assistant Principal of Matthew Halton High in February of this year.

Mr. Freer’s belief in personalized learning and promoting a safe and welcoming learning environment to optimize student achievement will serve the students and staff of Matthew Halton High very well.

**Early Learning Coordinator Announced** *(April 15, 2016)*

Livingstone Range School Division No. 68 is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Lisa Furukawa as the Early Learning Coordinator for Livingstone Range School Division No. 68 effective with the 2016-2017 school year.

Prior to coming to Alberta, Ms. Furukawa attended university in Halifax, receiving her Bachelor of Arts from St. Mary’s University and her Bachelor of Education from Acadia University. She began her teaching career in 1993 for Palliser Regional Schools; an elementary classroom teacher for six years and a Learning Support / Consulting Teacher, currently and for the past 14 years. Ms. Furukawa was the recipient of the prestigious Betty Grigg Inclusive Education Award ‘for outstanding inclusive practices in dealing with staff, students, families and the community’ in 2007, and a semi-finalist for the Alberta Excellence in Teaching Award in 2011. Ms. Furukawa is dedicated to her own personal professional growth. In addition to pursing her Masters of Education, Ms. Furukawa is a strong proponent of continuous learning and growth. She encourages herself to reiterate, “I am more effective and I have more knowledge and experience than I had last year”, knowing she was successful at guiding and giving direction to the diverse schools, families and communities she works with. She is continually helping to find ways to support growth in students and colleagues, starting at the place they are currently at.

Working closely with the Programs and Services area at Livingstone Range School Division, and under the supervision of Mr. Ken Sampson, Associate Superintendent, Ms. Furukawa will be responsible for all aspects of early learning including PUF and Mild/Moderate Funding, as well as programming supports in kindergarten and early classroom settings, working closely with school based early learning and support staff personnel. Additionally Ms. Furukawa will help coordinate therapeutic support from partnering agencies and independent private contractors.

Ms. Furukawa’s extensive training, experience and knowledge in accessing and coordinating early intervention supports will have a positive impact in serving and supporting students in Livingstone Range School Division.

**Crowsnest Consolidated High School** *(April 13, 2016)*

Mr. Ian Baxter has been appointed Principal of Crowsnest Consolidated High School effective with the 2016-2017 school year. Mr. Baxter has lived and taught at Crowsnest Consolidated High School in Coleman for the past twenty years, and for the past seven, as Assistant Principal. He has held an active role on the LRSD Professional Development Committee, as a Social Studies Team Leader, a member of the High School Redesign Committee as well as the Leader2Leader Steering Committee. He has also been actively involved with several committees of the local and provincial Alberta Teachers’ Association.

Mr. Baxter works hard to develop and model leadership skills for the community of the Crowsnest Pass and Livingstone Range School Division. Mr. Baxter holds a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Education from the University of Lethbridge. He was instrumental in developing the Finland/Alberta partnership which is focused on sharing and improving education in both jurisdictions. Mr. Baxter’s Masters of Education project ‘Creating Great Schools in Alberta and Finland through the Lens of the Fourth Way’ was a testament to this.

Mr. Baxter’s extensive experience and knowledge in many areas will have a positive impact, not only in our division, but on community and students attending Crowsnest Consolidated High School.

Mr. Baxter replaces Wes Wescott who has accepted another administrative position within our division.
Principal Matthew Halton High School

Ms. Tara Tanner has been appointed Principal of Matthew Halton High School commencing with the 2016-2017 school year. She received her Bachelor of Education in 1998 from the University of Saskatchewan and her Master of Education in 2009 from the University of Alberta. Ms. Tanner joined the staff of Matthew Halton High School in 2011 and was appointed Assistant Principal in 2012. Prior to her appointment in Pincher Creek, she was employed by Chinook School Division as a teacher at Swift Current Comprehensive High School for ten years and, subsequently as Vice Principal at Central Elementary in Swift Current.

Ms. Tanner has had many leadership experiences at the secondary level including being an instructional leader for a science department, creating a literacy curriculum, developing a resource guide for Grade 10 students and serving as a learning resource teacher.

While at Matthew Halton High School, Ms. Tanner has served as their Learning Support Teacher, Assistant Principal and most recently Acting Principal. Additionally, she has been instrumental in various divisional committees such as Instructional Council and the Literacy Committee.

Ms. Tanner’s strong work ethic and her previous experiences will serve us well in her appointment of Principal.

Principal Granum School

Ms. Jacqueline Kark has been appointed Principal of Granum School effective August 29, 2016. She received her Bachelor of Education in 2002 from the University of Alberta with a major in Biological Sciences and a minor in Business Technology; her Masters of Secondary Education from the University of Alberta in 2009 and is currently attending Athabasca University towards a Diploma in Inclusive Education. Since 2002 Ms. Kark has taught at Elk Island Public Schools, Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools and most recently at High Prairie School Division where she has held the position of Vice Principal/Learning Support Teacher and currently Principal for a Grades K-12 school.

Ms. Kark’s strong background in developing literacy and numeracy skills as well as her passion of working collaboratively to improve student learning will serve Granum students very well.

We welcome Ms. Kark to Livingstone Range School Division.

Assistant Principal, Canyon School

Ms. Jessica Rumer has been appointed Assistant Principal of Canyon School effective with the 2016-2017 school year. Ms. Rumer started her teaching career in 2000, spending one year teaching English in the Republic of Korea before returning to Lethbridge when she joined EIBI as a Behavioral Therapist and subsequently a Learning Support Teacher for G.S. Lakie Middle School, Vice Principal for Fort McMurray Public School, Vice Principal and most recently Principal for the Lethbridge Public School District.

Having received her Bachelor or Management, International, University of Lethbridge in 2000, Ms. Rumer continued her studies at the UofL receiving her Bachelor of Education in 2004 in Career & Technology Studies, with a major in Special Education Specialization, and her Master of Education in 2010.

With her passion in ensuring the needs of students are met, as well as her knowledge and ability to work collaboratively with students, parents, colleagues and the community to help make educational experiences engaging, meaningful and successful, we are confident Ms. Rumer will be a great asset to our division.
Livingstone Range School Division (LRSD) is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Wes Wescott as Principal of Hutterite Colony Schools effective with the 2016-2017 school year.

Mr. Wescott has served in the role of principal for the past 19 years and joined LRSD as the Principal of Crowsnest Consolidated High School (CCHS) in 2008. His administrative experience is extensive and spans several grade configurations including being principal of a 7-12 school, K-12 school, K-8 school and a French Immersion Junior High School. His vast experience as an administrator and teacher will serve the colony schools well.

Mr. Wescott’s focus on student learning and staff collaboration makes him an asset to any school. Over the past 8 years at CCHS he has been able to create an excellent learning environment where students have experienced success.

Mr. Wescott holds a Master of Education from the University of Calgary and a Bachelor of Education from the University of Lethbridge. He also is certified as a Journeyman Cook, earning his Provincial and Interprovincial Seal. He replaces Ronalee Orr who has held the position of Colony Schools Principal since 2013 and will be retiring at the end of this school year.