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Saying “thanks” to the Friends of Battle River

Schools, and school divisions, are lucky enough to receive support from many generous people and organizations. Especially in a more rural school division, such as ours, it seems that whenever a school is in need someone in the community steps up to help. We are very fortunate here in BRSD and we feel it is important to say “thank you” to those who have made outstanding contributions. Each year we choose a small number of individuals or organizations to recognize as a “Friend of Battle River”. For the 2016-2017 school year there are three: the Heisler Elks, the Kinsmen Club of Camrose and the Alberta Treasury Branch.

From Flagstaff County, the **Heisler Elks**. This group has been instrumental in providing resources designed to meet the needs of some of our youngest learners. The club’s support began in order to ensure that a specific child had the necessary resources to succeed in a pre-school environment. Now that child has grown a bit, but the resources continue to be available for any other student in need to use.

This is a wonderful example of a community organization stepping up to the plate to help a family and a school work together to ensure a student can succeed. At right, Kevin Zimmer and Lorne Schulte of the Heisler Elks are pictured with Flagstaff trustees Laurie Skori and Susan Chromik.



From the City of Camrose, the **Kinsmen Club of Camrose**. This group has taken on the Camrose Outreach School and made significant financial contributions each of the last three years. The Kinsmen help make it possible for students to afford such things as appropriate clothes and shoes for gym class, as well as fitness accessories that allow them to participate fully and even gain motivation to make fitness a priority in their lives. In addition, the school is able to provide healthy food options in their student breakfast and lunch programs as a result of this generous support. Drew Conlon and Steve Blum of the Kinsmen are pictured, left, with Camrose trustees Lorrie Sitler and Norm Erickson.

Being recognized for their contributions to schools throughout our school division is the **Alberta Treasury Branch**. ATB has branches in many of the same small, rural communities in which we have schools.

They are as committed to the success of rural Alberta as we are and they play a role in helping our schools meet student needs. ATB has given money to a wide variety of projects over a period of time, for a wide variety of schools. From ensuring playgrounds are inclusive to



supporting breakfast clubs and school modernization projects, ATB is a generous sponsor and we are very grateful. Pictured (centre) are ATB representatives Doug Schaffner and Tyrion Rosiechuk, with the BRSD Board of Trustees, from left to right, Norm Erickson, Kendall Severson, Tracy Boast Radley, Lorrie Sitler, Laurie Skori, Susan Chromik and Rebecca Heiberg.

Thank you again to the 2017 Friends of Battle River. We appreciate your support in helping students to succeed.

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