## Letter From the Superintendent

Last month, the Ludlow Board of Education adopted a new mission statement, a new vision, for our school district. It states:

The Ludlow Independent School District is committed to fostering a culture of rigor, excellence, and personal accountability by developing meaningful relationships with students, families, and community members to support and empower students to graduate with college and career readiness skills.

While students remain our main priority, building positive relationships with families and community members is a crucial part of building student success. Clear communication with these groups is a key element to building the support our students need.

One way I would like to enhance this communication with parents, families, and community members is to offer a chance for us to talk each month in an informal setting. Beginning in September, on the **first Wednesday of every month**, I will hold *Coffee with the Community* at **Smitty's on Elm** from **9:00-10:00am**. I will buy the coffee. I am inviting *you* to come and ask questions or get updates about the progress of our school district. I want this to be a very open environment where everyone feels comfortable to ask about our district's mission, programs or projects, clear up any miscommunications or misunderstandings, give any feedback or suggestions, or even tell me about something we're doing well. I want to hear from *you*. The first *Coffee with the Community* is scheduled for September 4<sup>th</sup>. I truly value your input and hope to see many of you there to talk with me.

The 2013-2014 school year has just started, but I know we're on the road to a successful one! Increasing the communication with families and community members is just one more way we're working to provide the best school district for our children.

Sincerely,

Michael Borchers

Michael Borchers Superintendent of Ludlow Independent Schools

Coffee with the Community

First Wednesday of Every Month At Smitty's on Elm 9:00-10:00am

