



December is the 12th and last month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian Calendars and one of seven months with the length of 31 days. December starts on the same day as September every year and ends on the same day as April every year.



For the December 12, 2011 Board of Education Meeting

SUCCESS STORIES



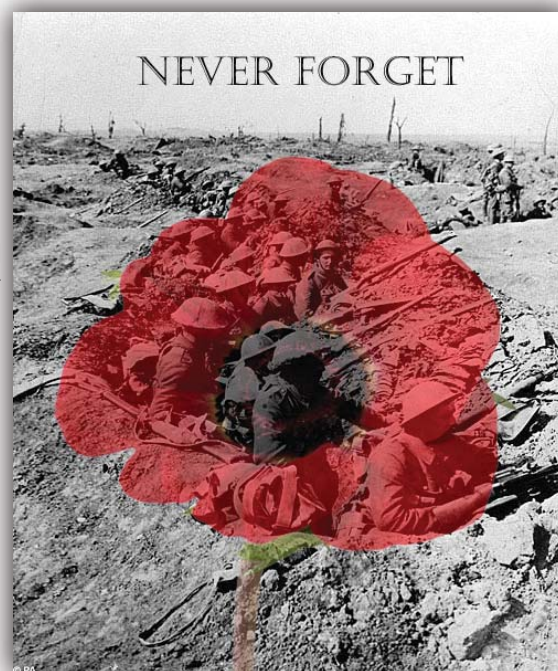
Recognition of Student/School Success

School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha) extends congratulations to the following students/groups for these outstanding examples of success for NOVEMBER:

Parkway Elementary

Parkway has been busy:

- Parkway Elementary School held two wonderful meals for the students. Thanks so much to all of the parents who support this program!
- The senior readers from the Concorde were at Parkway Elementary School once again. The students really enjoyed a great afternoon of reading.
- Thank you to many volunteers who assisted in the Hot lunch on Friday.
- A successful Swap Meet was held on Sunday – parents and students had a good time.
- The student led Remembrance Day assembly went very well and the grade 1 and 5 students did an excellent job. Thank you to all of the teachers that helped with the assembly as well as the many parents that came out.
- The PAC meeting was held and was very well attended. Two important topics were traffic safety and Bricks 4 Kids.
- The Breakfast club met twice and the students were very well fed! Thanks to Lindsay, Michelle and their crew!!
- The November student led assembly was very well run and the class presentation on wolves was excellent. Thank you Mrs. Silvius! It was great to see so many parents out for the event!



Remembrance Day ~ November 11, 2011



Columbia Elementary

This year, students at Columbia Elementary have been offered a wonderful gift: breakfast! Thanks to Judy Jefferies & Sandra Henderson, coordinators of the 'Meals on Wheels Breakfast Club', students who may not otherwise start their morning with a healthy breakfast, now can. Every school morning, between 20 and 30 students gather in Columbia's open area for 'breakfast club'. But it doesn't stop there! Thanks to wonderful volunteers like Erin Beck (retired Columbia teacher) students have an opportunity to connect with other children and adults during this important meal. Studies show that a good breakfast leads to better learning, but what we at Columbia are finding is that it also leads to new friendships, new connections, and community-building fun.

Giant's Head Elementary

- Every November is a time to Remember and appreciate those who have given their lives to the service of our country. Mr. Lindsay and his Grade 5 class organized a moving student led assembly that allowed us all to reflect on what Remembrance Day means.
- We also were lucky enough to have Science World visit Giant's Head Elementary School. They put on two performances (primary and intermediate) and WOWED the students with their amazing Science demonstrations. The impact could not be understated; there was a full house at Summerland Secondary on the evening of November 10th to watch an encore community show.
- Finally Mrs. Robb arranged an author visit (via Skype) with Laurel Snyder. She discussed her novel "Bigger than a Breadbox" with Mrs. Fedorak's and Ms. Robertson's classes. Students will follow up this discussion by blogging and continuing the conversation online. What a great use of technology to connect students to the "real world".





Naramata Elementary

On November 17th, the students hopped a school bus in hopes of discovering where our water comes from. We were trying to answer the question, "How does that water magically appear when we turn on our water taps?"

We began our search at the lakefront near First Avenue and were greeted by Zoe Kirk, our Water Ambassador, who along with Dave Carlson and Rob Palmer, from the RDOS, kindly gave the students a first hand look at the Lake Pump Station & the Water Treatment Plant.

The Lake Pump Station is where the raw water is pumped from the lake to the Treatment Plant. During our visit to the Lake Pump Station, Craig Henderson gave the students a lesson on how the early settlers in Naramata (including Mrs. Moorhouse's great-grandparents) got their water to water their apple trees and take their baths.

After a tour of the Lake Pump Station we headed to the Water Treatment Plant on McKay Road and learned how the raw lake water is cleaned using ultraviolet light and a chlorination process. We also found out that this clean, drinkable water is stored at various places in Naramata so when we turn our taps it is ready for us to use. (Not too much though, we must conserve this precious resource).

Thanks to Zoe Kirk, Dave Carlson, Rob Palmer and Craig Henderson for sharing their expertise with the Naramata students & staff. And to the parent drivers who helped transport some of the students.



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Penticton Secondary

- Penticton Secondary has achieved 'District Honours' for the second year in a row with respect to their Advanced Placement Courses/Exams.... Pen High currently offers 4 AP Courses: Calculus, Physics, English Lit, and English with over 150 students registered!
- Pen High swim team qualifies for the Provincials! 16 members of the Pen High team have qualified for the upcoming Provincial Championships to be held in Richmond, B.C. on November 18/19. The Men's team placed second along with our Women's team Placing fourth in the Okanagan Valley Championships held in Kelowna – well done team!

A great weekend for all Pen High teams as everyone made it to the Valley Championship Final. Jr. Girls, Jr. Boys, Sr. Girls, Sr. Boys!

Jr. Boys brought home the Gold...thanks to all the staff who came out and cheered! Everyone else brought home the Silver in some very closely contested matches.

Jr. Boys will be leaving soon to Vancouver (MEI) for provincials....give them a high 5 and wish them luck!



- The Jr. girls' volleyball team played very well and ended up finishing 10th in the province! A good end to a successful season.
- The Jr. Boys Volleyball team finished in second place --- Silver Medal!

All players are fantastic representatives of the school! Well done!

- Penticton Secondary is very pleased to announce that KATIE KEARNEY is the recipient of a Provincial Loran Award! This award recognizes her as an outstanding semi-finalist for the Loran Scholarship program. She definitely deserves congratulations!





Trout Creek Elementary

November was a busy month for Trout Creek Elementary. Here are some highlights:

- Excellent participation in the Trout Creek Choir; special thanks to Mrs. Sakal Paraig and Mrs. Hughes for working with this large group of singers who performed so successfully at the Light Up Festival and the Remembrance Day assembly.
- Opportunity for parent/guardian to receive an update on student performance during their Early Dismissal days.
- Wonderful work done by Ms. Thorp's class at the annual Remembrance Day assembly as well as the Trout Creek choir!
- Vision and hearing tests completed on all Kindergarten students went well!
- Lots of incredible costumes on the Crazy Sports Fan dress!

Uplands Elementary

- **Parent/Teacher Interviews**
- **Grade 4/5 Volleyball**
- **Uplands' Grade 4/5 Student Leadership Conference:**
 Student Leaders from PSS and PMSS "lead the way" as they presented sessions titled, *Be Your Own Super Hero, Global Awareness, Uniquely You, and Cooperative, Trust-Building Games*. The key note speakers were Ethan McClusky and Layne Richardson from PSS. They spoke about their memorable trip to Tanzania. Uplands' grade 5 student leaders were also actively involved as they performed the introductions and thank-yous for the conference. Naramata's grade 4 and 5 students joined in, as well. Over 100 elementary students participated as well as 15 presenters. The whole conference was inspirational and fun!
- **Remembrance Day Assembly –**
 Division 6 led a very meaningful Remembrance Day assembly on Nov. 10th. Many thanks go out to Ms. Street, Grade 2/3 students, Mrs. Bevington and her students from Princess Margaret Secondary School.

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Uplands Elementary Continued...

UPLANDS' INTERMEDIATE STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Student Leaders: "Lead the Way"





West Bench Elementary

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

We would like to congratulate the following students for finishing the annual Naramata Run! All West Bench students finished in the Top 100 with some Top 20 winners as well! Thanks to the parents for helping with extra training this year.

Naramata Run	
<p><u>Grade 4 Girls</u> Sophie Brydon 3rd Claire Taylor 14th Emma Barron 27th Elisabeth MacIntosh 54th Mackenzie Meynen 55th Taylor O'Neil 64th Jeanine Florence 77th Isabella Gunderson 79th</p>	<p><u>Grade 5 Girls</u> Ivy Allen 8th Kalli Doell 13th Erra Gauthier 22nd Olivia Devito 23rd Rylee McDonald 45th Julia Silliphant-Johnston 50th Melissa La Prairie 71st Caitlin Burleigh 73rd</p>
<p><u>Grade 4 Boys</u> Logan Campbell 61st Freddy Albrectson 65th James Ritchie 82nd Zachary Jaycna 87th Iian Essler 91st</p>	<p><u>Grade 5 Boys</u> Drew Sherwood 19th Austin Afonso 20th Luke Gray 29th Spencer Toneatto 31st Eric Thacker 45th Matthew MacDonald 83rd Grayson Eneas 88th William Casimir-Eneas 92nd</p>



Wiltse Elementary

- The Grade 4 students from Ms. Setters class were asked to show 'emotions' in their artwork. Here are more examples of *showing your emotions*.... Six paintings (not shown) are on the SD67 website as they were featured and displayed in the Board Room of the School Board office in November.



Wiltse Elementary continued...

Show Your

Emotions



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Wiltse Elementary continued...

- Wiltse held the Rocks and Rings program on November 14 & 15. Facilitating the program were Marc Bowles (High Performance Athlete Advisor from Pacific Sport), Dona Cade (Coach of the Special Olympic Penticton team) and Dailene Sivertson (lead curler from the Kelly Scott Provincial Team) who guided the students through the curling process.



At the back, Dona Cade, Dailene Sivertson and Marc Bowles with Mrs. Klamut's grade 2 class.



Mrs. Lund's Kindergarten class with Dona, Dailene and Marc.