



November

November is a month of spring in the Southern Hemisphere and autumn in the Northern Hemisphere. Therefore November in the Southern Hemisphere is the seasonal equivalent of May in the Northern Hemisphere and vice versa.



For the November 14, 2011 Board of Education Meeting

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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 OCTOBER:

Parkway Elementary

- Many school runs were held in October and the participation was excellent! Lots of House team points for lap runs!
- The Annual Terry Fox Run was a great success! The parent turn out was also excellent. Thank you to everyone involved and well done Mrs. Silvius!
- 'The Manners Lady' visited Parkway school and reminded staff and students of how important it is to always use manners. Thank you to the PAC for sponsoring this terrific event!
- The grade 4/5 soccer team have been busy with practises as well as games and have played very well. Parkway has a great squad and the players had a great time at the games. A big thank you to all of the parents who participated in watching the games and for the teachers who were coaching!
- School Spirit Day was recently held where students could dress up in their favourite cartoon character costumes. The students looked great – Thank you to everyone that showed great school spirit!!!
- Sarah Wood's bake sale for a cure for Cancer was delicious! The treats were wonderful and all the funds raised went to a great cause. Thank you Sarah!
- The first Movie Night of the year went very well. Parkway had approximately 120 people out to watch 'Rio' and everyone had a great time!
- Parkway Elementary enjoyed a well organized and informative Fire Safety Assembly, put on by the Penticton Secondary School Drama Club.
- Parkway recently held a mouthwatering Bake Sale. A considerable amount of money was raised for Multiple Sclerosis. It was a great success!





Trout Creek Elementary

Trout Creek Elementary enjoyed a busy and productive time in October:

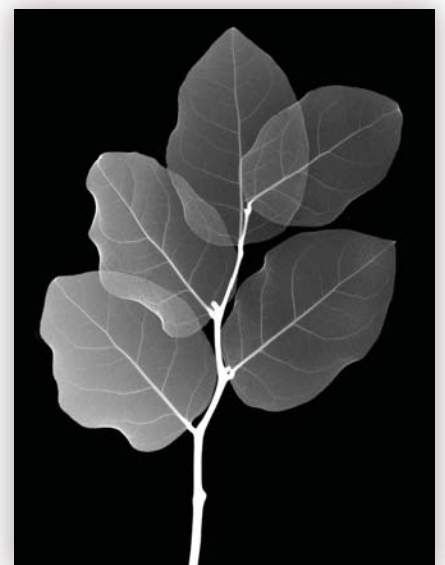
- Lots of healthy running regarding the school wide runs
- Bus safety talks for all Kindergarten to grade 3 students
- Good participation in the fund raising and run in honour of Terry Fox; the students raised \$ 4,600.00!
- Great attendance at the P.A.C. Welcome Back Barbeque; a special thank you to the P.A.C. for organizing this event; thank you families for the tasty salads and desserts
- Exceptional turn out for the Trout Creek Choir with 110 participants; a big thank you to Mrs. Paraig and Mrs. Hughes for conducting this large group of students
- First delivery from the Fruits and Vegetable program; students enjoyed tasting blueberries this month; thank you to Mrs. Wahl and Mrs. Nixon for coordinating this program
- Good demonstration of student achievement on the first school wide write
- Interesting Bear Aware talks for Kindergarten to grade 5 classes

Uplands Elementary

Students have settled into their classes and it is wonderful to see all the 😊😊😊😊 at the school. Many are earning SOAR tickets for their helpfulness, kindness, leadership and hard work. SOAR is an acronym for Safety, Organization, Achievement and Respect and it is fabulous to see the students demonstrating these actions at Uplands! Many parents are also actively involved and it is great to see the growth of their school community.

Highlights:

- *Raise a Reader* and author visits
- Soccer practices and games with other schools
- Cross Country Running Meet and practices
- Buddy classes working together
- Grade 5 student leadership
- SMARTLearning



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- Infinitus performance
- Fire Safety presentation (by Pen High drama class)
- Farm Bag Fundraiser
- Ab. Ed. Cultural Activities
- Family Pumpkin Carving Evening and Monster Mash



- Uplands Elementary put together a T-Shirt Fundraiser for a family in need at the school. From Monday to Thursday, students brought T-shirts to school to donate and on the Friday they held a T-Shirt sale. Each T-Shirt was \$2 and every child went home with at least one *new-to-them* T-shirt (whether they brought money or not). It was a tremendous success and the students raised \$1032.60 for the special family!!!



West Bench Elementary

TERRY FOX RUN

West Bench's chance to help raise money and awareness for the Terry Fox Foundation was a great success! Individual classes discussed Terry Fox and the legacy he has left us. All students, staff (as well as some parents) enjoyed a walk/run around the school yard. The school raised **\$418.66** for the Terry Fox Foundation. Terry's dream was to raise \$1 for each Canadian and we were able to raise over \$3 for each student at West Bench Elementary. **Grayson Eneas** received the Terry Fox shirt this year in recognition of his efforts on this day. Well done, Wildcats!



Columbia Elementary

- Columbia Elementary students are committed to healthy living! Over 40% of Columbia students have registered for the "60 Minute Kids' Club" that emphasizes 60 minutes of fitness a day, healthy eating and lifelong habits. This online club offers a 60 day challenge to see which schools can have the most participants and points earned - and judging from the response so far, it looks like Columbia will be a strong contender.

This initiative is being promoted by the PAC and many families are onboard and excited about encouraging health with their children. Stay tuned for more news!

- On 'Raise A Reader' Day, Columbia students were instructed to 'Stop, Drop, and Read' - and parents, grandparents and friends were invited to share in the reading fun. Visitors joined us for our Terry Fox Run, then stayed for lunch and a shared reading time in the afternoon.

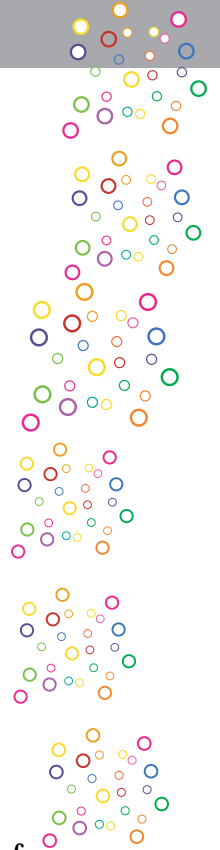
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Raise A Reader Day



Wiltse Elementary

Author Lee Edward Fodi visited Wiltse Elementary School as part of a RAISE A READER initiative facilitated by Yasmin John-Thorpe. They gave a presentation of how they became writers, lead students through a drawing project and then gave each student a signed copy of their books. Here are some pictures capturing part of the afternoon's events. Students will be writing back to Yasmin and Lee.



Author, Lee Edward Fodi and Teacher, Steve Carriere - Grade 3 Students

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Author, Lee Edward Fodi and Teacher, Bonnie McKay - Grade 3 Students



Author, Lee Edward Fodi with Grade 5 Students

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Author, Lee Edward Fodi with Teacher, Cheryl McPherson and the Grade 4 Students



Author, Lee Edward Fodi with Teacher, Chris Setters and the Grade 4 Students

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Author, Lee Edward Fodi and Student, Lily Hurst



Author, Lee Edward Fodi and Student, Cassidy Thomsen



Penticton Secondary

Congratulations to these former Penticton Secondary students who are the recipients of University of Victoria entrance scholarships for the 2011-2012 academic year:

Belanger, Richard

University of Victoria Entrance Scholarships , \$1000

Fowler, Tyler

University of Victoria Entrance Scholarships , \$1000

Howell, Crystal-Anne

Come to Campus Grant , \$1000

University of Victoria Entrance Scholarships , \$2000

Leff, James

Come to Campus Grant , \$1000

University of Victoria Entrance Scholarships , \$2000

Mahon, Sophie

Come to Campus Grant , \$1000

Dr. Norma Mickelson Entrance Scholarship , \$2000



McNicoll Park Middle

- McNicoll Park Middle School had an incredible month in regards to leadership opportunities for students. On October 13 at 2:00 am, two teachers and 30 students boarded a school bus and headed to 'We Day 2011' at Rogers Arena in Vancouver. This massive assembly is put on by *Free the Children Foundation* and its inspirational call to action has inspired tens of thousands of youth to make a difference in the world around them. In addition, two teachers took 26 grade 8 students to Rock Ridge Canyon for a leadership retreat from Oct 19-21. This event was organized by McNicoll Park teachers following the cancellation of the provincial leadership conference that was to be held in Williams Lake. These students were exposed to a myriad of ideas to explore and challenge their leadership skills.
- McNicoll Park Middle students collected over 400 items for Halloween for Hunger which exceeded their goal of 220 (one per student). This initiative was spearheaded by 'We Day' participant **Sam Hindson**. Sam had a number of other We Day students step up and help him in this cause. Some of our students even collected food rather than candy **Jodie Verhaeghe** and **Chloe Banman**, also We Day students, led the way with two large bins of food collected. Great job students – that is truly a success story!!!



Giant's Head Elementary

October has been a busy month at Giant's Head school.

Giant's Head Elementary had a number of classes visit the Pumpkin Patch. When they got back to school many classes got together with their "older" buddy classes and carved or decorated their pumpkins. It was great to see all the kids so proud of their creative work.

Giant's Head also had a visit from the Penticton Vees! Seven players came and read with the grade 5 classes and then challenged the Giant's Head Tigers in a game of floor hockey.

Finally, October is not complete without Halloween festivities. A Halloween parade was held in the gym and Mr. Crossley led the school in a Ghostbusters dance. The costumes were great, but the dancing was even better!





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Skaha Lake Middle

- "Raise a Reader"- On October 6th, two authors sponsored by "Raise a Reader" spoke to all of the students in grade assemblies on what it was like to be an author and have books published. Each student received a free autographed novel from one of the authors.
- "We Day"- On October 13th, 26 students and two teachers from SLMS travelled to Vancouver to attend We Day. Students wrote essays as part of their application process and have committed to working on social responsibility projects in the school, the community and in a foreign country. SLMS currently supports a school/orphanage for HIV positive kids in Zambia, Africa.



WE Day
Vancouver
October 13

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Wiltse Elementary

- At Wiltse they enjoyed welcoming Kindergarten students and their moms at the first of four Parents as Learning Supporters Workshops. The Workshop was attended by most Kindergarten parents and facilitated by Mrs. Lund, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Kuechle as well as Ms. Rose.

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- Oct. 25-27 was Wiltse's Early Dismissal Days. Most parents were able to meet with teachers and a handful of parents reported that they had very informed interviews.
- Wiltse had its annual *Monster Mash* on October 31. All but a very few (two) dressed up for the occasion. There were several pre-schoolers and parents who joined in the parade. Ms. McPherson and Ms. Setters Grade 4 classes presented their fabulous interpretive dance to the *Monster Mash*. Mr. Derek Hurst, Wiltse PAC Chair, video taped the event on Wiltse's new flip cameras.
- Wiltse Grade 5 students with their teachers, Mr. Bailey and Ms. Rose and a team led by Nikos Theodosakis had their first of several lessons as part of the inStill Life Project.

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Summerland Middle School

- BCIC's Innovation Exploration (IE) program focuses on ideas, education and career development. Created in 1990, the IE provides BC Regional Science Fair winners (who represent BC and the Yukon at the Canada-Wide Science Fair and International Fair) the opportunity to explore the many post-secondary and career possibilities available in science and technology. These young scientists, innovators and budding entrepreneurs also had the opportunity to meet and network with leaders in BC's science and technology community.

On October 24th and 25th, Austin Hogg, a Grade 8 student at Summerland Middle School, travelled to Victoria to participate in Innovation Exploration 2011. Austin's opportunity to attend this event was as a result of winning last year's regional science competition. His project focused on using a renewable energy.



Austin Hogg
BCIC's Innovation Exploration

