

School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha)  
**PRESENTATIONS AT THE BOARD MEETING**  
**May 8, 2006**

**Smokescreen Video Contest 2006**

The third annual “Behind the Smokescreen” video contest, which was open to all students in grades 8 to 12 within the jurisdiction of the Interior health Authority, was recently held. The topic of this year’s contest was “Tobacco and the Environment” and all entrants had to create a 30-second or 60-second commercial about tobacco and the environment. The project by grade 8 student Kristi MacDonald from Summerland Middle School entitled “It’s NO Secret!” was selected as one of the regional winners. Kristi was the recipient of a \$500 prize and her video will be used in next year’s anti smoking videos provided by health Canada.



**SmartReading**

Janice Clary and Judy Scott (Helping Teachers) along with teachers Maryann McLean (Grades 1-2, Queen’s Park Elementary) and Bev Kreiger (Grade 3, Giant’s Head Elementary) discussed how SmartReading is being implemented in this district. For the past year, Bev and Maryann and other SD67 teachers have been training to be demonstration teachers for SmartReading. SmartReading is a program developed by Susan Close in the New Westminster school district. The program has been created for teachers to equip students with more sophisticated ways to think with words – and respond to words. In relatively short periods of time, students become fluent readers and more confident thinkers. The systematic, meaningful and explicit approaches outlined in this proven program provide a step-by-step process which will motivate all students to higher levels of achievements – from kindergarten to college. Currently, six other demonstration teachers are also receiving training and should be available for the next school year.



Maryann McLean

Bev Kreiger