

School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha)
PRESENTATIONS AT THE BOARD MEETING



November 8, 2010

Kindergarten Pre-Writing Program

Teacher Lynn Porteous in consultation with Lynn Burrows, Occupational Therapist, has created a program to teach and reinforce fine motor skill development. The program is developmentally appropriate for students at the beginning of Kindergarten or who have difficulty with fine motor activities. An overview of the five-week program was provided which included the proper ways to grip a pencil, the importance for children to develop correct postures, and the need for children to learn directional terms. It is hoped the program will decrease the need for mediation in later years.

Following a number of questions, appreciation was extended to Ms. Porteous and Ms. Burrows for their presentation and for the development of the pre-writing program which is being used by a number of teachers in the school district.



Lynn Porteous
Pre-Writing Program

Summerland Secondary School

Raja Gupta, a teacher at Summerland Secondary School, provided an overview of a new Science 9 project he has developed to teach parents how to support their children with science classes. The evening classes are designed for parents only and in the first chemistry class, 28 parents attended along with 23 for the first electricity class. Parent only classes for astronomy and biology will be held later. In response to a question, Mr. Gupta advised that over four thousand students throughout the province had participated in a log-on Science 10 review which he had developed, located at www.liveteacher.ca. Superintendent Hyer noted that Minister of Education MacDiarmid had heard how Mr. Gupta was using technology for teaching and had contacted him directly to find out more and to compliment him on his teaching.

Trustees commended Mr. Gupta for his dedication to teaching and thanked him for the presentation.



Raja Gupta
Summerland Secondary Teacher