

School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha)
PRESENTATIONS AT THE BOARD MEETING
February 9, 2009



EyeMax

Maureen Wourms-Larson (Physiotherapist) and Gayle Walford (Occupational Therapist), along with 16 year old Kathleen Ostrander from Penticton Secondary School, demonstrated a new communication and environmental control device just received from SET-BC. called the EyeMax and distributed by Dynavox Technologies. Kathleen will be able to use the device to communicate, control her environment (i.e turn on TV and lights), access the internet, and participate in class curriculum. Kathleen has Cerebral Palsy and has little voluntary control of her body. Many attempts at establishing ways for her to access technology have not been very successful. Before Christmas, district staff tested one of these devices and found some success communicating through eye gazing. Appreciation was extended to district staff for their efforts and support in assisting Kathleen with this new form of communication.





Kathleen Ostrander
Penticton Secondary School

Gayle Walford (Occupational Therapist)
&
Maureen Wourms-Larson (Physiotherapist)

The InStill Life Program (Naramata School)

Naramata students Cam Gunning, Jessica Henderson, Jakub Vozenilek, Lukas Vozenilek, and Sage Togyi along with teacher Janet Watts and parent Nikos Theodosakis highlighted a pilot program which took place in October 2008 involving 47 students. The students exchanged ideas on their favourite foods, then brought one fruit or vegetable each to contribute to a grouping, which after an exploration into the world of food and art, of composition, lighting and textures, set off to create their still life paintings. Students were invited to share their paintings to create a fund that would help people around the world provide food for themselves and others through microloans, small loans that are making a huge impact in countries around the world.

The paintings are being reproduced as gift cards with 100% of the sales going towards addressing food challenges locally, through the Soupateria program in Penticton and internationally, through Kiva.org. InStill Life is a program of Olive Us, and initiative of Theo's Restaurant (Contact: Nikos Theodosakis at nikos@eatsguid.com). Progress on the students' efforts through the InStill Life Program can be followed on the Naramata Elementary School website.



Naramata Students
Cam Gunning, Jessica Henderson, Jakub Vozenilek,
Lukas Vozenilek, and Sage Togyi



Naramata Teacher
Janet Watts



Naramata Parent
Nikos Theodosakis