

School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha)
RECOGNITION OF STUDENT/SCHOOL SUCCESS
September 8, 2008



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

DISTRICT

- The district was pleased to announce the names of the recipients of the 30 Dogwood District/Authority Awards (formerly called the District Scholarship Awards) for 2007/08. Dogwood District Authority Award Scholarships are provided by the Ministry of Education for presentation to graduates excelling in one of more applied area(s) of study. Selection of the Dogwood District Scholarship winners is carried out by local District Scholarship Committees within provincial guidelines.

Candidates for the Dogwood District Authority Award Scholarships come from a wide range of areas of study including fine and performing arts, home economics, industrial education/technology, business education, physical education, career prep programs and secondary school apprenticeship.

Winners receive a \$1000.00 scholarship. A cheque for \$500.00 will be issued directly by the Ministry to each student in October. Dogwood District Scholarship certificates and vouchers will also be issued directly from the Ministry. Students should receive their scholarship packages in November/December. The Ministry will issue a balance of \$500.00 directly to the student when the voucher, validated by an approved post-secondary institution, is submitted to the Ministry of Education.

All the recipients are to be congratulated on their excellent achievement in these applied areas:

Princess Margaret Secondary School

David Addison
Zechariah Ingles
Jolene Nagy

Brandon Chapman
Tylor Judd
Megan Shiosaki

Evan Frymire
Emily Ludington

Penticton Secondary School

Dalton Doyle
Chelsea Terry
Kaylan Gouldsbrough
Drew Barnes
Julia Cannings

Derrick Affleck
Rio Prystay
Nathan Speijer
Alonso Ysa
Kyle Harms

Daniel Ingraham
Johnathan Dewdney
Madeline Wahl
Aiden MacIntyre
Deanna Godber

Summerland Secondary School

Roman Blomme
Brittany Kohnert
Julia Ziebarth

Kelsey Carter
Brendin Molitowsky

Samantha Haslam
Morgan Myhre

- The Annual “Celebrating Achievement” event was held at the Penticton Lakeside Resort in June and many local students had an opportunity to show their talents. The event is a selection of some of the best accomplishments of elementary, middle and secondary schools throughout the district and included:
 - Uplands – Celebration, Penticton’s Birthday & Voices of Nature.
 - Princess Margaret – Speech Arts Grade 9/10 Drama class, ‘Flight of the Roller Coaster’. Grade 11/12 Acting class, ‘The Listeners’ by Walter de La Mare.
 - Literacy goal: ‘The Secret’s Out... Everyone Loves to Read!’ presentations.
 - Princess Margaret – Choir: ‘Didn’t My Lord Deliver Daniel’ Spiritual and ‘Everybody Rejoice’ (from The Wiz).
 - Numeracy Goal – ‘The Secret of Nim’.
 - Highlights from Ecuador.
 - School Completion & Transition Goal ‘Creating Hope... One Student at a Time’.
 - Skaha Lake Middle - Drama Presentation – ‘The Yearbook’.

It was a wonderful afternoon and the event was enjoyed by all who attended.

CARMI ELEMENTARY

Carmi highlights for June include:

- Student participation at the District Track and Field event on June 4th
- Block X: cross-graded groupings positively working together on projects
- Volunteer Tea on June 12th for the dedicated volunteers with entertainment from various classes and grade 5 student leaders
- Last assembly on June 16th, honouring the CEAs, teachers leaving, Mrs. Gregoire’s retirement and Mrs. Willson’s contributions to Carmi

- Fun Day on June 20th
- Awards Assembly and grade 5 Farewell Ceremony on June 25th
- Student achievement (progress indicated through Assessment for Learning procedures)



KVR MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Some fantastic Math Results with regards to Gauss Math:

Grade 8

- 1st Sejong Yoo
- 2nd Nathan Eden
- 3rd Megan Sociedade

Grade 7

- 2nd Keenan Findlay
- 3rd Deborah Clarke

NARAMATA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- The Beach Day Bash at Manitou Park on June 24th was a wonderful day for everyone. The Naramata PAC sponsored the year-end fun day for the entire school.
- The Year-End Celebration of Learning was held on Wednesday, June 25th.
- Classroom Awards & Certificates, for Grades 1-4, were held in the classrooms. All parents were very proud of the students that they were collectively sending off to Middle School next year. Everyone enjoyed hearing the beautiful voices of the school choir in a farewell song they presented in their lovely musical send-off to the grade 5 students.

PARKWAY ELEMENTARY

- Students in grade 5 took part in three important events in this month: they joined Queen's Park, Kaleden and West Bench in a leadership conference, attended transition events at the middle schools and participated in a grade 5 leaving ceremony.
- Parkway students involved in school service were honored with certificates and mementos for their work at the Parkway Awards Ceremony.
- Students at all levels participated in field trips and learning activities all around the vicinity. They went from the local ox-bows to the fishing instruction area in OK Falls and Farmer John's Petting Farm. Students toured Penticton and the Sicamous along with the museum and the safety village.
- 82% of Parkway students in grades one to five are meeting or exceeding expectations in Reading. This is an increase in this area for the third year in a row.

QUEEN'S PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Queen's Park would like to recognize the following students for academic excellence:

Division 1:	Blake Smith, Matthew Jones
Division 2:	Brandon Roesberg, Rohan Chauhan, Damien Caspersen, Braedon Parr
Division 3:	Nate Lamontagne, Ajay Penny, Casey McConaghie, Zach Palfrey
Division 4:	Alyssa Jamieson, Kali Pavlik, Jade Gudmundson, Izzy Landry
Division 5:	Jayden Landry, Kiera Ree, Paige Jamieson, Daniel Wdowicz
Division 6:	Ariana Goedhart, Matthew Dobrik, James Mathieson
Division 7:	Carter Ree, Christian Suastegui, John Shepherd

Winners:	Primary:	Casey McConaghie
	Intermediate:	Zach Palfrey

- The grade 4 and 5 classes attended the District Track and Field Meet on June 4th at the Pen High Track – it was a great time for all.

- The grade 4 and 5 students took part in a Recreation Sponsored Leadership Day on June 6th. The students enjoyed doing activities at the school and at Cleland Theatre throughout the day. They finished with an hour swim at the pool. Parents were invited to join in.
- School Fun Day was held on June 19th at Queen's Park. The Kindergarten to grade 5 students participated in the activities in the morning. It was lots of fun for the students.

SKAHA LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Grade 7 student **Darien Folk** gets honored for placing 2nd in the district on the Gauss Math Contest. He also received a certificate of achievement for scoring highest at SLMS as did **Ashleigh Snell** in grade 8.
- Six grade 7 classes participated in Junior Achievement. Classes were run by Sean and Gina Morin. Classes raised -
 - \$175 for Children's Hospital
 - \$152 to pay for the lifeguards for grade 7 beach day
 - \$400 for the SPCA
- Grade 8 students going to Penticton Secondary next year attended a transition day at the school.
- Skaha grade 7 and 8 band students played for the feeder schools on June 9th. A discussion was then held with the grade 5 students transitioning to Skaha.
- Grade 6 students had a fun morning called "Storm the Wall" which involved structured activities for all students.



- A Sargeant from Vancouver Transit Police presented on graffiti to the grade 6 and 7 students. This was sponsored by Al Sismey from Community Policing.

- 100 grade 8 students went on a field trip to Okanagan College and UBC Kelowna to be introduced to University life and get a further understanding of the programs offered.
- All grade 5 students from the feeder schools attended Skaha Lake Middle for a fun-filled morning to introduce them to teachers and the physical building.



- A dinner & dance was held for students moving on to grade 9 next year.

SUMMERLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL

- Some great news for Summerland Secondary – Student, **Ben Mott** has been awarded the Premier's Excellence Award. There are only 16 awards given out in the Province (one for each college region) and the award comes with a \$15,000 scholarship! Well Done Ben!

UPLANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Uplands enjoyed a 'Bike to School Day in June – celebrating bicycling and bike safety.
- McNicoll Park Band Concert was held in the gym – everyone thoroughly enjoyed the music.
- The grade 5 students enjoyed a trip to O'Keefe Ranch in June.
- The grade 3/4 and 4 students had a great time on their trip to Nk'mip in Osoyoos.
- Everyone enjoyed the Uplands Parent Advisory Council family barbeque.
- Uplands students took part in the Sports Day in June.
- Staff Appreciation Lunch, Volunteer Tea & Year-End Celebration of Learning Assembly all took place at the end of June.

WEST BENCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- The grade 4 and 5 students participated in the District Track Meet. All of the West Bench Wildcats had fun and tried their very best. The students were excellent ambassadors for West Bench School.
- The grade 4 students went to the Leadership Celebration at Queens Park Elementary where many schools were represented. Students participated in leadership games. They listened to leadership students from other schools explain activities and projects that they had accomplished. West Bench students participated in many similar leadership activities for the school. It was a great day overall.
- The grade 5 students went to Fort Langley and Science World in Vancouver with Mrs. Silvius and Mrs. Kay as well as many parent volunteers. Students, staff and parents learned a lot about Science as well as the fur trade. It was a wonderful experience for everyone.
- The Kindergarten to grade 5 students participated in West Bench's Fun Day. Student leaders took their groups to various stations. A great number of parent volunteers helped out, making it very successful. It was a wonderful day with perfect weather.
- Mrs. Bordin's grade 1 class had been studying about pirates. They had a treasure hunt and other fun activities at Okanagan Beach and enjoyed lunch at Salty's Restaurant. Later they had a family pirate picnic at Skaha Lake Beach. It was a nice way to end the school year.

WILTSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Finishing off the school year at Wiltse Elementary was full of successes!

- All students worked cooperatively to create tiles for the Centennial Mural Project. With the help of Mr. Brad Gibson and 6 Princess Margaret Fine Arts students the collage of "The Many Faces at Wiltse" will soon be installed in the main foyer for all to see. It was an amazing experience with an impressive result.



- Grade 4 and 5 students participated in four weeks of training and preparation for the District Track Meet. Lots of active participation prepared them well for the big day.
- Grade 4 and 5 students participated in Math League contests. Many students earned recognition for their results and everyone was recognized for their efforts!

- Grade 5 students visited their future Middle Schools and were welcomed enthusiastically by staff members. Many questions were answered and many eyes opened to the exciting opportunities awaiting them next year.
- Primary classes attended educational field trips to the Safety Village. There they re-enacted fire safety scenarios and rode bikes through the child-sized streets. Staff, students and parents always rave about the adventure and hands-on learning that takes place.
- Grade 1 and 2 classes visited the “Learn to Fish” program in Okanagan Falls for lessons and real fishing experiences. Great to report that everyone caught a fish.
- Grade 4 students participated in two multi-cultural field trips. The Inkaneep Cultural Centre and Totem Pole Carving both helped to broaden students understanding of the First Nations people.
- Kindergarten classes celebrated with year end events which showcased students and their accomplishments for parents. A trip to the Skaha Water Park finished off their year with a splash!
- A school wide Fun Day, completed with pizza provided by the Wiltse P.A.C., began with a morning of station activities and ended with relays in the gym. Lots of fun and lots of noise!
- Finally, students were recognized at the year-end assembly with certificates from their classroom teachers. Grade 5 students were wished farewell and presented with Medallions marking the end of their years in Elementary School. An emotional slide show finished off the morning and sent students into summer with many wonderful memories!