

School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha)
RECOGNITION OF STUDENT/SCHOOL SUCCESS
April 6, 2009



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

CARMI ELEMENTARY

Some highlights from Carmi Elementary during the month of March:

- Grade 4 and 5 Basketball games and practices.
- Open Gym.
- Carmi CARES Carnival was very well attended. Thanks once again go out to staff, PAC and all of the student leaders from PMSS, PSS, KVR and McNicoll for helping out teachers with their stations. Special thanks to PMSS student leader, Teresa Johnston, for coordinating and leading her own station. Many thanks, as well, to the Carmi families for participating in the carnival and also creating beautiful cakes for the cake decorating contest followed up with the traditional Cake Walk!





Cake Decorating Contest



- Scholastic Book Fair and Poster Contest – a huge “Thank-you” goes out to Colleen Castle for all of her hard work putting on another Book Fair at Carmi including a poster contest and providing each student in the school with a free book as a result of the successful book fair and book sales through Scholastic flyers.
- Action Schools each morning – dance/aerobic movement to music is now being led by grade 4 and 5 classes.
- Division 1, grade 5 students’ excellent Country/Culture Powerpoint presentation for parents and multicultural feast on March 5th (in the evening) – once again very well attended!!
- Division 1 and 2 (grades 4 and 5 students) attending a Math Fair at Okanagan College on March 13th.
- Assemblies and Student of the Week.
- Term 2 Reports and School Progress Report – great to see how the students and school are progressing at Carmi!

COLUMBIA ELEMENTARY

- On Thursday, March 12th, Columbia students took part in a 'Winter Break-Out Olympics'. Students participated in a number of great activities, including their own version of indoor snowshoeing, luges, cross-country skiing, and much more. They also discovered the difficulty of speed skating in shoeboxes, and learned how much fun it was to work as a team!



GIANT'S HEAD ELEMENTARY

- The Annual Talent Show took place on March 12th in the gym. Parents were invited and thoroughly enjoyed this lively event.
- Thank you to Mrs. Krieger and Ms. Hoshizaki for floor hockey sessions with the grade 3, 4 and 5 students. The students just love their hockey!

KALEDEN ELEMENTARY

Here's a few of the highlights for Kaleden. For a short month it sure was busy...

- Kaleden students and staff wrapped up their intramural basketball play with a student vs. adult game. What fun it was!
- They held their Open House where students led their parents through activity stations based on their school goals. Needless to say they worked hard at the DPA station!
- Everyone enjoyed the last of this year's skating program.
- They celebrated the second session of their One to One Reading Program.
- A visit to a math fair at Okanagan College for some problem solving activities.





McNICOLL PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL

- MPMS students read an incredible 63 million words in Term 2. Several students competed in the District Science Fair.
- Grade 7 and 8 Bands did very well at Okanagan Band Festival.

NARAMATA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- During the month of March as part of their Daily Physical Activity all students from Kindergarten to grade 5 had the opportunity to take a series of tennis lessons. The lessons were provided by Robert Bettauer and his wonderful assistants from Tennis BC. Thanks to the PAC and the Naramata Recreation Commission for providing funding for these lessons.



- The Friday afternoon before Spring Break had the kids enjoying various "olympic-style" events, in-house teams of all ages. Balloons were popped, snowshoes were worn, hockey sticks were used.....and lots of enthusiastic jumping, screaming, and cheering for team members. Thank to Jill Doroshuk as the official scorekeeper. Their Trustee, Ginny Manning, joined in to cheer on, and what a great way to burn off some energy at the last "wiggle day" before spring break!



PARKWAY ELEMENTARY

- The Book Fair was a huge success with many of the students and their families purchasing new books for their home libraries. Thanks to everyone that helped and to everyone that supported the Book Fair. A big thank you to Mrs. Pronger who organized the great event!
- The Talent Show was also a huge success! Both shows went off very well and the students really showed their talents. Thanks to all of the participants, audience members and of course Mr. Clarke, who organized the show! Hannah and the Girls were outstanding!
- The grade 5 classes enjoyed a great day of skiing up on the mountain. A big thank you to Mrs. Raitt and Mrs. Tunnell and all of their helpers.
- The Kindergarten and primary classes held a number of wonderful Open Houses and Boasting Nights – everyone had a great time!
- The Playground Penny Drive is still ongoing and will continue until after Spring Break. Thank you to everyone for their generous donations.

PRINCESS MARGARET SECONDARY SCHOOL

- The following Princess Margaret students competed at the Provincial Midget Tier Two Hockey Championships over spring break. They returned as Provincial Champions—the first time a midget team in Penticton has accomplished that feat! Congratulations!!!

Maggie team members include:

Pete McEwen
Steve Sasyniuk
Darren Hogg
Lars Hepso
Cole Holewenko
Josh Dacosta
Olli Dickson
Sam Nigg

PENTICTON SECONDARY SCHOOL

- Holly Anthony has been selected to attend the Minerva Conference in Vancouver this year. Kersten Smythe and Holly Anthony have both been selected to participate in the UN Pilgrimage for Youth. Their selection was based on a speaking competition the girls took part in before spring break. They will spend two weeks this summer touring the eastern states and Canada. They will spend time at the UN and in Washington DC in an all expense paid trip.

- A student at Penticton Secondary, Katie Filek just found out that she had won a \$20,000 Provincial Millennium Scholarship...that is money for four years!!! She was a pretty excited girl!
- Another student at Penticton Secondary, Lucas Braithwaite has been accepted to the RCMP Jean Minguy Memorial Youth Academy. This young man was the only School District No.67 student selected for this RCMP program. Congratulations Lucas!

QUEEN'S PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Students from grade 2 to 5 have been busy practicing for the spring Queen's Park Talent Show. They have got some great songs and acts planned.
- Students in grade 1 to 5 joined in with Parkway students and Queen's Park Alumni to play in the second Floor Hockey Tournament of the year. Great sportsmanship and fun all around!
- Grade 5 leaders continue to host monthly assemblies. They are the M.C.s for the program and announce and thank the various parts of the agenda. Speaking in front of the school (208) and running an assembly is a great opportunity for public speaking.

SKAHA LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL

- The grade 8 band students performed at "Arts and Science in Harmony" on March 3rd. Skaha Lake also had an exhibit of student art work at the Festival as well. Grade 6 classes toured the Festival on the morning of March 3rd. SLMS had 40 students presented with medals at the District Science Fair.





- A school dance took place on March 5th for the grade 7 and 8 students. Alternate activities were planned for the grade 6 classes in the second floor classrooms.
- On March 6th, 13 grade 8 leadership students attended a Youth Forum sponsored by SD67, RCMP and Youth Etc. (City of Penticton). The purpose of the forum was to get feedback from middle schools across the district on what types of afterschool activities would be of interest to the students. This forum took place after SD67 middle school students completed an on-line survey gauging interest and feasibility of different possible afterschool programs.
- On March 10th, SLMS held their annual grade 8 student versus staff basketball game. This game took place in front of the whole student body after lunch. At half time they had a pie-eating contest as well as the "frozen underwear" competition.



Grade 8 Students versus
Staff Basketball Game



Frozen Underwear
Competition

- On March 11th, all the grade 6 students bussed to the Community Centre pool for an afternoon of swimming. This was a grade-wide reward as the grade 6 students reached their Accelerated Reading goals of points achieved (number of books read) and passed the 85% correct comprehension tests.
- Skaha Lake Middle School presented its “Shark Tank Talent Showcase” on March 13th during the afternoon blocks. There were 10 acts in total that included bands, singers, dancers, rappers and even a jump rope demonstration. A number of parents and the public were on hand.

Shark Tank
Talent Showcase



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SUMMERLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL

- Students from Summerland Secondary School created a large painting that was sent to our Canadian soldiers serving in Afghanistan back in January 2009.

The painting was completed by art students at the school featuring Okanagan Lake through the four seasons. The border around the image was signed by students at the school. Much of the work was completed by two Grade 10 art students who designed and sketched the picture.



Dave Searcy the Principal of Summerland Secondary sent in this letter that he recently received from Major TA Wolf who is currently in Afghanistan. It was wonderful to receive such

Sir, my wife found your email address for me and so I trust this is going to the Principal of Summerland Secondary School. I am currently serving here at Kandahar Airfield (known as KAF) in Afghanistan. I am a reservist with the British Columbia Dragoons and normally live in Kelowna.

I wanted to thank the students and staff who created the painting of the Okanagan Valley that is prominently displayed in the "gathering place" here called New Canada House. Every time I am there I am reminded of the beautiful valley that I am from. It makes me a little nostalgic but mostly it makes me proud that there were students interested enough in the well being of the soldiers, sailors and air personnel over here to create such a work of art. It makes me proud to be Canadian.

My thanks to you, your staff and the students of your school. You brighten my day.

TA (Tom) Wolf

Major

TROUT CREEK ELEMENTARY

- Tennis lessons for grades 1-5 classes were enjoyed on Monday & Wednesday's for two weeks.
- School wide running program took place every Monday, Tuesday and Friday. A great turn out with a lot of parents joining in.
- The Okanagan Symphony Concert on March 31st took place in Penticton. It was a wonderful event.
- The grade 4 and 5 students have read 22 Million words in the Accelerated Reading program.

WEST BENCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- The students of West Bench were given a challenge by Mr. Philpotts and staff to read 6000 books – if this was to happen Mr. Philpotts would colour his hair purple and sleep on the roof. The students did that. Then Mr. Philpotts said that if they read 10,000 books he would give them a Pizza Lunch and a Decades Dance. They read 14,000 books. So Mr. Philpotts honoured the first and second challenge. It was a lot of fun for everyone and was great for the West Bench Learning Community spirit.

Mr. Chris Philpotts

Heading up to the Roof and
on the Roof!





Pizza Lunch



Decades Dance



- Teachers met together to collaboratively mark and discuss school wide writing results. Staff has found this collaborative focus on children's learning to be very beneficial.
- Teachers scheduled interviews with parents before report cards went home on March 11th. Teachers saw only those parents who they felt needed an interview to discuss their child's progress. Parental attendance was very good.
- The Guitar Club has been practicing every Friday. Those participating will be doing a mini concert in May. They hope to do 6 songs. Three of those songs will be originals.
- The West Bench Destination Conservation Team has written a song called "Destination Conservation Rocks" which they will be performing at the DC celebration in May. The DC team has been working on sketches about conservation for the Monday assembly. The DC team is also working on a pamphlet for the West Bench neighbourhood on conservation information, have developed posters that have been placed around the school and have featured Destination Conservation information in the monthly newsletter.