

School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha)
RECOGNITION OF STUDENT/SCHOOL SUCCESS
January 11, 2010



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

COLUMBIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Columbia Elementary students were not only creating lovely crafts and making gingerbread houses this season, but they were also participating in a very special 'gift-giving' of their own. Throughout December, students were involved in fundraising to build a well in a village in India. Through a 'shopping extravaganza', at which families and staff donated gently used items so that students could do their Christmas shopping at drastically reduced prices, they were able to raise over \$300. (as well as have a great deal of fun at the same time!) When everything had sold, many students then gave their nickels and dimes as donations to the well-building fundraiser.
- The annual Columbia PAC pancake breakfast took place on the last day before the holidays. Students were served delicious pancakes cooked up by volunteer parents, with big buddies helping with the cutting of the pancakes. A wonderful way to celebrate the holidays!



GIANT'S HEAD ELEMENTARY

- The Giant's Head Christmas Concert was held on December 16 and December 17. The event was a great success as lots of parents and grandparents were able to join in on the holiday fun.

KALEDEN ELEMENTARY

- On December 7th Kaleden Elementary School had their annual Christmas Concert in front of a standing-room-only crowd. Each class had an opportunity to perform. Classes sang songs, did a reader's theatre performance and a variety of dances (country line dancing and hip hop). The PAC concluded the evening with a bake sale and draw prizes.





- December Snow days! On December 16th, it was the first "official" snow day. Students from all grades were busy making snow forts. It was nice to see students from all grade levels working together and having fun outside in the snow.

McNICOLL PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL

- The staff and students of McNicoll Park Middle School sponsored a family at Christmastime.
- McNicoll Park Middle School students raised money and collected food items to help a family in need during the holidays. The project was spearheaded by three grade 6 leadership students:

Kamryn Corsi

Nicole Joostema

Emily Barbour

NARAMATA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- The PAC Christmas Shopping Extravaganza was held on December 15th & 16th. Donations of good condition items were wrapped and sold to the students at .25¢ or .50¢ each as a Christmas gift for families and friends. The school received many 'treasures' as well as Christmas wrapping paper for this popular event. It's always a great success with the students.
- Naramata Elementary held their Christmas Concert on December 9th the theme... "Is Santa Smarter?" The concert featured some great songs performed by the children of Naramata School. As always, it was great fun and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.
- Naramata "Citizen of the Year" - Congratulations go to, Mrs. Jennifer Moorhouse, (grade 1, 2 teacher) who has been named Naramata's Citizen of the Year. Mrs. Moorhouse has worked tirelessly as a community volunteer for many, many years. She has been the convenor of the May Day Festivities since the mid 1980's. Everyone thanked her for her dedication to this wonderful community and celebrate her honour!



OAP president Bert Fetterman (left) stands with Jennifer Moorhouse and husband John

PARKWAY ELEMENTARY

- A fantastic Christmas Concert rehearsal and two concerts were held at the school. Over 250 guests attended the afternoon concert and at least 500 at the evening concert – what a great success! The school was packed and the students put on a wonderful performance! Huge thanks to Mrs. Zaugg for all of her hard work putting this great event together.

- The PAC held a great Christmas raffle at the two concerts and continued to raffle at WalMart and the SOEC afterwards. Thank you to the many parents that have been helping with the fund raising efforts! It is hoped the funds received would be put towards building a new Sports Court for the students at Parkway.
- Teachers finished up report cards as they were distributed and went home to the students on December 11, 2009.
- Five grade 5 leadership students played Santa and his elves for the grade 1 and Kindergarten classes. They read stories and even took photographs on Santa's knee. What a great present!!
- Friday was School Spirit day and everyone dressed up as their favorite Christmas Character. Thanks to Mrs. Tunnell's leadership team for heading this up! Great work!
- A school wide Christmas Sing-a-long was held in the gym. The students and parents had a great time. Thanks to Mrs. Zaugg and Mrs. Silvius for all their help.

PENTICTON SECONDARY SCHOOL

- Penticton Secondary students adopted 16 families for Christmas. The school provided food and gift hampers for 16 local families to help see them through the holidays.
- Penticton Secondary students held a warm coat drive during December and collected over 60 coats... some will be used in the school's free store and the rest have been given to the soup kitchen where they will be distributed to those community members who need them.
- Russ Stasiuk reported that his senior team did quite well at the ZoomFest Awards recently held in Vancouver. They picked up six awards for their movie *Hometown*.

1. VFS BEST MALE ACTOR

Full scholarship to the VFS Acting Essentials Program

Kevin Manning for his role in Hometown – Penticton Secondary

2. CENTRE FOR ARTS & TECHNOLOGY BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY

4 passes to Bootcamp

CATO Best Cinematography Award: Hometown - Penticton Secondary

3. PACIFIC CINEMATHEQUE & FTX EVENTS SCRIPT TO SCREEN

2nd Place Winner: Hometown - Penticton Secondary

4. BEVERLEY ELLIOTT BEST GROUP PERFORMANCE

2nd Place Winner: Hometown - Penticton Secondary

5. DEEP COVE MUSIC STUDIOS BEST SOUND / ORIGINAL SCORE

2nd Place Winner: Hometown – Penticton Secondary

6. VFS JUDGES SELECTION

2nd Place Winner: Hometown – Penticton Secondary

- In addition, Penticton Secondary has four grade 12 students interviewing for the Loran Scholarships which is very exciting news - this means that they are already in the money (\$2500) but depending on their interviews they could be awarded up to \$40,000. This is very exciting as it has been a while since students have been short listed for these awards - quite a year at Pen High!
- In December, 10 boys from the Junior Boys' Volleyball Team went to Wiltse Elementary for the grade 4 and 5 wind up celebration. The Wiltse volleyball players and coaches passed on a HUGE thank-you to:

Mr. Harkness
Colton Kooistra
Ryan Sutcliffe

Josh Kober
Riley Brosseuk
Ethan McCluskey

Josh Manning
Dylan Aims
Nathan Eden

Tyler Berthelsen
Nick Bravi

These boys went to Wiltse Elementary on their own time, to play volleyball with the grade 4 and 5 students. The leadership these students showed was truly incredible! The Wiltse students really enjoyed their time with the Pen High boys. This experience has made them even more excited about playing volleyball...and a highlight of the year for them!

- Penticton Secondary now has up to 26 Provincial Scholarship winners from last year's grad class! Originally 21 scholarships were approved from the Ministry however, five (5) additional scholarships were added due to the students AP marks:

BARBOUR, ADAM
CHURCH, KAYLA
HANCOCK, KURTUS
KING, LINDSAY
OLFERT, RACHEL
STEL, RACHEL
WELLS, KALEY

BREDENKAMP, NINA
DOEHLE, JULIE
JOHAL, AMRINDER
LAIRD, JASON
PATTERSON, WILLIAM
SURKAN, NATHAN
WILSON, ELANA

BUZIKIEVICH, AMY
FILEK, EMILY
KEENE, TAYLOR
LANNON, EVA
PETTIGREW, JESSICA
VAYKOVICH, CIDNEE

CARLONI, CHLOE
GRIMM, DYLAN
KENNEDY, JAYLA
LAPOINTE, RYAN
SMYTHE, ANGELINE
WANG, YANG

SUMMERLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL

- One of the greatest successes at Summerland Secondary School was the production story of 'The Wiz' which took place in December.

Close to 80 students took part in the Wiz including students from age 3 years and up. Many helped to make this production a great success however, some students put in an incredible amount of energy and expertise in order to make The Wiz spectacular...

Costumes: Jessica Hudson
Angie Smith

Backstage: Melissa Rose
Angie Smith

Tech: (Lighting & Sound)
Jan Bitera
Bryan Hermiston
Stephen Brownlee
Kylie Huva

UPLANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Christmas spirit was definitely in the air at Uplands during December. Santa's Workshop was a wonderful way to combine both giving and receiving! It involved families bringing in items they no longer used/required and a huge display was set up in the gym for students to purchase gifts for their own family at a very reasonable price (i.e. .25¢ each). Many thanks go out to PAC rep., Mrs. Say, for coordinating it and all the volunteers who helped out. The funds raised went towards a Christmas grocery hamper for a family in need, and together the whole staff provided gifts for the family. The remainder of funds will be used to further support families in need during the school year. Uplands also brought their Christmas cheer to the Salvation Army Food Bank!!!



- Uplands' Winter Concert, "Paint the Town December", was a great success with a packed gym for both performances. Many thanks go out to all of the students and staff for working together to make the concert possible. A special thank you goes out to the talented music director, Mrs. Salting, and to the many parents who helped out with costumes.
- Skating, a school-wide sing along (including a grade 5 guitar performance), basketball start-up, and assemblies also brought much fun and spirit to the school in December!



WEST BENCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- The staff utilized the new program BCeSIS, to do their report cards.
- The Christmas Concerts were performed at West Bench Elementary this year rather than at the Cleland Community Theatre. The Wildcats did a super job and both the 1:00pm and 7:00pm shows were very well attended by parents and families.



- The primary students were treated to a Primary Craft Day. Parent and family volunteers helped make it a very special event.



- The Wildcats attended Penticton Secondary School's production of the "Grinch Who Stole Christmas." They enjoyed it very much.
- Mrs. Balfour's and Mrs. Kay's class presented a Poetry Evening where students showed their parents and families poems and other literacy items they had been working on. They then recited their poetry to a very appreciative audience in the West Bench Library.



- Mr. Philpotts, Mrs. Thacker and Mrs. Donovan attended an 'Honouring Our Families' workshop given by Mrs. Pierre. Honouring OUR Families re-places West Bench's Safe Program.

- West Bench held the second Annual Bake Walk for The South Okanagan Women's In Need Society. The school had great support from all the families and friends of West Bench. Staff and students raised \$621.00 for SOWINS this year.



- The Pancake Breakfast and PJ Day was a great success! It was well attended by parents and families. A big thank you to Mr. Gowe for making pancakes.
- Students were treated to the movie Polar Express after recess.



Mr. Philpotts & Mr. Gowe