

School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha)
RECOGNITION OF STUDENT/SCHOOL SUCCESS
January 15, 2007

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

DISTRICT

- The district middle school counsellors organized a District Wide Peer Mediation Training Program for thirty-two students (eight from each of the Middle Schools) to obtain training in the skills of Peer Mediation. The workshop was held at the Penticton Community Centre and included four station activities facilitated by the school counsellors, and more intensive instruction and practice of Peer Mediation taught by the peer counsellors from Princess Margaret Secondary School. The entire day was a huge success due to the hard work and dedication displayed by the students.

CARMI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- The Christmas concert "*Penguin Invasion*" was enjoyed by all – especially the students!!!





- Carmi received a surprise visitor – Santa himself!!!! He brought Christmas cheer to everyone and gave candy canes to all the students.



- Students brought their Christmas Cheer to Extended Care.



- Fun Craft Day



- Grade 4 and 5 students, staff and parent supervisors had a wonderful time at the Princess Margaret "High School Musical".
- Grades 1 to 5 students enjoyed a field trip to the Community Centre to go swimming. A fun time was had by all.

COLUMBIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Once again, Ms. Forsyth did a superb job getting the Intermediate (grades 3-5) students ready for a great Christmas concert. As well, many staff members contributed their time in assisting with the performance, as well as parents who helped with costumes, and the students themselves, who put a great deal of time and energy into preparing their lines and learning their songs. Congratulations on another outstanding performance.



KALEDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Highlights for the month included:

- Weekly assemblies featuring various talented student performances
- Sports Team Day - December 8
- Enjoying free play during Open Gym days
- Practicing songs and rehearsing for the Christmas concert – December 13



"Kindergarten"



"Reindeer"



"Grade 1's Fabulous Finish"



"Bess and Santa"



"Grade 1's Singing"



"Mrs. McRobb's Kindergarten Class"



"Mrs. F's Group"

- Hosting the Penticton Vees for hockey and reading - December 14



- Completing Term I of the "One to One Reading Program"
- Collecting food items for Kaleden Cares
- Collecting various boys' and girls' items for Operation Christmas Child
- Raising money to support our foster child
- Fundraising for various classroom fieldtrips

HOME LEARNERS' PROGRAM

- Over twenty students from the Home Learners' Program participated in two musical theatre workshops. Led by Lori Grant, music teacher from Princess Margaret, the students were encouraged to act, sing, and perform - all in the same day! Some of the students then followed up the workshops by attending the amazing presentation of 'High School Musical', directed by Ms. Grant. What a great inspiration for the budding performers!



KVR MIDDLE SCHOOL

- The following students have had the poetry they wrote in their grade eight English class last year, published in *Beautiful Fields Resource Materials, Teaching Poetry in the 21st Century Grade Eight*. The school has been given a free copy of the resource for the teaching library.

Kevin Manning
Becky Pettigrew
Lauren Atkins.

Emily Cook
Stephen Manders

Carl Eggart
Alex Focken

Misha Noble Hearle
Ben Barbour

McNICOLL PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Eight students had the opportunity to attend a Peer Mediation Training day. These grade sevens and eights participated with 24 other students from Skaha, KVR and Summerland Middle Schools. The eight students from McNicoll were:

Grade 7
Kassie Keir
Carissa Kocsis
Dylan Ames
Randy Brent

Grade 8
Jamie Fleet
Linnea Frizzi
Justin Head
Christian Folk

NARAMATA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- 2007 is the 100th centennial celebration of the community of Naramata. As part of this celebration, the students are participating in 'dress up' days throughout the year, starting first with the 80's (please see attached pictures) and ending eventually with a historical 100's theme, followed by a futuristic event. Pictures here bring us back to days of Disco, flashy clothes, big hair, and dancing!





PARKWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Students throughout the school collected food for the local food bank. There are at least five large boxes of canned and dried food goods that were donated by students, staff and parents.
- Students, parents and staff donated approximately \$400 towards a trust fund to assist the family of one of the school's students who is ill in The BC Children's Hospital. The collection was made on the night of the winter concert.
- The intermediate classes presented Melton: The Warm Hearted Snowman to the Parkway community on Thursday, December 14. The presentation was warmly received and the students learned a lot in the process of producing it. Parkway had excellent participation from our students in the play.
- Primary classes and the choir have been visiting off campus sites to sing for groups in the Penticton community. All groups have been very well received (i.e. The Choir under the direction of Ms. Forsyth has performed at Starbucks, the Toys for Tots Breakfast and other venues. Mrs. Watkins and Mrs. Tebbutt's classes will perform for seniors at their residences.)
- The grade one classes hosted open house readings, joke telling and poetry for the parents of their classes. The parents then stayed and had lunch with the children.

PENTICTON SECONDARY SCHOOL

- Pen High ranked as the **#1 school in the valley** for the second year running according to the December 9th Okanagan Saturday newspaper. The paper ranked schools in the valley based on the percentage of students achieving a passing grade on provincial grade 12 exams in the 2005-2006 school year.

QUEEN'S PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- For the third month in a row between 15-24 people have attended the PAC meeting. A huge fundraiser to purchase new playground equipment for the school has been initiated.
- The 7th year of SAFE wrapped up this month with another very successful graduation ceremony and dinner. All nine families completed the program and graduated. It was a huge success!
- The "Free Store" in the school has been gathering items for students and parents and they are slowly starting to use the service. It's great to see!
- The first group of Early Literacy Intervention students finished this month and they all reached their goal levels. A new group of four will be started in the new year.
- The Christmas Concert played to a full house and was a bit hit.
- The school PAC held a staff appreciation lunch. The entire staff was thrilled and the food was great.

SKAHA LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Operation Christmas Child was another extremely successful school-wide event. A goal was set to fill 75 shoe boxes and the school was able to fill 150!!! WOW!!! Great work for a really worthwhile cause.
- Mr. Zabloney and the library held a "Scholastic Book Fair" the last week of October. \$1400 worth of books were sold with \$700 going directly to the school library to benefit students.
- The grade 8 Jazz Band and Combo had a fantastic "Fall Coffee House" on November 15th. Thanks to everyone who made it run so smoothly.
- The "8th Annual Winter Concert" on December 6th was also a tremendous success. The students played well and there was a great turn out. Music is alive and well at Skaha Lake Middle School.

SUMMERLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL

- **Raising Money for Those Less Fortunate:** since the beginning of September, the grade 7 French Immersion class has been raising money for various projects for those less fortunate. The students along with teacher Ms. Lisa Cunnian have raised \$931.47 through bake sales, bottle drives, basket raffles, and "Elf Auctions". The class has now made a decision of exactly where the money will go and how it will be spent:
 - \$57 for a food package to feed a family of 5 for a month Bangladesh or Laos
 - \$30 to plant 120 trees in nurseries in Haiti, Cambodia or Burundi
 - \$201 for all the materials needed to build a sand dam in Kenya
 - \$261 to provide families in India, Bangladesh or Laos with 4 goats, 4 sheep and 18 rabbits
 - \$92 to provide health supplies for 5 families in Columbia
 - \$290 to free two girls in Nepal from bonded labour and send them to school



Ms. Cunnian's Grade 7 French Immersion class celebrates as they hear the results of their fund raising efforts!

- **Bannermania:** The school-wide Bannermania Assembly was recently held. Each “Advisory Class” has spent the past six weeks planning and finishing the 2006-2007 banners. For the eighth year the assembly was held with all Advisory Classes parading their banners. Students wore costumes, performed dances and marched to their chosen music. Each class delivered a “formal speech” as to how they picked the theme for their banner and what it means to their class. The colorful banners hang in the school gym and provide a back ground of school spirit!



Bannermania fever took over the school with “Funky Fraggles” and “The Cat in the Hat”

- **Peers Helping Peers:** Eight students had the opportunity to attend a Peer Mediation Training day on November 24th. These grade sevens and eights participated with 24 other students from Skaha, McNicoll Park and KVR Middle Schools. Students worked on communication skills, and received training on the mediation process from a group of peer counselors from Princess Margaret Secondary. It was fabulous to see our students practicing the important process of resolving interpersonal disagreements. We are looking forward to seeing them in action as they help their peers and train others in the mediation process. Thanks to the students who attended:

Alexis Okabe
Jordan Conti

Harish Anand
Brayden Haidenger

Jordan Reimer
Melissa Stathers

Kyla Roberts
Sara Bergstrom



Peers help their “buddies” learn a game of chess.

- **Winter Concert 2006:** The school Winter Band Concert was recently held under the direction of Band Teacher Stan Sabourin. The evening program featured bands from grades 6, 7 and 8 as well as the school Junior and Senior Jazz Bands and a number of solos from students of all grades. The evening was well attended by parents and members of the community and all who attended enjoyed the various tunes!



It was a festival celebration on December 19th as the band students had fun performing a variety of everyone's favorite tunes!

- **Winter Activities at Summerland Middle:** The first School Dance was held on December 15th for students in grades 7 and 8. Students enjoyed an afternoon of dancing, listening to music and creating light shows with glow sticks. The students enjoyed the D.J. as they danced to everything from the "Bird Dance" to the "YMCA"!



- While the grades 7 and 8 students danced the grade 6 students and staff, along with many parent volunteers enjoyed an afternoon of Gingerbread House Making. The creations were incredible and a great time was had by all!



SUMMERLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL

- Congratulations to everyone for a job well done!! The Honour Roll Status for the 1st Term at Maggie is as follows:

Grade 9	103/174 = 59.2%
Grade 10	129/215 = 60.0%
Grade 11	98/204 = 48.0%
Grade 12	78/114 = 68.4%

Total 408/707 = 57.7%

Nearly 60% of students qualified for this term's Honour Roll!!!

- McBain Insurance Agency in conjunction with the ICBC Road Safety Program held their first annual Essay Contest. The contest was open to all students from grades 10 to 12 at Summerland Secondary School. Rachel Bryce placed first and received a \$600 gift certificate while Krista Fabbro placed second and received a \$400 gift certificate. Rachel used her own life experience to make the staff at McBain appreciate the writing skills and experiences that some of the younger people face. Krista brought a mature insight to drinking and driving by all drivers and the impact it has on families and society in general. Well done!

UPLANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- The Book Fair held on December 6 and 7 was a huge success. Over \$1616.44 in books was sold so the school library will be able to purchase over \$700.00 in new books! Thank you to everyone who supported the Book Fair. The winner of the classroom draw for \$25.00 in new books was Jake Last in Division 4. His classroom teacher, Mrs. MacIntyre, also received \$25.00 of new books for the classroom.
- The school Christmas concert "*December in our Town*" was a fabulous success.



WEST BENCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- The primary students presented the Christmas musical "A Gingerbread Christmas". The staff and students did an amazing job. Mrs. Bordin, Mrs. MacIntyre, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Woods and Mrs. McDowall worked with their classes individually and then practiced together to make it a wonderful production. The children sang and performed beautifully. There was also a lot of help from parent volunteers with costumes and the set.



- The intermediate students did “*Not Just Another Christmas Concert*”. Students sang and played guitar for traditional Christmas songs, but also sang six original Christmas songs of which five were made up by the students. The students met with Mr. Philpotts, Mr. Major and Mrs. Silvius to write, edit and practice their songs and then presented them as part of the concert. Mrs. Hennen, Mrs. Hammerquist and Mrs. Hill helped shape the concert during rehearsals. The kids did a wonderful job.

Both the Primary and Intermediate Concerts were well attended and certainly well received by parents and guests alike. Both concerts were of excellent quality and parents’ and guests’ comments about the performances reflected this.



WILTSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Thanks to the generosity of the community through donations to Operation Christmas Child, Wiltse students were able to deliver 161 boxes to Tim Horton’s for delivery to needy children around the globe.
- The *Horse Club* concluded for 2006. The thirty-two members learned about the characteristics of Arabians, Quarter Horses, Thoroughbreds, Appaloosas, Pintos, Palominos and other horses. Students practiced drawing these horses and spent time discussing their own personal interest in these amazing animals.