

School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha)
RECOGNITION OF STUDENT/SCHOOL SUCCESS
March 12, 2007

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

CARMI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- February has been very busy at Carmi! Students, staff and parents gathered together in their pajamas, with blankets, pillows, and books to spend the afternoon reading and being read to. A nice time to relax and enjoy a change of scenery.
- Action Schools and Block X gets the students moving to a variety of exercises using a motivational video with music – what fun! We're keeping fit at Carmi!
- 100 Day Celebrations – grade 1 and 2 students participated in a variety of events and activities to celebrate 100 days of school.
- Carmi 'CARES' Carnival was a lot of fun on the evening of Feb 15th – the staff ran stations, supper was provided to many families who participated in this wonderful caring event – PAC served supper, Maggie, Pen High, SLMS, McNicoll, and KVR student leaders all helped make this a great success.

Read-In



Carmi students & staff extended an enormous 'Thank you' to the District for their new computers supplied for their computer lab!

Keep a look out for Powerpoint demonstrations happening during the last week in March at Carmi!



Action Schools



100 Day Celebrations

- Students meet in family (cross-graded) groupings each Friday afternoon to do a theme-based Social Responsibility program called “*Making Character Count*”. Students learn “Socially Responsible” strategies and have fun at the same time!!



Block X



Fun at the Carnival



The Penticton Vees vs Carmi



- The Vees came to Carmi, visited each class, then played an exciting game of floor hockey with the Carmi Floor Hockey Team. Fun was had by all!

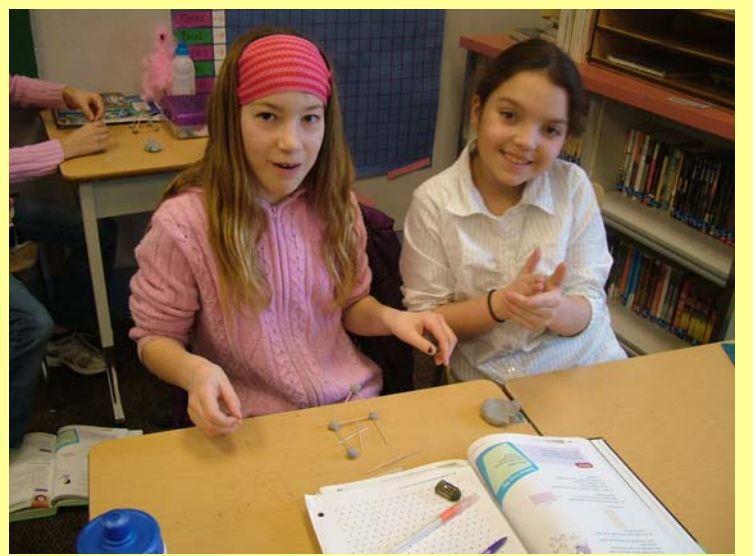
COLUMBIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Early in the month the Penny Drive took place. Columbia's students gathered 54,000 pennies and put them to good use, raising a \$540.00 donation for the Salvation Army.



Penny Drive

- Grade 5 students in Mr. Olsen's class have been studying a unit on Geometry this term. The unit is from a new series called "Math Makes Sense," which all students in the district are using. In the activity shown here, students were asked to develop a variety of prism and pyramid shapes/models using toothpicks and plasticine. Judging by the expressions on the student faces below, as well their products, they seem to have a fairly good understanding of the activity.



Math Makes Sense

- In February, to recognize the importance of Reading month, several guest speakers read to the students every Tuesday and Thursday. To date, Ms. Julia Cox from the Penticton Public Library, Mr. Gary Doi, Superintendent of Schools, and Mr. Ron Olsen, our Vice-Principal. On Tuesday, February 20th, Mr. Jake Kimberly, Mayor of Penticton visited our school and read to the students.

February is Reading Month



Columbia's
Valentine's Event
 included a dance, lots of pizza, a cakewalk, and an opportunity to hone their music skills with a Karaoke machine. Altogether, the Columbia P.A.C. raised over \$1500 to go towards Columbia Elementary activities and equipment.



GIANT'S HEAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Spaghetti Dinner

- A very successful Spaghetti Dinner Friday, February 16th was enjoyed by all who attended. Many families appreciated their time together and the festive tone of the event. What a great way to fundraise!

Send a Hug Fundraiser

- Giant's Head Principal, Craig Dunbar, sends enormous thanks to the wonderful support of the Special Events Ambassadors; Amanda Templeton, Rachel Stewart, Kaiden Woods and Jordan Blake the "Send A Hug" fundraiser for the breakfast program was a great success. Over 800 hugs were packaged and delivered to delighted kids on Valentine's Day! Their talented singing voices of "Four Hugs a Day" each morning, encouraged the purchasing of Hugs.

HOME LEARNERS' SCHOOL



HLP Science Fair

Thanks to all students who participated in the recent HLP Science Fair:

Julia, Allan, Naomi, Aaron, Ainsley, Hannah (top row), Theo, Oscar, Aidan, Lily, Hanna, Will and Diana (bottom row). Julia and Naomi will be going on to the District Science Fair.



CanSpell Runner-up!

- **Brennan Phillips** can be congratulated! The grade 7 HLP student was the Regional runner-up of the CanSpell Spelling Bee, and will be heading to the Nationals in Ottawa this spring. The regional event had over 5,000 students engaged at the school level. This large group had been whittled down to about 60 spellers, who competed in Kelowna last weekend. As the runner-up, Brennan will receive \$2,000.00 in RESPs and a trip to Ottawa.

KALEDEN ELEMENTARY

- Weekly assemblies featuring various talented student performances & guests
- Cultural Performance featuring Big League – Fri, Feb 2nd
- School Wide Assessments – week of Feb 5th
- Kaleden Winter Games – Fri, Feb 9th
- Celebrating National Flag Day – Thurs, Feb 15
- Basketball Games at Queen's Park and Parkway Schools – Feb 15 & 21
- Okanagan Symphony – Music of Magic and Mystery! – Mon, Feb 19
- School Wide Skate – Wed. Feb 28
- Choir continues in divisions 2, 3 and 4 every Thursday
- Basketball for Divisions 1, 2, 3 and 4. (extra-curricular)
- Staff professional development focusing on reading and mathematics
- Grade 3 swimming program – 6 sessions, ending Mon. Feb 12
- Grades 4 and 5 cross country skiing, 3rd session Mon. Feb 5th
- Offering Hot Lunch to the students at Kaleden
- Fundraising for various classroom field trips
- Fundraising for the school's foster child 'Rogers'
- Attending the School District School Planning Council training session with parents and staff



Presentation by RCMP & Partner



Ahoy Mate! Pirates from the kindergarten class. Argh!!



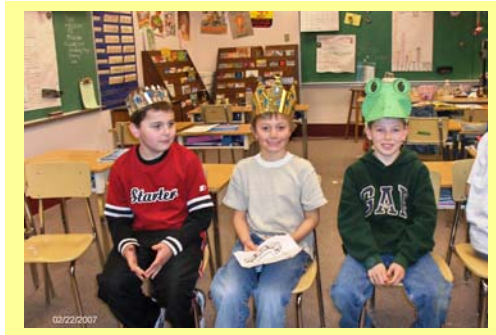
Congratulations Sabrina for your great work at the Regional Spelling Bee!



Valentine Art



- Congrats to the students who played great basketball at Queen's Park, Parkway and Kaleden.



- Plays from Grade 4 /5 class

KVR MIDDLE SCHOOL

- The KVR Middle School grade 8 Girls Basketball Team made it two titles in two years with a 32 -20 win over Skaha Lake Middle School in the South Zone Championships final game. The KVR Express improved their record to 10 wins and 0 losses in league and playoff action and captured the tournament to qualify for the Grade 8 Provincial Championships. The overall record for the team this season was 21 and 8 with losses coming to some of the stronger teams from across the province.



Back Row:
Kaycie LeFranc, Alex Bonnett, Cally Zering, Karli Caron, Taylor Walkinshaw,

Middle Row:
Tayler Wiltse, Kirby Hodson, Brooke Constantinescu, Ellen Hancock, Sophie Mahon

Front Row:
Mariah Chapman, Brittney Karpuk, Sam McAdam, Lisa Sine, Hannah Fiechter

Grabs 2007 Hoops Crown



Students playing 3 on 3 basketball to raise funds for Heart and Stroke Foundation.

- KVR Leadership students under the direction of Jeff Goodis raised over \$4,500 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation during an afternoon of "Hoops for Heart."



Penticton Health Unit

Jamie Tavender and Amber Stetsko help out Kindergarten students'

- Twelve Leadership students from KVR Middle School volunteered their time to help kindergarten students' deal with the trauma of inoculations at the Penticton Health unit.

Jade Turta	Jewel Zapton	Tessa Peterson	Tashera Juby
Bailey Styles	Mariah Chapman	Elise Thibodeaut	Taylor Wilkinson
Jamie Naylor	Marissa Jack	M'hrae O'Shea	Hailey Arstad
Emily Cowling	Ashley Fenrich	Amber Stesko	Jamie Tavender

Healthy Food Game



Olli Dickson, Jessica Emshay & Allora Wardley participated in The Healthy Food Game.

KVR Middle School brings in the New Year with an exciting Student Led Assembly. KVR's assembly was in fact a New Year's Party. The theme was "Well Being" which had three components. The

students ran an obstacle course to promote physical well being. KVR's John Johnson, Vince Timmerman, and Jordan Findlay's live band accompanied by staff members, provided the school with some great music to promote mental health. The students then created the "You are what you Eat", game show, which promoted good nutrition. KVR's School Climate Committee created, organized and planned this great assembly and provided the entire school with some interactive learning activities.

McNICOLL PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL

Penticton student reigns supreme at spelling bee

By STEVE MACNAULL – Penticton Herald Newspaper
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"Hasten" proved to be the magic word Saturday for Leila Clark.

By spelling the word right, Clark, 12, a Grade 7 student at McNicoll Park Middle School in Penticton, won the regional finals of The Daily Courier CanSpell Spelling Bee.

"I've got a blackboard in my head and I can just see the words written out," explained Clark just after winning.

"I was nervous, but it was exciting nervous."

As the winner, Clark received a \$3,000 registered education savings plan from AIC Mutual Funds, a trip to Ottawa to compete in the national spelling bee championships in April and a trip to Washington, D.C., for the Scripps National Spelling Bee in May.

It took 12 rounds of spelling for Clark to reign victorious over 42 other school winners aged nine to 13 from the Okanagan and Kootenays. The word that gave her the most difficulty along the way was 'vagabond.'

"But I just thought about it, saw it on the blackboard in my head and spelt it out slowly," said Clark.

Clark is a straight-A student who won her school contest and the regional competition by studying words two hours a day.

"But I never studied 'hasten,'" she said.

"I've heard it before, but I've never used it in a report or homework or anything like that."

Proud mom Camille reported that her daughter has never gotten a word wrong on a spelling test all through elementary school"

"I'm so proud of her," she said.

"I'm sweaty, nervous and shaky. She held up better than I did."

Brennan Phillips, a home-schooled 12-year-old from Summerland, was runner-up.

"I spelt 'ptarmigan' and 'reluctant' right, but it all ended when I spelt 'indebted' wrong," he said.

"I spelt it with an 'e' at the beginning instead of an 'i.' But I know how to spell it now and will remember it for the rest of my life, especially when I get in debt," he laughed.

Phillips also earns a trip to Ottawa to compete at the Canadian championships.

He also receives a \$2,000 registered education savings plan from AIC.

"He studies as little as possible, actually," said mom Danah. "But he loves to read."

A total of 40 spellers — the winners and runners-up from 20 bees across the country — will vie for the title at the Canadian championships. Co-ordinator Judie Dahl said the inaugural Okanagan-Kootenay regional finals went very well.

It will now become an annual event.

"It was a positive experience for all involved," she said.

"And the kids had a lot of fun. That's what it's all about — making learning fun."

NARAMATA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- February has been a busy month at Naramata Elementary, which started with, a play presentation, *'The Big League'* from Carousel Theatre to K to 5 students.
- A 'double-decker' February 14th Valentine's Day combined with their third Centennial Year theme, with the focus on "The Fifties" and the days of "Rock and Roll", including a "Kids Kardio" session in the gym to the music of the fifties.
- A Pen Hi Jazz Band performance in the gym under the direction of Mr. Justin Glibbery for K-5 students.
- A "coffee with the principal" session which focused on preparing child and parent(s) for the "Middle School" experience.
- A "Winter Carnival" evening, with a birthday theme, as part of the Centennial 100th Year theme.
- Skating sessions.
- Two days of Valentine's Day stamping classes for Grade 1-5 students.
- Literacy workshop, focused on teaching teachers different strategies that will engage young learners, readers, and writers.



.... On February 26th, representatives from Red Rooster Winery presented Naramata Elementary with a sizeable donation from their summer Art Auction. Funds will be used to enhance their Art Program.

PARKWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Grade Four students completed the Premier Awards (four sessions) for skating while primary classes accompanied their buddy classes on a one time adventure to the arena.
- Grade three students completed a set of water safety and swimming lessons. Students from a variety of grades also attended swimming lessons either as individuals or as part of the larger class groups.
- Grade five students, parents and staff, hosted the Annual Spaghetti Dinner & Loonie Auction. Thanks to all of the businesses and individuals that donated prizes to the auction and to The Breakfast Club caterers for the subsidized meal that they served.
- All Parkway Classes and the Home Learners students saw a presentation of The Big League play by Carousel Theatre. The student audience behavior was remarked upon by the actors in a very positive light.
- Grade two through five students attended the Okanagan Symphony's children's performance. Pre-study of the orchestra gave them a great grounding to understand the conductor and the music.

PRINCESS MARGARET SECONDARY SCHOOL

- Some fantastic news concerning the Government Exam results at Maggie: The students equalled or were above Provincial averages in Geography 12, English 12, Math 12, History 12, Socials 11 and Science 10 and in addition, had a 100% Pass Rate in all grade 12 government exam-able courses. All grade 12 students passed these courses!!!
- Peer Counsellors raised some \$\$\$ for AIDS research through the sale of gum during the Valentine's week. As a result two teachers (who had the most money donated in their names) will have to participate in the polar bear swim with the Grads. Teachers Mr. Dueck and Mr. Van Camp are the *lucky* winners of the challenge! Brrrrr!

PENTICTON SECONDARY SCHOOL

- *The Pen High Junior and Senior Girls Basketball Team won the Valley Championships and are both off to the Provincials.*

The photo is of Kristi Kenyon, a member of the Senior Girls' Team, hitting the tying shot at the buzzer to take Salmon Arm to a five minute overtime period in the Valley Finals. In that subsequent five minute overtime, the Lakers won easily, qualifying for the Provincial Championships in Vancouver.



- *Wesley Hopkin attended the National Debating Championships in Montreal and placed 20th in the individual competition and 22nd as a team (with Mark Thielmann). The difference between the first placed student and Wesley was only 4.2%*
- *Mark Thielmann, Wesley's partner, placed 67th in individual competition, an amazing accomplishment for his first National Debating experience.*

QUEEN'S PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Queen's Park held a very successful parent Math Makes Sense meeting with over 15 parents in attendance.
- The second floor hockey tournament of the year was very successful, with over 70 students participating and full stands all day long. The Flames and the Canucks were the champions!
- The Family Movie Night was a big hit with at least 65 parents and students out for the event.
- Everyone enjoyed a very exciting grade 3-5 basketball game with students from Kaleden school attending. Both teams played great and the crowds were full of fun and good cheer.
- The PAC put on a very successful Valentine's Day Popcorn Sale.
- Grade 5 students recently took two trips to Nickel Plate to participate cross country skiing. The students had a wonderful experience.

*Academic Recognition
February 2007*

- Division 1:** Lorreine Stanley, Osiris Dion
Division 2: Emily Brown, Dallas Holmes, Sarah Singer
Division 3: Cydney Kooistra, Ebony Sauter
Division 4: Andrea Travis, Amanda Rickerby, Kyle Crystal, Johnathan Panter
Division 5: Kye Wilcox, Izzy Landry, Rabecca Anderson, November Backstrom
Division 6: Ben Gibb, Theo Goeson, Chelsea Dovauo
Division 7: Rylan Benjamin, Michael Russo
Division 8: Johnny Shepherd, Christian Suestegui
Division 9: Bryson Parr, Gabby Thompson

SKAHA LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Skip-A-Thon Fundraiser

- Skaha Lake students participated in a Skip-A-Thon on Friday, February 9th to raise money towards the purchase of a defibulator for the community. A donation of \$642.73 was made for this very worthwhile cause.



SLMS Science Fair

- Grade 6 students prepared scientific projects for the **SLMS Science Fair** on February 26th at the Shark Tank. Their team of teachers did a fantastic job encouraging and assisting with these excellent examples of student achievement.

SLMS Successes in February

- All grade 6 students started the pedometer program to enhance their level of physical fitness.
- Grade 8 students attended an elective fair at Princess Margaret Secondary School in anticipation of their transition to the high school.
- Grade 7 Drama students participated in a Drama Production “Losers on the Loose.” This anti-drug production was presented to all Skaha Lake students, an evening session was held for parents and one feeder school attended with their grade 5 students.
- All grade 6, 7, and 8 students spent the afternoon of February 9th skipping in the gym. Monies were raised to buy another defibrillator for Apex Mountain in honour of 36 year old Skaha Lake Teacher Scott Edwards who had a heart attack up the mountain over Christmas.
- A number of events occurred over the week of February 12th for Random Act of Kindness Week. Ten grade 8 students spent one block over at Trinity Centre playing games with the residents.
- Grade 6 students went to the Pen Mar Theatre for the opening of Bridge to Terabithia.
- Grade 7 students experienced three days of down hill skiing throughout the month.



*Losers on the Loose Production
Grade 7 cast*

SUMMERLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL

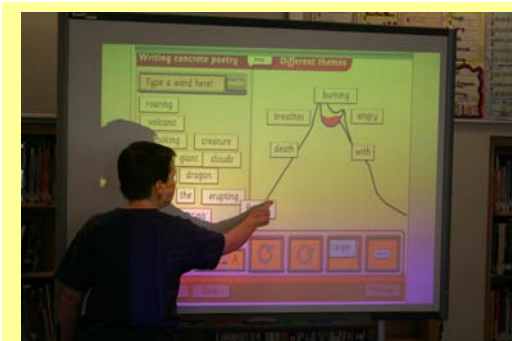
- You may have seen one of the many TV commercials for the nationwide CanSpell Spelling Bee. Did you know that all SMS grade 6 students participated in this event? Students studied words from the 'paideia' (word list) which was made up of approximately 750 words, all originating from languages other than standard English. A total of 15 students were successful in classroom Bees and competed in the semi-finals. Winners of the semi-finals, Mikayla Hughes, Peter Park, Greg Nixon and Susan Watkins, proceeded to the final round. The final round was a nail-biter! These sharp spellers had to return for 2 additional sessions until Susan Watkins emerged as winner. Susan took part the regional competition on February 24th in Kelowna. She and 43 other participants, ages 9-14, spelled-off for 10 rounds. Susan lasted 9 rounds. She successfully spelled 'zero', 'hoser', 'falsetto', 'hippopotamus'; her final word was 'parallel'. She added a double r – oops! - and then the bell rang. The final round 10 went quickly. 'Sustain' and 'indebted' preceded 'hasten', which was spelled correctly by McNicoll Park champ Leila Clark. Second place went to Brennan Philips (Home Learners School in Penticton). The CanSpell Bee is a yearly event. According to Mrs. Haddow, who accompanied Susan in Kelowna, it was an amazing, positive, and well-organized experience! SMS plan to extend their tradition, and will be planning their third year in 2008!



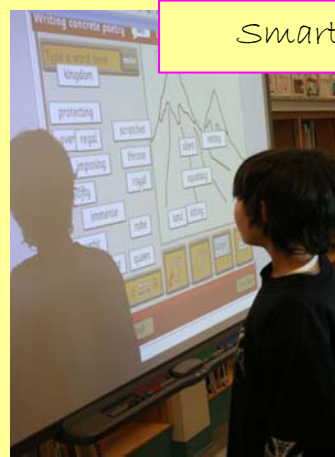
CanSpell Spelling Bee



- Summerland Middle School PAC recently supported new technology with the purchase of a Smart Board. The Smart Board is an interactive whiteboard, much like a big computer touch screen. The value is that the Smart Board uses any software or sites on the computer ie: Inspirations software for webbing, Google Earth for geography. Most recently Ms. Colquhoun has been team teaching in grade six classrooms using the Smart Board in Math 6 classes. The problem solving unit used many interactive sites and students were highly motivated and involved as they worked together to solve various math problems.



Smart Board Technology



Students using the Smart Board to web during a writing activity.

SUMMERLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL

S.S.S. Career Centre News

- The new Residential Construction Program begun at S.S.S on February 5 in partnership with Okanagan College and School District No. 67. This program offers students a great opportunity to start their apprenticeships by completing the construction of a house at Rock Garden Estates in Summerland with award winning builders Eric & Vicki Gerrits. The students will be working in the S.S.S. wood shop for the first six weeks of the course and then begin their on-site construction. There are four S.S.S. students who will be taking part in this program: **Cody Greiner, Josh Burt, Elliot MacDowall and Dustin Biggs.**
- Two welding apprentices have been accepted into the Level C Welding courses at Okanagan College. **Nic Beaulieu** will attend the Kelowna campus during Semester two of his Grade 12 year. **Eric Tranmer** will attend the Penticton campus starting in August to start his welding apprenticeship.
- **Erik Kuoppala** is a registered SSA Apprenticeship working as a mason. He completed his school requirements in January of his Grade 12 year and started work in February. Erik will also qualify for a \$1000 SSA Apprenticeship Scholarship.

The Leadership Club

has been busy with a variety of activities. They recently assisted with the Habitat For Humanity House project by preparing coffee, snacks and lunch for all the volunteer workers.

- The club also organized a couple of the Valentine's Day activities including the King and Queen of Hearts and the Matchmaker fundraiser.
- Several Leadership students took part in the Youth Philanthropy Initiative on Tuesday, February 12th. This program provides students with the opportunity to learn more about philanthropy as well as charitable service organizations in their community. The culmination of the program is student presentations on various local charities. The presentations are judged by a panel and the winning presentation receives \$5000 to donate to their charity.

Basketball News

- The **Junior Boys** basketball team finished winning two tournaments in a row. With top point guard, Draydon Power and some creative talent from Jordan Thomson and Sebastian Elliot, the boys played some very good basketball. They successfully made it to the Valley Championships in Kelowna and finished 5th overall! Scores were:

Summerland 75 – Sa Hali 55

Draydon Power 20 points
Sebastian Elliot 21 points

Summerland 46 – Fulton 60

Draydon Power 26 points

Summerland 65 – Oliver 70

Draydon Power 22 points

TROUT CREEK ELEMENTARY

During February, the staff and students of Trout Creek were very busy with these events:

- Fitness sessions for Kindergarten to Grade five students each Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- Mini Mind Grind tournament organized for interested students in grades 4 and 5.
- Lots of novel reading by the students participating in the Red Cedar Reading Award program.
- Colorful and festive red and white costumes on Valentine's Day.
- Wonderful P.A.C. Valentine's Dance enjoyed by our school community.
- Last skating session for all classes.
- K-5 classes field trip to enjoy the Okanagan Symphony.
- Grade 4 and 5's enjoy their cross country skiing program.
- Grade 5 basketball team continues practicing and enjoying games against, Outma, Parkway and Columbia.
- Second School Planning Council training session completed by this year's members.
- 100 Days of School projects created and displayed by grade ones.
- P.A.C. presented each division with \$100.00 to purchase classroom resources, such as the Okanagan Symphony.

UPLANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Shakewood Annie Valentine's Event

- The PAC sponsored the Shakewood Annie Valentine's event which was a great success. In the afternoon of February 14th students in all grades were given one hour of dance instruction including jive, bunny hop, Macarena, break dancing, limbo, hip hop, etc. During the evening over 220 students and their families attended a spaghetti dinner and participated in the Shakewood Annie dance.



Shakewood Annie Poster Contest Winners:

Grade 5/4

Winner: Cathy Rusk

Runner Up: Carleigh Dean

Grade 3/2

Winner: Connor McDowell

Runner Up: Katie Huston

Grade 1/K

Winner: Lauren Bull

Runner Up: MacKenzie Holbrook

Spell-A-Thon Winners:

- Uplands students raised a whopping \$5744.82 in their Spell-A-Thon. The money collected will fund field trips and special events.

Spellathon Prize Winners:

1st - Noah Anderson

2nd - Malcolm Hodge and Harry Jurgens

3rd - Lily Gentes, Ben Wilson and Anna Nichol

Honourable Mention:

Kayla Balzer

Isabelle Tuckwood

Sydney Foreman

Danielle Balzer

Victoria Ritchie

Morgan Sara

Kayla Coe

Jahmiel Nery

Sydney Garnett

Ian Peters

Uplands had 44 "SUPER SPELLERS" (100% or only 1X) in their competition. A pizza lunch for super spellers and top money raisers was held February 27th.

WESTBENCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- The Wildcats had a wonderful time at the Community Centre Pool as a reward for all of the recycling leadership that the students have shown.



- Class Reviews took place on February 27th – conversations with each of the children in their classes to see how they are doing and if they need any extra academic assistance. These are always great and very insightful every time they are completed.

WILTSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- The Kindergarten teachers had a dance night for the Kindergarten students and parents on the evening of February 13. The children performed dance demonstrations for the parents and then the parents & students joined in on the fun for a very successful night of entertainment.

- The Valentine's Poetry day was a wonderful opportunity for children and parents to get their creative juices flowing. Parents who attended this occasion had to produce a poem they wrote as their 'ticket in' before they could enter into the Valentine filled room. The children had collected poems they wrote throughout the year so this was a nice opportunity for them to read their heartfelt verses. Valentine goodies helped make the day even more special.



Kindergarten Dance with Parents



Valentine's Poetry Day