

School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha)
RECOGNITION OF STUDENT/SCHOOL SUCCESS
October 2, 2006

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

Partnership Home/School

I dreamed I stood in a studio.
And watched two sculptures there.
The clay they used was a young child's mind
As they fashioned it with care.

One was a teacher – the tools she used
Were books, music and art.
The other, a parent, worked with a guiding hand
And a gentle, loving heart.

Day after day, the teacher toiled with touch
That was careful, deft, and sure
While parent laboured by his side
And polished and smoothed it o'er.

And when at last their work was done
They were so proud of what they had wrought.
For the things they had molded into the child
Could neither be sold or bought.

And each agreed they would have failed
If each had worked alone.
For behind the parent stood the School
And behind the teacher, the home.

*Taken from:
"The Power of Positive Students"
Mitchell and Comm. 1986
(McNicoll Park Newsletter Sept. 2006)*

CARMI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

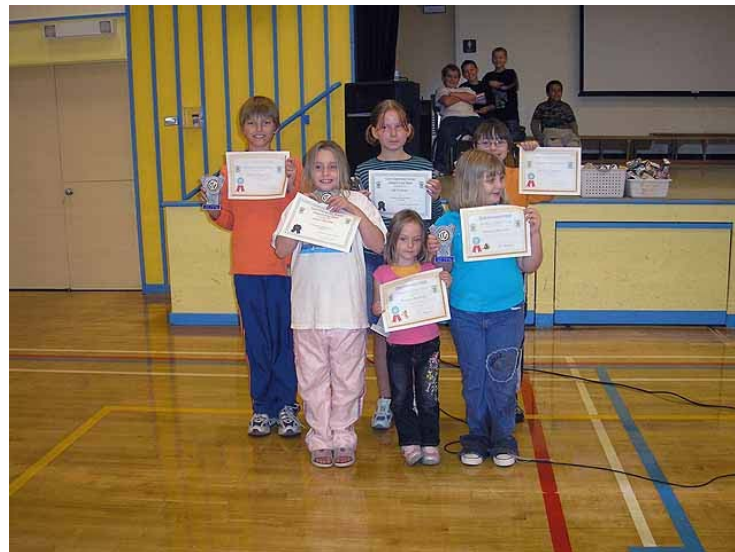
- Everyone is looking forward to an exciting year filled with learning, fun and many events/activities. Calendar magnets were sent home with students that included some of the upcoming Carmi happenings.
- Carmi's first school event was the annual Terry Fox Run which was held on Friday, September 15th. Students enjoyed a motivational introduction, Terry Fox video, prizes and of course, the run. Carmi raised \$160.58 for cancer research.



- Special thanks to the start-up school patrollers: Treven Stetsko, Kevin Saunders, Lindsey Marsden and Austan Paquette. They did an outstanding job patrolling!! As you may have read in the newspapers, the BCAA has a new procedure for school patrollers. They will no longer be going to the middle of the crosswalk with their STOP signs. Instead, they hold up the signs and extend them from the curb. Unfortunately, at first it was difficult to see the signs that way, so Mr. Gardner had a wonderful idea on how the poles could be extended and Mr. Saunders has already created the extensions for the stop signs. An enormous THANK-YOU goes out to Mr. Saunders and Mr. Gardner.



- “Students of the Week” trophies have already been given out to students for demonstrating leadership and citizenship in the school. Congratulations!!



COLUMBIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Grades 1-3 students participated in a trip out to Deep Creek to study the life-cycle of the Kokanee salmon on Tuesday, Sept. 19th and Friday, Sept. 22nd. It was a great learning experience and everyone had a great time.
- Healthy Schools Initiative (September 18-29): congratulations to the Primary staff for organizing a “Healthy Schools Initiative” during the last two weeks of September. All students in the school will be involved in at least one activity during this two-week period. Activities will include a number of “Kid Safe” and “Bully Proof” presentations, as well as introductory Karate and Yoga presentations, and line-dancing. These presentations are being offered by local community presenters.
- The school choir recently performed at the Opening Ceremony of Penticton’s Jazz Festival.

- As part of Columbia's "All That Jazz" start-up theme this year, the school was fortunate to have three American musicians volunteer their time and come to perform at the school as a trio. What was unusual about the group is that two of them already played in a group, but the third one was able to join them in an improvisational manner. None of the musicians used note music, and all of them were excellent.



GIANT'S HEAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Grades 1-5 families attended the annual Open House on Wednesday September 20 from 5:00 – 7:00 PM. (Kindergarten families will meet on a different date.) Parents and children had the chance to visit classrooms and meet teachers. This was a well attended, popular event.

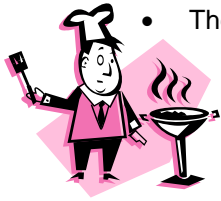
KALEDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- A "Family Bar-B-Q Night" was held in conjunction with the Open House. It was a great way for families to meet school staff as well as to welcome new families to the school and the community. The Bar-B-Q night is a fundraiser for the school and all proceeds go towards supporting PAC goals and special events occurring at the school.

KVR MIDDLE SCHOOL

- First day back ...





- The annual KVR Open House and Family Barbeque was held on Thursday, September 21st from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. The grade eight "Jazz Band" under the direction of Mr. Addison was the highlighted entertainment. Hamburgers and hotdogs with pop and chips were sold by PAC as their first fundraiser. After dinner, students took their families on a tour of the school and met the teachers in their teaching areas. A great time was had by all!!

NARAMATA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- A "FUN DAY" was held on September 7th. This fun-filled event allowed students and families to either meet new friends or re-connect with old friends!
- Over 100 students and family members attended the school's 6th Annual Pancake Breakfast put on by the Naramata staff and 'honorary' staff members including Garth Schafer, who once again shared his culinary skills with us in 'flipping those pancakes'. Despite a little 'drizzle' the families enjoyed the annual tradition. It was great seeing some of the former Naramata students who have left to continue their education at KVR or McNicoll. The event was also attended by the new Assistant Superintendent Brian Celli who was introduced to staff members, the PAC president, the Daycare coordinator, and other parents. Lots of work and lots of fun - with the whole community spirit shining throughout!



PENTICTON SECONDARY SCHOOL

- For the second year in a row, Penticton Secondary School has been short listed for the Garfield Weston Award for Excellence in Education in the category of Fastest Improvement in Academic Achievement. Congratulations!!
- Student Amy Lu scored 100% on her English 12 Provincial Exam.
- The Pen High Leadership group had a great opening week welcoming grade 9 students. Leadership students from grades 10-12 organized and hosted a pancake breakfast for teachers and grade 9 students on September 8. These leadership students were also homeroom helpers the first day of classes. They helped grade 9 teachers and their students with lockers, reading timetables, finding classes and welcoming our newest bunch of students to Pen High.

PRINCESS MARGARET SECONDARY SCHOOL

- Grade 12 student Victor Hunter and Justin Yap, 2006 graduate, were featured players in the summer production of "Sicamous Follies, Too". Professional Director Tom Kerr is impressed with the quality of young performers coming out of our school district. If you missed their performance just picture Johnny Ray and Elvis. They were definitely crowd favorites.
- June exams – Maggie achieved higher than average provincial government exam scores in the following subject areas: Socials 11, Biology 12, Chem 12, English 12, French 12, German 12, Geography 12, Math 12P, Physics 12, and Punjabi 12
- Twelve students qualified for a provincial scholarship
- Maggie hosted a rematch of the National Championships University Men's Volleyball Championships on Sept 21. (University of Alberta VS Trinity Western)

QUEEN'S PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- An Open House was held on Thursday, September 28th between 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. This was a well attended, popular event.
- A grade 5 peer mediator program has been started, students have been nominated, and the training session will take place in October at the Naramata Center.
- All students participated in the school's Terry Fox Run and donated money. It was a very successful event.

SKAHA LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL

- All grade 6 students attended a bus orientation presented by Larry Adey of Berry and Smith.
- The "Hot Lunch Program" is up and running.
- Seven teachers at Skaha met to review SMART reading strategies and look at programming occurring within the building at the various grade levels.
- The Ecclestons visited the school September 27th. The Ecclestons are a Celtic Band and gave students an introduction to this genre.
- Skaha received news that last year's grade 8 leadership class raised \$403.26 for the "Paws for a Cause" campaign. Well done!!
- Grade 8 teachers, school counselor, school custodian and parent volunteers put on a pancake breakfast for all of the grade 8 classes.



UPLANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- School staff registered and received the training to become an Action School this year. This initiative is to promote healthy living. One of the first activities will be to introduce students to “Bounce to the Bell”.
- The Uplands’ Terry Fox Run was a huge success! Over \$300.00 in donations was raised for Cancer Research and this was a great kick off for the first school-wide event for Action Schools.

WILTSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- **School Focuses on Friendships** *(Courtesy of Roxanna Maron, Summerland Review)*

Earlier this month, students kicked off the school year with the theme “Building Friendships with Everyone”. Principal Paula Reay says throughout the week they had special guests speaking to the students.

On the first day of school Stockwell Day, Member of Parliament for Okanagan Coquihalla, answered questions and talked about the importance of building friendships during a special assembly. Other guests speakers during the week included a lady from Jamaica as well as a lady from the Philippines.

On September 8, the week was rounded out with a fun filled cultural fair which featured a variety of activities and special guests including a story-teller, bamboo dancing and African drumming to name a few. Some of the cultures represented during the fair included Japanese, First Nations, Africa, Philippines and France.

Ms. Reay says in the classroom, students took part in reading and writing activities which explored multiculturalism. She noted that the classes learned about the similarities and difference of other cultures as well as the benefits of building friendships among other cultures.



Jennifer Butler, Grade 2, plays a drum during the school's cultural fair.