

School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha)  
**RECOGNITION OF STUDENT/SCHOOL SUCCESS**  
April 16, 2007



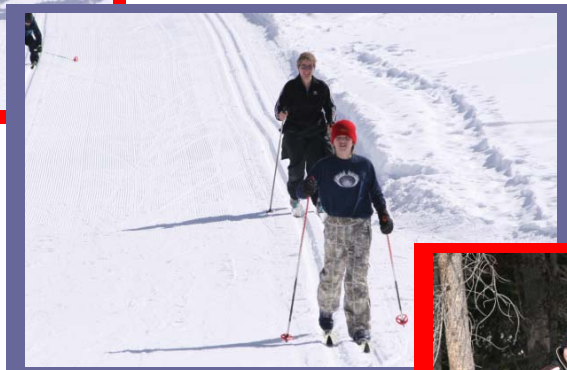
School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha) extends congratulations to the following students/groups for these outstanding examples of success:

**CARMI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

- Although there were only 12 school days in March, they were filled with fun activities, events and celebrations at Carmi. Highlights include:
  - ✓ *Action Schools* every Tuesday and Thursday mornings
  - ✓ Fun Lunches
  - ✓ Grade 5 cross-country skiing
  - ✓ Grades 4 and 5 basketball games and practices
  - ✓ Floor Hockey
  - ✓ Skating
  - ✓ Assemblies every Monday afternoon with student of the week awards, class announcers and class performances/presentations
  - ✓ Grade 5 visit to *Arts and Science in Harmony*
  - ✓ Grade 4 *Extended Care* visits
  - ✓ Report Cards and Parent/Teacher Interviews
  - ✓ Grades 1-5 swimming (*celebrating achievement in Term 2*)
  - ✓ Block X Friday Afternoons: Social Responsibility activities in family (cross-graded) groupings.  
March topics: *Appreciating Differences, Showing Respect and Speaking Up*



Grade 5's  
Cross-country Skiing at Nickel Plate





Basketball in Action



Weekly Assemblies



- Student of the Week
- Class Announcers
- Bullying Presentation

## COLUMBIA ELEMENTARY

### Kiwanis Speech & Arts Festival News

- Congratulations to Mrs. Scotchburn's grade 2 class for placing 1st for choral speaking in the Kiwanis' Speech & Arts Festival and to Mrs. Reilly's grade 3 class for placing 4th in the festival. Both classes did an excellent job reciting their poems.

*Grade 2 class recited:*

Ode To Spring – by Walter L. Brooks

Sick – by Shel Silverstein

*Grade 3 class recited:*

The Wind – by Robert Louis Stevenson

Sliding – by Myra Cohn Livingston

- Columbia once again hosted a very successful Scholastic Book Fair. Buying books at the Book Fair was a great way to have students take ownership and pride in their reading and to support their reading habits. As well, the funds raised helped to maintain an excellent collection of reading materials in Columbia's library.

## GIANT'S HEAD ELEMENTARY

- Giant's Head Talent Show was a great success with the grade 5 special events ambassadors (Faith MacDonald, Hailey Baron, Emma McDowall, Kia Walker and Sydney MacMaster) as MC's. Numerous students and staff participated and everyone enjoyed themselves.
- The Shakewood Annie dance was a very successful PAC fundraiser. PAC also paid for the students to have dance lessons from Shakewood Annie to get the kids excited about the event.



Shakewood Annie Dance



## HOME LEARNER'S SCHOOL

## Parent Conference

- HLP Parent Conference - Over fifty parents and guests took part in *Best Practices for Home Educators Learning Through Exploration*, an Annual Conference put on by HLP staff. The day began with an inspirational presentation by keynote speaker, Nikos Theodosakis. Parents were then involved in a variety of workshops ranging from early literacy, numeracy, technology and then to the arts. It was a productive, informative day for all.

## KALEDEN ELEMENTARY

A short month but they still managed to be quite successful:

- Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Spirit Day – Celebrating the Birthday of Dr. Seuss
- Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> – School-wide skating at Memorial Arena
- Searching and following the elusive Leprechaun's footprints all over the school and setting traps to catch him!! This was an exciting week long activity!

### The Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration



Searching for the very elusive Leprechaun!!!

## **KVR MIDDLE SCHOOL**

- Prior to Spring Break, through a school wide student led event, the Leadership classes raised \$400 to help a student from KVR who is undergoing dialysis. The funds raised will help the family deal with the extra costs of extended stays at the Vancouver Children's Hospital.
- The grade 8 Girls' Basketball Team successfully repeated as South Zone Champions and represented the South Okanagan at the Provincials in March. Congratulations to the fine representatives of KVR Middle and the district for their department, athletic success and placing 14<sup>th</sup> in the province.
- Congratulations to KVR grade 6 students for their Pedometer Initiative and Step Into Action success.
- The KVR readers continue to 'Read Around the World' and circulation of library materials has doubled. A big thank you to the Pac for supporting Literacy Initiatives.

## **McNICOLL PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL**

*Arts/Science in Harmony Festival*

- McNicoll Park students participated in this year's Annual Festival at the Penticton Trade and Convention Centre. The band students performed at the Cleland Theatre and many of the students had projects in the Science Fair. McNicoll grade 6 students also had an opportunity to visit the festival. Special thanks to the district chairperson for this important event and to the McNicoll staff for their assistance and adjudication of projects.

## **NARAMATA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

- Lots of exciting news coming up next month...

## **PARKWAY ELEMENTARY**

- Grade 3 students in Mrs. Tucker's class collected \$210. in Canadian Tire money for the S.P.C.A. to use for food and supplies. They discussed, debated and considered this to be a socially responsible project. The students advertised and collected from the rest of the school.
- All students, Kindergarten through grade 5, took part in a skipping program taking three lessons from Mrs. Cunningham, a local expert. There were children skipping all over the playground – quite a site!
- Parkway students, staff and some parents took part in the March 16th Pajama Day. Housecoats, sleeping hats, slippers and eye covers were very much in evidence on this final day of the term.

## **PRINCESS MARGARET SECONDARY SCHOOL**

- Princess Margaret received great news from Skills Canada – Trevor Demerse came in Second place in the Okanagan Valley. The category was: Auto-Cad Architectural – what an accomplishment Trevor!

## **PENTICTON SECONDARY SCHOOL**

- The Senior Girls' Basketball Team won their first game at the Provincial Championships and received a fantastic write up in the sports section of the Sun newspaper.
- The Junior Girls' Basketball Team had wonderful success this season placing 5<sup>th</sup> in the Province. Cassandra Goodis was named Most Valuable Player. Coach: Mr. Jeff Goodis.
- PSS placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Province at the Physics Olympics Provincial Championships. Team members:

Andrea Pellegrino  
Naemi Fiechter  
Neil McCann  
Andrew Lund  
Wes Hopkin

Stephanie Morrison  
Megan Harris  
Liam Butters  
Alyosha Pushak  
D. J. Parmenter

Coaches:

Bruce Gowe  
Tom Doratti

- Danielle Holtjer, a grade 12 student at Penticton Secondary, just won the Herbert H. Carnegie Future Aces Foundation Scholarship and Citizenship Award. This is the first time a Pen High student has captured this prestigious national award of \$1000.00. Annually the Herbert H. Carnegie Future Aces Foundation offers 31 thousand dollar (\$1000.00) scholarships to deserving achievers who display exemplary citizenship qualities. Since its inception in 1988, \$370,000 in scholarships have been awarded. Congratulations Danielle!

## **QUEEN'S PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

- An afternoon and evening Talent Show in March featured 15 performances from Queen's Park students. The students had started practicing back in January and their hard work paid off as the shows were just excellent. The highlight was when they performed in front of a full house of 100 people! Well done.
- The grade 3-5 basketball team finished up the season with a home game against Uplands Elementary. They had a good crowd out for the game and the students all had a super time!
- The PAC kicked off their fund raising campaign for the new Adventure Playground. The target is to raise \$50,000 for the new playground.
- Queen's Park just started advertising for a new Parenting Wisely course that will be held at the school in April and May of this year.

## **SKAHA LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

- The 'Maple Man' attended Skaha Lake Middle School in March. All grade 7 students had an opportunity to participate in French Canadian activities.
  - making maple taffy
  - French Canadian folk dancing
  - playing the spoons
  - explanation of the process of making maple syrup

- Skaha Lake Middle School had a number of participants in the Science Fair this year. We are very proud of these Winners:

**Grade 6 Results**

Kelsey Laing	Gold	Second Place
Jon Hack	Gold	Third Place
Andrea Gillespie	Gold	
Brendan Lacy	Gold	
James Gamblen	Gold	
Kendall Etchison Bone	Gold	
Kaid MacLeod	Gold	
Dana Klamut	Gold	
Zarina Randhawa	Silver	
Gabriel Panis	Silver	
Sohail Sidhu	Bronze	
Ryan Stephens	Bronze	
Colton Dorion	Bronze	
Matthew Needham	Bronze	
Dustin Kitts	Bronze	

**Grade 6 Backboard Results**

Dana Klamut	First Place
Andrea Gillespie	Second Place
Colton Dorion	Third Place

**Grade 8 Results**

Camelia Vokey	
Katie Siegrist	Bronze

**Grade 8 Backboard Results**

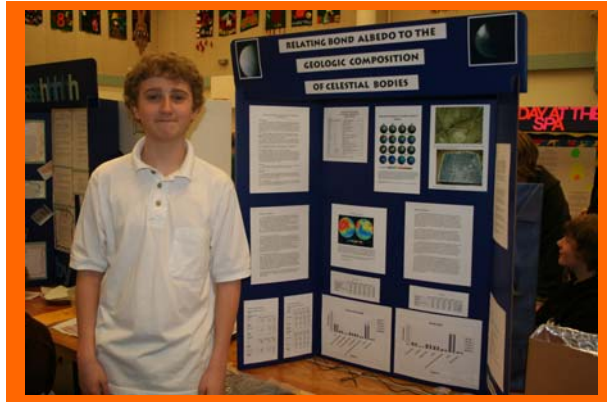
Camelia Vokey & Katie Siegrist	First Place
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- All grade 6 students had the opportunity to attend the Arts and Harmony event at the Trade and Convention Centre.
- Grade 8 Aboriginal Education students attended the Aboriginal Education Symposium.
- Many teachers and students attended the Aboriginal Education Dinner at the Penticton Indian Band Hall on March 13<sup>th</sup>. Certificates were handed out to recognizing students for their achievement.
- Aboriginal Education students had a field trip to Hedley to explore the pictographs. Darius Kruger, a grade 7 student at Skaha Lake Middle, acted as their guide.
- The grade 8 basketball team had an opportunity to play against Skaha Lake teachers in a very fast paced game:



## SUMMERLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Summerland Middle School recently hosted their Annual Science Fair. This year's event had over 96 entries from grade 6, 7 & 8. Projects were creative as well as insightful including: "La survie des Piles", "Relating Bond Albedo to the Geological Composition of Celestial Planets" and "Hydro Mousse". We are pleased to say that 35 projects moved on to the district level where Summerland Middle projects received over 25 awards. Congratulations to all of the students that will move on to the Regional's!



Gold Medal Winner  
Steven Brownlee



Bronze Medal Winners  
April Mahovic &  
Morgan Rowley



DARE Grad

- For the past few months the grade 6 classes have been taking part in the DARE Program under the leadership of Constable Nicole Sansregret. DARE is a police officer led series of classroom lessons that teaches children to resist peer pressure and guide them on how to live productive drug and violence-free lives.
- All students wrote speeches, letters or poems reviewing the DARE Program and declaring their commitment to living a healthy lifestyle. Congratulations to these students who read their speeches at the ceremony:

**Anna Holler**  
**Megan Bradford**  
**Garrett Perry**

**6-1**  
**6-2**  
**6-3**

**Hallan Savage**  
**Kindree Clay**

**6-5**  
**6-4**

## Students Presenting to Students



Grade 8 student Janai Haupapa looks on as Amanda Hubber and Taylor Pinto complete their portion of the media presentation.

- Grade 8 Humanities teacher Mr. Darrin Harrold recently completed a “media” unit with his division 8-3 class. The students looked at various media sources, including advertising, and the impact of advertising through its use of stereotyping. The students presented to their own class and then they presented to the grade 6 students. The presentations tied in nicely with the DARE Program, the Seven Habits Program and the messages: “how to say no”, “peer pressure” and “setting goals”. Following the presentations the grade 6 student comments included “It was neat to have the older kids presenting to us!” and “I think I learned more and listened better to the older students...I can hardly wait until I’m in grade 8.” It was evident that the presentations not only created a deeper learning opportunity for the grade 8 students but was also a great way to build their confidence in presenting to others!

## SUMMERLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL

- The grade 10's recently travelled down to BCIT to take part in an underwater robotics (ROVE) competition. The SSS team won the competition (largely against teams of grade 12 students). They have all been invited to the Regional Competition (to be held in Everett, Washington) and will compete against teams from as far as Alaska and California.

*In the competition the boys robotic submarine had to navigate an obstacle course and haul a payload. Their submarine completed the obstacle course in just over 10 minutes and was more than 5 minutes faster than the next team's submarine. The students displayed excellent critical thinking and problem solving skills and were a real credit to their school and their district.*

Grade 10 Students who went to BCIT :

Steven Boehm   Logan Northcote   Travis Simpson   Greg Palmer   Jesse Dragvik

- Some very proud SSS students received medals in the Okanagan Skills Canada Competition. These are the medal winners for Skills Canada so far – currently there are still some categories being judged. Looks like they will also have some students going to the provincials!

SILVER	Zylls Turney	<i>Automotive Service</i>
SILVER	Alyson Pickett	<i>Mechanical CAD</i>
SILVER	Lauren Holler	<i>Fashion Design</i>
BRONZE	Brittany Watson	<i>Fashion Design</i>
BRONZE	Danny Andreucci	<i>Animation</i>
BRONZE	David Kingston	<i>Animation</i>

## TROUT CREEK ELEMENTARY

### Helping Other People

- Good deeds and words do not go unnoticed at Trout Creek! Students who make a special effort to help others in the school community receive a special citation called a H.O.P. Award. These awards are placed in a bin for a weekly raffle. Students who have won prizes this past month are:

*DJ Davis, Beth Thomas, Jordan Hobbs, Hailey Laktin, Ryan Pidperyhora, Laura Massie, Drew McFee, Arielle Jenkins, Luke Butler, Riley Haist, Kyle Walker, Neal Rutherford, Chelsea Robinson, JJ Henderson, Carolyn Kont, Haley Berrisford, Kiran Rochon, Laura Kohan, Sabrina Maaske, Jonah Cadieux-Johnson, Jessica Lewis, Chloe Harrold, Coleton Ashton, Jenna Mercer, Clayton Fenwich, Cate Critchlow, James Maaske, Emily Jerry, Ally Marshall, Gracey Cowles, Gurlene Curry, Maria Raitt, Stella Siemens, Alex Sarglepp, Paige Burke, Eli Kentel, Faith Sarglepp, Isaac Kribernegg, Eric Hahn-Hill, Summer Scott, Megan Turner, Leosha Mortensen, and Kieran Braid.*

## UPLANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- 15 students at Uplands have been busy reading the many great fiction and non-fiction books in the Red Cedar reading program. Students who completed five books in either category were eligible to vote for their favourite book. Voting will take place in May throughout B.C. for schools that are participating in this program. Uplands students who read a minimum of five books will be invited to a district Red Cedar Celebration sometime in May. Keep up the great work.



A special recognition goes out to **Ginger Herbert** who has already read all 32 books!

- Grade 5 students and their teachers enjoyed cross-country ski lessons at Nickel Plate. Thanks to the Uplands PAC for subsidizing the lessons and the bus.
- Uplands grade 5 students attended the Arts & Science in Harmony Event on Tuesday, March 6th. Several Uplands students displayed their artwork with the community.

### **WEST BENCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

- West Bench Elementary had a fantastic Talent Show with many Wildcats doing some great singing, dancing, playing and joke telling. The event was a tremendous success - thunderous applause greeted every performer as the Wildcats showed their appreciation and support for their fellow citizens of this wonderful learning community.



- Two teachers from the school invited other teachers from around the District to watch them perform Guided Reading with their students. Many teachers went to the school to observe and commented how much they enjoyed the sessions at the school.

## **WILTSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

- Lots of fun, good food and entertainment with the Multi-cultural Night that happened at Wiltse. A wonderful assortment of ethnic food exhibited amongst the tables. Everyone had a superb time experiencing different cultural cuisine.