

School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha)
RECOGNITION OF STUDENT/SCHOOL SUCCESS
June 11, 2007



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

CARMI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Carmi was so very fortunate to have the Princess Margaret Secondary Band perform at the school on May 14th. It was an outstanding performance!!! The talent was absolutely amazing and the performance included not only an incredible band, but dancing, singing and acting as well. What an inspiration for our elementary students! Kudos to Dr. Don Grant for all he does for our youth!!!
- The School Progress Report is continually being updated and has recently been reformatted. It includes a variety of strategies, programs, assessment procedures and results related to Carmi's reading, writing and social responsibility goals. It is great to see the progress of Carmi students!! This is an especially rewarding time of the school year due to such positive student achievement in so many areas. Thanks to the hard work of the Carmi team, their mission to *Inspire Students to Learn and Grow* is being practiced every day.
- Grades 1-3 students attended *The Hans Christian Anderson Tales* performance at the Cleland Theatre.
- Students participated in the *International Move for Health Day*.
- Kindergarten 'Mother's Day' Tea & Craft Day on May 11th.
- Grades 4-5 students attended a McNicoll Park Middle School presentation of *Alexandra and the Terrible, Horrible, Very Bad Day*.
- Block X Playground Stations on May 18th: Students in cross-graded (family) groups enjoyed going from station to station, learning playground games/activities and having so much fun too!!!

COLUMBIA ELEMENTARY



- Columbia Elementary had a wonderful Mexican Day in May. The entire event was a huge success! Diego Alcaez performed for everyone and the true authentic Mexican experience was captivated throughout the day.



Nancy ("Tati") Rodriguez & Maki Munguia (Back Row)
Spencer Hook, Kaylie Loewen & Kirsten Laurenson (Front Row)

Three of a Kind ~ Spring Concert



The Three Caballero's
Kenny Jewsbury, Boyd Cavallo & Jessica Overland

- Congratulations to all of the Primary students, their teachers, and Ms. Forsyth, the Music Director, for putting on a fabulous concert May 10th.

GIANT'S HEAD ELEMENTARY

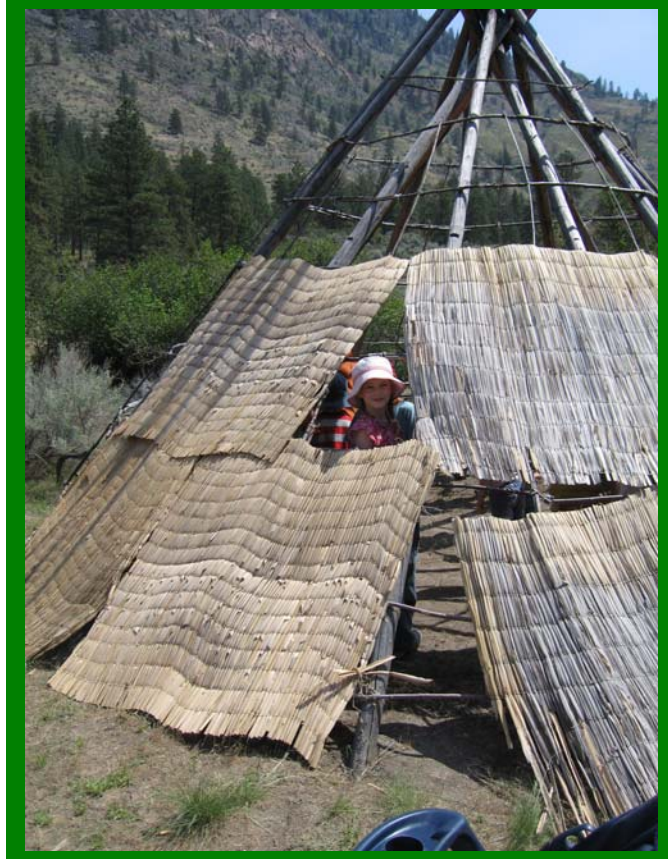
Jump Rope for Heart

- On May 18th the students from Giant's Head met at the Dale Meadows park to 'Jump Rope for Heart Support'. Students were encouraged to donate a loonie or toonie to the Heart & Stroke Foundation to support research – in the meantime, they had fun, got some exercise and lots of fresh air! Students, teachers and parents (totalling 476 people) participated and raised \$205.05!

HOME LEARNERS' PROGRAM

Nk'Mip Desert & Cultural Centre

- Over 30 students, from kindergarten through grade ten, attended a field trip to Nk'Mip Desert and Cultural Centre. Students took part in a variety of activities, ranging from learning about the rattlesnake research program to hearing Okanagan legends and lore. Hands-on displays, multi-media theatre experiences, indoor and outdoor exhibits: these were only some of the many highlights for the students!



KALEDEN ELEMENTARY

- Both kindergarten classes enjoyed a presentation by the Worm Lady from the ECO studies Program on May 28th.
- Grades 3, 4 and 5 attended a field trip to the Penticton Reserve to participate in an ECO studies program. The goal of this field trip was to gain an understanding of the Okanagan First Nation's view of the land as the classes toured the beautiful and diverse lands with a Syilx knowledge specialist.
- Kaleden students participated in scheduled runs four times a week in May to get ready for the Kaleden Cross Country Run in June.

- The Math Arcade took place May 9th which included a community Spaghetti Dinner. This event is considered an instant festival where children and their parents get to play at 19 different math stations. The games and activities focus on math concepts that the students are learning in their day to day math classes. There is a strong emphasis on problem solving skills and all students who attended received a take home bag with games that use dice and cards.

KVR MIDDLE SCHOOL

South Zone Championships

- KVR Middle School's grade 8 volleyball teams (boys and girls) won the south zone championships.
- Thomas Cunningham won a National Skipping contest for grade 6 at the championships.

McNICOLL PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL

Scripps US National Spelling Bee

- Leila Clark in grade 7 will be competing in the Scripps US National Spelling Bee. Leila recently competed in the CanSpell Canada competition and won the right to compete in both spelling bee's by winning a regional competition in Kelowna. We wish her the best of luck!

NARAMATA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Centennial Special Honours & Thanks

- **'It takes a village to raise a child'** and that is just what happened under the leadership of Craig Henderson, who headed the Naramata Centennial Committee. This committee sponsored a host of activities this year, from the Pageant in early spring to the Centennial May Day Homecoming on the long weekend in May.
- Hallworth's Plumbing funded special Naramata Centennial antique-bronze lapel pins, which was to commemorate the community's 100th Birthday to each and every elementary child. These pins will be a wonderful keepsake for the children, when given out in the classroom awards in June.
- Jodi and Tony Trovao of Okanagan Awards Plus, provided a time capsule plaque which will be displayed in the school entry way for the next 20 years. Our Naramata 2007 students will enjoy opening this up as adults in 2027.



- Naramata School and the Community hosted the **84th Annual May Day/Maypole Dancing Event!** It was the largest attended May Day celebration ever as it was tied in with the 100th Birthday Celebration of the community, this year, with everyone dressed in pioneer costumes. What took place:
 - *Grade 1 girls as Flower girls, distributing rose petals
 - *Grade 1 boys as Honour Guards
 - *Grade 2/3 boys and girls dancing the Maypole
 - *Grade 5 girls as May Royalty, with Queen Nadia Iannone and her princesses
 - *Grade 5 boys as part of a Soapbox Derby Competition - a traditional event
 - *Grade 6 girls, returning from middle school as retiring royalty
- The whole weekend was a Homecoming community event. On Friday evening, the school/PAC hosted a spaghetti dinner for the community with musical program provided by the staff and students of Naramata - songs of days gone by. Student and Naramata artist art endeavours were placed throughout the school, a museum was in place revealing old photographs, student centennial projects were displayed, and one room hosted old fashioned desks provided by Maintenance, under the direction of a 'school marm.'
- The community enjoyed the art banners that are placed throughout the community.
- A special recognition to Jennifer Moorhouse who has facilitated and organized the running of May Day for 19 years! It takes community members, such as this, to keep a community vibrant and strong! Kudos to the community of Naramata!

PARKWAY ELEMENTARY

- The Parkway primary students presented a spring musical, *Getting It On with Mother Goose*. All classes, grades 1-3 sang and performed their own acts. The event was really well received by the Parkway community.
- Parkway grade 5 students travelled to the O'Keefe Ranch, the Vernon Science Centre and the kitchens at OUC for their annual field trip. Very good reviews were received about the behaviour, manners and enthusiasm of the students. It was refreshing to hear positive feedback about our school leaders being role models out in the greater Okanagan community and being noticed doing it.
- Parkway students at the intermediate and primary levels participated in the spring School Wide Write. Some excellent writing was created by the students, all of whom had a strong focus on the traits of writing over the school year. From children's stories (the Three Little Pigs retold) to informative pieces (About Writing a Test) were some examples of their imaginative development.
- Parkway grade 4 students gave an enormous amount of effort in writing the provincial Foundation Skills Assessments. They practiced by completing 'special sheets' they designed first and then they took on the real thing with great test writing behavior.
- The Parkway Choir made a guest appearance to the Penticton Senior's Lodge. The senior's really appreciated the presentation and gave a very gracious welcome to the award winning (recent festival) choir.

PRINCESS MARGARET SECONDARY SCHOOL

Maggie Idol Talent Show

- The senior Leadership class at Princess Margaret hosted the Annual "Maggie Idol" Talent Show the week of April 30 – May 4, 2007. This was an opportunity for talented students at school to have the spot light and stage. 27 students danced, sang, played guitar and piano in front of a very appreciative and impressed student body. All participants were given a laser engraved CD to keep as a memento of their performance at Maggie Idol 2007.





PENTICTON SECONDARY SCHOOL

- Pen High Global Awareness students are fundraising for local families who lost their homes during the recent apartment fire the weekend of May 25th.
- Paul Atkins (Pen High's top graduate) received an entrance scholarship to Queen's University worth \$36,000.
- Graduates accepted to Ivy League Universities;
Erica Kromm - Brown University
Kalina Newmark - Dartmouth
Wesley Hopkin - Harvard
- Dr. Monia Mazigh (wife of Maher Arar) spoke to an assembled group of Pen High students.

QUEEN'S PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Lots Going on at Queen's Park

- The Books for Breakfast Program just wrapped up another successful year. 15 parents participated in this year's program.
- Queen's Park just opened the first StrongStart program. This is a parent participation program with preschool age children.

- The 2nd Family Science Night of the Year attracted over 50 students and parents for another fun filled night of Science activities.
- The grade 4 and 5 students from Queen's Park and Parkway Elementary had an excellent Leadership Day at the Trade & Convention Centre and then finished off the day with a fun swim.
- Five students were taken to the Red Cedar Book Club lunch to celebrate another successful year.
- The Aboriginal Education students had their year end celebration in May. Many parents were in attendance to help celebrate the event.
- Queen's Park PAC put on a very successful Family Fun Night with over 300 people in attendance.
- Many students participated in the 'Jump Rope for Heart' event – raising money for the heart and Stroke Foundation. It was great to see so many skippers!
- A school wide bottle drive to raise money for the new playground took place in May. The grade 5 students ran this successful event!

SKAHA LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL

- An administrator and four teachers attended the "Metacognition in the Middle" Workshop in early May.
- 37 students went on the grade 8 band trip to Edmonton.
- Grade 7 and 8 students wrote the Gauss Math Contest.
- Skaha Lake had a wonderful Pow Wow on the May 18th.
- Drummers and dancers visited from Vernon and Merritt and Ernie Phillip, a renowned native dancer from the Shuswap, attended the Pow Wow.



Skaha Lake Pow Wow



- “SAM2” (Scrap Arts Music) performed for Skaha Lake Middle School on May 24th. Students had the opportunity to hear music created from instruments made out of scrap metal and plastic.
- Grade 6 teachers and the administration welcomed parents of next year’s grade 6 students in an informational session held on May 29th.
- Skaha Lake Middle School Drama 7 program presented “Losers on the Loose” at the Celebration of Student Achievement at the Penticton Lakeside Resort on May 30th.

SUMMERLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Anne Thielman and Clara Salter, both grade 7 Summerland Middle School students had a wonderful time in Truro, Nova Scotia at the National Science Fair. The girls truly had an educational experience, seeing many historical areas of the countryside as well as having many hands-on science related experiences. Congratulations to the girls who received an **Honourable Mention**, quite an accomplishment at the National Level!

Regional Science Fair Winners



Anne Thielman and Clara Salter

Kristi Richards Surprise Visit

- Summerland Middle School students and staff were recently surprised by a visit from Summerland's own World Champion Free Style Skier, Kristi Richards. Kristi spent the afternoon with the students and talked about her experiences as a child in Summerland, she spoke about setting goals and achieving your dreams, no matter what they might be. The entire school was dressed in red and white and the assembly theme was '**Big Dreams from a Small Town**'. This theme continues to carry through the school as the students finish their 2006-2007 school year.



Kristi Richards and her Gold Medal

- A great time was had by all as Western Days was held on May 18th. Students who dressed in western wear were treated to a hot dog cooked by Chef Hicks and Chef Mullin. In the afternoon the students were involved in a variety of "Rodeo" activities which were planned by Kevin Bond and his Leadership Students.



Western Days at Summerland Middle

SUMMERLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL

San Antonio College Track Meet

- Alyson Pickett, a grade 11 student at SSS, recently travelled to Los Angeles for the prestigious San Antonio College Track & Field Meet where she competed in the high jump. Alyson jumped 5'3" and received the bronze medal. The height she jumped was the same as the eventual gold medal winner at the event but Alyson received the bronze as she did not make the height on her first attempt. Alyson not only did well she also had the opportunity to meet (and mingle) with Olympic athletes.

TROUT CREEK ELEMENTARY

Mind Grind Team

We are very proud of the achievement of our Mind Grind Team at the Regional Playoffs. The team placed first! The students worked hard learning environmental information so they could quickly and accurately answer skill testing questions:

Cam Weir

Vicky Friesen

Tameus Venkataraman

Colton Ashton.

The team members won special fleece vests for themselves but also a pizza party for the entire school!

The team proceeds to the next level of competition, the B.C. Playoffs in Kelowna at Okanagan College.





Red Cedar Reading Club

- Voting for Red Cedar is rapidly approaching. Our readers will be attending a district celebration at Uplands school after the results are tabulated to hear the announcement of who has won the Red Cedar Awards for 2007. This year's Red Cedar participants are: Vicky Friesen, Sabrina Maaske, Levi Godard, Alana Goodman and Daniel Raitt.

UPLANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Uplands Elementary have many people to thank for the successes they experienced in May:

- The wonderful PAC for all the work they have done this year. A special thanks for sponsoring \$5.00 per student toward the cost of the Children's Festival.
- Everyone who was involved in the grade 5 bottle drive - \$110.00 was collected which will go towards the grade 5 field trip.

Math Arcade

- The Math Arcade took place May 14-18th. This was an instant festival where children and their parents interacted and played at 19 different math stations. The games and activities focus on math concepts that the students are learning in their day to day math classes. There is a strong emphasis on problem solving skills. This was a unique opportunity for the students as it helped to strengthen their numeracy goals for the school progress report.

WEST BENCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- May has been a very busy month. The grade 4 students wrote their Foundation Skills Assessment and the whole school did the spring School Wide Write.



- On May 10th the Run for Fun obstacle course for Penticton Recreations Move Day was full of activity. All classes participated in this fun event.
- Mrs. Bordin's class had been working on the unit theme of "Pirates". They had a pirate celebration day where Mrs. Bordin went to Okanagan Beach and had a treasure hunt followed by a pizza lunch at Salty's where they got to see some real pirate pistols. That evening the pirates and their parents had a pirate pot luck in the West Bench gym followed by a scavenger hunt. Captain "Black Dog" Bordin and all her crew and parents had a wonderful time.





Black Dog Bordin and the Crew!

Neighbourhood BBQ

- West Bench Elementary had their Annual West Bench Neighborhood Barbeque. It was very well attended by West Bench families with many former students and their families who came to join in on the fun. The classes had all prepared some super theme baskets that were a real hit. The Book Fair was also held the same week of the BBQ. Students and parents have lots of books to read over the summer.



WILTSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Jump Rope for Heart

- Wiltse students were very active and so involved in the Jump Rope for Heart event that took place on May 18th. So involved... that they raised over \$5000.00!!!! A great example of a win-win situation.