

School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha)
RECOGNITION OF STUDENT/SCHOOL SUCCESS
May 14, 2007



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

CARMI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- One of Carmi's major highlights in April was the *Goin' Buggy* afternoon and evening performances. Everyone was so proud of the students' - singing (with such strong voices), dancing and working hard behind the scenes not to mention the amazing artwork used to decorate the gym. Many thanks go out to the entire staff and parents for all their efforts in making the concert a great success. Students, staff and families working together was the key to this success and it's definitely noticed at Carmi School!

Goin' Buggy Concert



Lovely ladybugs, caterpillars, butterflies and fireflies performing at Carmi's K-5 *Goin' Buggy* Concert

Computers & Powerpoints

- Carmi was very fortunate to have received all new computers, a laptop and LCD projector from our School District. Many thanks go out to the District for the wonderful technology we are provided with. Mr. Smuin prepares Powerpoints of "Carmi Happenings" so that the students have an opportunity to be informed and entertained during the assemblies. The most recent Powerpoint presentation, on April 30th, was of the *Goin' Buggy* concert. Students thoroughly enjoyed seeing themselves performing on the big screen!

COLUMBIA ELEMENTARY

Kiwanis Speech & Arts Festival News

- Congratulations to Ms. Forsyth and the Columbia Choir for the incredible job they did in the Kiwanis Music Festival. The Columbia Choir placed 1st in Contemporary Music under the musical direction of Ms. Forsyth. The Junior District Honour Choir, of which many Columbia students are members, also placed as a Composite Choir (made up of students from grades 1-7). Congratulations also go to Ms. Bowman's grade 2 class for placing 3rd in Contemporary Music – in order to earn this position, they had to compete with a grade 7 class!

GIANT'S HEAD ELEMENTARY

- The grade 4's at Giant's Head Elementary wished to thank everyone who bought raffle tickets for their Spring Basket Raffle as well as those who donated goodies for the baskets – it was a great success. \$582.76 was raised from this worthwhile cause. The lucky winners were:

Tara Bond
Mike Sterk
Di Ross

Tanner McNabb
Suzanne Wright

Mrs. Keehn
Dave Sacchetti

Environmental Mind Grind





Congratulations to Corwin Shanner, Dakota Deane and Sarah Dean for representing Giant's Head Elementary at SLMS in Penticton, Saturday April 21st. They were voted the most enthusiastic elementary team that demonstrated fair play and wonderful costumes; judging from the pictures they certainly deserve that! They won ice cream for the entire school. Corwin won the Family Movie Pass for his environmental pledge, pledging to do three specific things for our environment.

HOME LEARNERS' PROGRAM

Kiwanis Music Festival

- April was a very exciting month for many HLP students who had been participating in the Kiwanis Music, Dance, and Speech Arts Festival. Congratulations to the following students who were recipients of awards, medallions and/or scholarships during the festival:

Coulson Boothe . Claire Boothe . Natasha Roblesky . Naomi Fredeen
Benjamin Crowther . Jasper Meiklejohn . Nadya Corscadden

KALEDEN ELEMENTARY

- The One to One Reading program continues at Kaleden Elementary. Grade 4 and 5 students walked to the Okanagan Regional Library on Tuesday, April 17th to hear a presentation by a B.C. author. The book is titled 'Tabasco the Saucy Raccoon', written by Lyn Hancock and illustrated by Loraine Kemp. The students will write a letter to the two individuals noted, expressing their thoughts about the book and presentation. Many of the students were motivated to write and illustrate a book!



'MacKenzie'
Weekly Contest Winner.



*Hey! Being a beaver is harder
than you think!*



*Grade One Fun! When in doubt pull
your special reading glasses out!*

- All of us at KVR are very pleased to announce the following winners and honourable mentions that will be featured in the fall publication of *2007 Gems of the Okanagan* anthology:

Poetry category: 10 – 13-years-old.

Second place: **Samantha L. Innes**, 13 – KVR Middle School, Penticton

Honourable mention:

Samantha L. Innes, 13 – KVR Middle School, Penticton

Amaya Black, 11 – KVR Middle School, Penticton

Poetry category: 14 – 17-years-old.

Second place: **Kayla Blanchard**, 14 – KVR Middle School, Penticton

Third place: **Morgan Parker-Carney**, 14 – KVR Middle School, Penticton

Honourable mention:

Kayla Blanchard, 14, KVR Middle School, Penticton

Fiction category: 10 – 13-years-old

First place: Taylor Wilkinson, 13 – KVR Middle School, Penticton

Honourable mention:

Tessa Peterson, 13 – KVR Middle School, Penticton

McNICOLL PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL

Dreams Do Come True!

- Kevin Speijer an 8th grade student at McNicoll has a few challenges that can make it difficult for him to be a permanent member of the McNicoll school basketball team. So, McNicoll Park staff created a special basketball game just for Kevin! Kevin had the opportunity to wear a uniform and play a fast paced game of basketball. The game was played in front of the entire school population. Kevin's family was in attendance and joined in on the excitement. The game was filmed and a video was given as a gift to Kevin and his family to enjoy. This event was an awesome example of students supporting and celebrating differences.

Kevin Speijer



NARAMATA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

April surely got staff, students, and parents **running** with a myriad of activities at Naramata:

- The morning running program with parent and student participation has surpassed previous years.
- Bear Smart Program for students from K-5.
- Jeans Day with staff and student participation helping to bring smiles to many children at Children's Hospital.
- Hands on art projects (banner and tea towels) for all students from K-5 (with appreciation from a host of parents who assisted in making this happen).
- Staff involved in curricular sessions about Numeracy while gaining additional skills and strategies in Language Arts.

PARKWAY ELEMENTARY

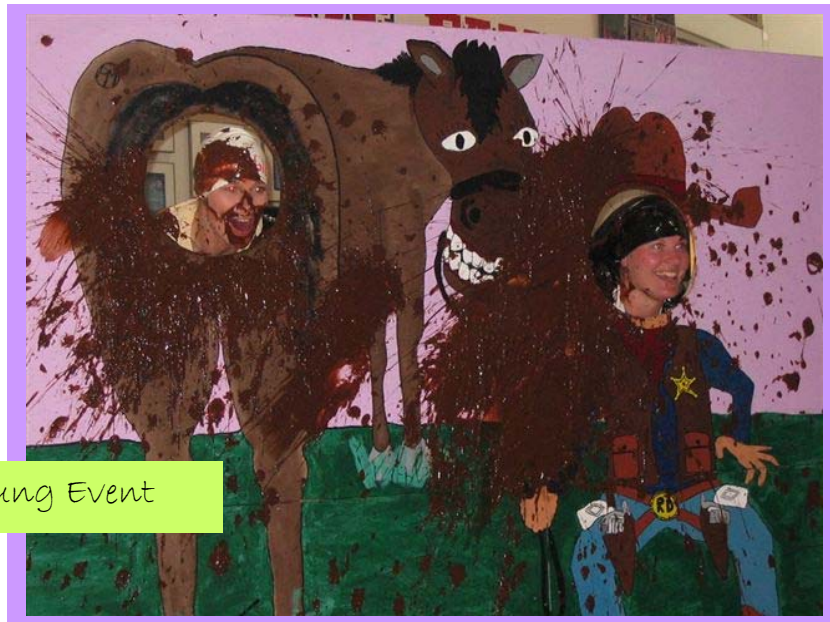
- The Parkway Choir, under the direction of Ms. J. Forsyth, won the June Argyle Award at the recent Kiwanis Music Festival. They accumulated the highest points total for a choir at the festival.
- Students in all grades are participating in the British Columbia Fruits and Vegetable Program. Students are sampling a new treat every other week and responding to the snack. Parkway students are really in tune with the importance of the program.
- Grade four students presented to the school on the Earth Day theme with a couple of songs at the recent assembly. Lots of practice and discussion provided the presentation with an "Exceeding Expectations" quality.
- Grade three students participated in a presentation to other classes about sun awareness and ways to protect themselves from the sun. Great messages given from knowledgeable peers—a super combination!

PRINCESS MARGARET SECONDARY SCHOOL

- Princess Margaret students and staff were very busy in April:

Western Week

Every lunch hour over 100 students participated in some sort of lunch time activity. The Finale to the event was held Friday afternoon in the gym with the entire school and all of SLMS grade 8's! Some of the activities were wheelbarrow racing, singing as well as other western activities – it was a great success and the students had a lot of fun! Various photo's showcase the week:



Flung Dung Event

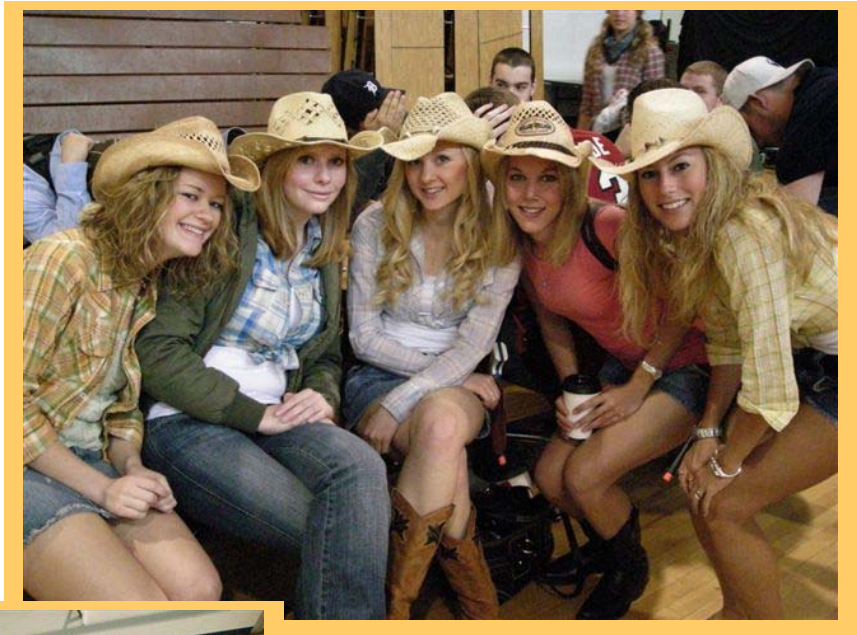
- Students paid \$1.00 for three sponges dipped in chocolate pudding to throw at their favourite teacher. This event was a fundraiser for "Scotty's End 2 Cancer" for Scott Sheremeta, a Maggie Grad from last year. It was a wonderful way to raise money and have a good laugh!

Infamous Milk Run





- WESTERN WEEK FINALE: Dress-Up Day, Cowboy Breakfast Day and Air Band Day!



More Western Week Photo's!



PENTICTON SECONDARY SCHOOL

- Penticton Secondary grade 12 student Taylor Cook has been accepted into the Yamaha Canadian All Star Jazz Band. Taylor is one of 19 students selected from across Canada. This group will play at the Chan Centre for the performing arts in Vancouver some time in the near future.

QUEEN'S PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Academic Recognition

- Queen's Park Elementary were pleased to announce the following Academic Recognition to the following students in April:

Division 1: Andrew Brochu, Zehao Jia
Division 2: Lucas Colgan, Merry May, Jacob Wilcox
Division 3: Cydney Kooistra, Wyatt Munro
Division 4: Louie Burns, Reed Pavlik, Kolton Skubovius
Division 5: Shekinah Krieger, Sophie LePoidevin, Ajay Penny, Kieran Stevenson
Division 6: Bobby Amyotte, Rylend Barill, Emmy Evans
Division 7: Hannah Bloomfield, Seth Lewis, Keira Ree
Division 9: Isabelle Egely, Joel Harris, Christopher Hayward, Travis Ricketts, Gabby Thompson, Madison Van Ryswyk

- Queen's Park Elementary started their first Parenting Wisely Course. Currently, over 12 families are participating in this worthwhile program.
- The 7th Annual Books for Breakfast Parent Session has been very well received again this year. Queen's Park had 15 parents take part in the four day program.
- Queen's Park has just resumed its School Wide Runs. The runs are taking place twice a week with all students participating. A great way to keep fit.
- Earth day was a huge success at Queen's Park with all of the students taking part in cleaning up the playground, planting flowers and looking after the weeds. Wal-mart generously donated over \$400.00 worth of materials towards our efforts on Earth Day!
- The students participated and enjoyed welcoming Camille to their classrooms to take part in marble demonstrations - they were a real hit with the students!
- Queen's Park held their first Alumni meeting in April. They had over 50 alumni attend and set up many future events and activities. They'll be back... to assist and help students in the near future.

SKAHA LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL

- All grade 6 students attended the Penticton Health Fair as a culminating activity for their pedometer program.



- An afternoon of world music was presented to our grade 6 students with intriguing instruments such as the didgeridoo.



- Grade 8 students attended the Jazz Festival in Kelowna.



- Heather Cochrane, Anmol Toor, Jade Mathies and Ashley Manzak won 1st place in the Middle School Division of the Environmental Mind Grind. They will attend Kelowna in the near future to compete at the regional level.

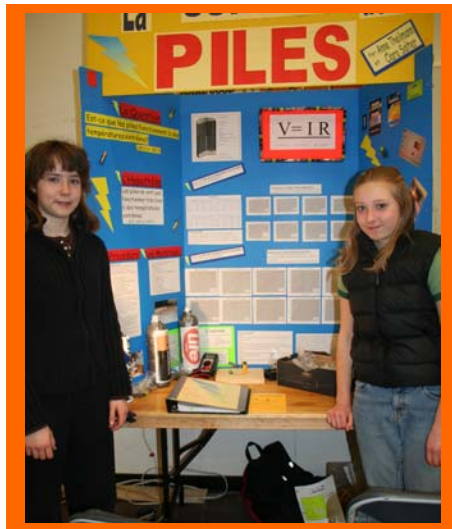


- Grade 8 students attended their second transition meeting at Princess Margaret Secondary. Students also had the opportunity to join in on the fun as they attended the Western Day and Air Band Competition at Maggie.
- A guest speaker came in to address the grade 8 students on issues around gambling.
- “Absolute”, a travelling band played for our school in an assembly. They used music to get their message out around bullying issues, empathy for others and how students can get involved to make their world a better place.

SUMMERLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL

- **Clara Salter** and **Anne Thielman**, both grade 7 Summerland Middle School students recently placed 1st in the Junior category at the Regional Science Fair. Their project, “*Survival of the Batteries*” (“*La Survie des Piles*”) was presented in both French and English. Clara and Anne are to be congratulated for their 1st place status at the Regional Science Fair as well as winning 1st place for their backdrop and to top it off - winning the Thompson Nelson Award! Clara & Anne are looking forward to their trip to Truro, Nova Scotia in May.

Regional Science Fair
Winners



Anne Thielman and Clara Salter



Student Led Assemblies and
Social Responsibility

Grade 7 Students Emily Chatrand and Layne Richards in the "SS Summerland".

- Under the leadership of teacher **Lisa Cunnian** students have planned for and directed student led assemblies. These assemblies typically have a theme, such as April's which was "A New Wave, Setting Goals". The assemblies provide general announcements for the school and recognize individual and groups of students for various school and community leadership. The assemblies also provide awards as well as opportunities for clubs and/or groups to present to the school. Students write a goal or comment on a piece of paper and drop it into a bin. Three students are chosen as "Special WAVE Students" - they then have the opportunity to sit in lounge chairs and receive special drinks and snacks - served by teachers! The assemblies have been a tremendous opportunity for students to practice their public speaking as well as learning the value of peer to peer recognition.



Students in lounge chairs enjoy special treatment as the Summerland Cheerleaders perform!



SUMMERLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL

Mathieu Da Costa Challenge

- The Mathieu Da Costa Challenge offers students a wonderful opportunity to really challenge their abilities in creative writing in English, French and Artwork. Three winning entries were selected from each age group, (9-12, 13-15, and 16-18) in each category. Each winner received:
 - a three-day, all-expenses paid trip to Nova Scotia in April 2007 (accompanied by a parent/guardian) including transportation, meals and hotel;
 - three days of fun-filled activities;
 - VIP tickets to the Mathieu Da Costa Awards Ceremony in Halifax, Nova Scotia;
 - a Certificate of Achievement; and other awesome prizes.

Summerland Secondary is very proud of **Shana Girard** who won for a poem she wrote about Michèle Rouleau, a Métis woman from Senneterre, Québec (who fought for rights of women and First Nations people). Shana left for Halifax and invited her Mom to accompany her on the trip.

Two years ago **Roman Blomme** won the Mathieu Da Costa award for his age category.

Last year **Gaëlle Madevon**, one of the Grade 8 students, won for her poem about Governor General, Michaëlle Jean.

It's quite an honour, considering there are only a total of 9 winners chosen across Canada!

TROUT CREEK ELEMENTARY

- School Board Trustees, Staff and Administrators visited Trout Creek in April and were provided with an interesting tour conducted by grade five students:

Caitlan Davidson, Levi Goddard, Emily Henderson, Amy Lundman, Kylie Erb, Sabrina Maaske, Kieran Braid, Jonah Cadieux-Johnson, Jessa Barber, Paige Burke, Jennifer Lukiv, Laura Kohan, Shaun Greenhough, Jordan Stathers, KJ McNicoll and Elliott Causton.

Mind Grind

- We are very proud of the achievement of our Mind Grind Team at the Regional Playoffs April 21st. The team placed 1st! These students have worked hard learning environmental information so they could quickly and accurately answer skill testing questions: This year's members were:

Cam Weir, Coleton Ashton, Vicki Friesen, Tameus Venkataraman

Helping Other People

- Good deeds and words do not go unnoticed at Trout Creek! Students who make a special effort to help others in our 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:

Emily Jerry, Julia Cerutti, Shaun Greenhough, Chloe Knowles, Sarah Lundman, Haley Laktin, Katie Portman, Gracey Cowles, Ryan Pidperyhora, Cam Varchol, Ashley Olson, Jennifer Lukiv, Elia Rodriguez, Jensen Kentel, Scott Anderson, Chloe Harrold, Liam Hrcirik, Mya Bradford, Jessica Erhardt, Thea Lemare-Haverkamp, Faith Sarglepp, Kaitlin Goodman, Hayley Anderson, DJ Davis, Maya Venkataraman, Decio Pescada, Cam Wier, Natasha Sopow, Sabrina Maaske, Paige Burke, Megan Turner, Luke Butler, Danielle Erdt, Eric Hahn-Hill, Pascale Cadieux-Johnson, Clayton Fenwich, Zaria Jenkins, Lexi Goddard, James Maaske, Dominique Boswell, Olivia Cameron, Hannah Walton and Chantal Ashton.

UPLANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Uplands Elementary have lots of people to thank for the successes they experienced in April:

- The Anti-idling initiative.
- The Anti-idling poster display.
- A Forestry presentation for Uplands classes.
- A Scientific presentation and assembly.
- Participation in the *Literacy in Action* project.

Red Cedar Reading Club

- Voting day took place on Thursday, April 26th for students in the Red Cedar Reading club. Students voted on their favourite books in the fiction and non-fiction category of selected books written by Canadian authors. Winners of the voting will be revealed in early May once votes have been tallied by other schools across the province. Uplands students will also take part in a district celebration that will take place in May.

WEST BENCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- In April the West Bench Basketball Team was invited to Carmi Elementary to play basketball. Carmi students and staff were wonderful hosts and the game was a lot of fun. Penticton Secondary and Princess Margaret would be pleased to know the talented players and great school ambassadors that will be heading their way in a few years!
- West Bench Elementary had an awesome Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction in April and managed to raise \$7,000.00 to put towards their new playground. Two West Bench parents, Mrs. Semeniuk and Mrs. Sigurdson, did a fabulous job planning and organizing this wonderful event – with lots of help from Wildcats, staff, students and parents who contributed in making the evening run so smoothly. The entertainment was superb! The community was very generous by including lots of donations from individuals, families and businesses.

Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction



Science Day

- On Wednesday April 25th Science Day was up and running. Mrs. Silvius and her crew set up 12 different Science Stations in the gym. The students rotated through the stations. It was a great way to talk, explore, experiment and learn about Science.



WILTSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Red Cedar Reading Program

- 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. Darbie Marbach is to be commended for reading all of the selected books this year. She is joined by fellow readers: Corbin Graham, Cheline Lecroix, Teigan Litke, Sukhvir Toor, Nathan Aubie, Willow Brough, Kenzi Haberstock, Blake Hollowaty, Colton VanCamp, Ajeet Brar, Sidne Hack, Jessica Klar and Simran Toor who have also met the reading requirements.

Wiltse Talent Show

- The students had an opportunity to show off a wide range of talents during this event. Everyone enjoyed the talent displayed and were thoroughly entertained by all the singers, musicians, comedians & dancers.



Environmental Mind Grind

- On Saturday, April 21st Wiltse School's two teams competed in the Annual Competition at Skaha Lake Middle School. The students had practiced long and hard for the competition and they learned a lot from the experience and had fun in the process. Thanks go to Ms. McPherson and Ms. Wycherley for working with the teams whose members included:

Wiltse Water Wizards

Meike Engle
Victoria Schwartz

Signe Hack
Kaylee Kutschera

Wiltse H²O

Corbin Graham
Cheline Lacroix

Teigan Litke
McKenzie Ricard