

School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha)
RECOGNITION OF STUDENT/SCHOOL SUCCESS
December 13, 2010



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

KALEDEN ELEMENTARY

- Monster Mash...it was a graveyard Smash!
Kaleden Elementary had their annual Halloween Dance celebrations. Parents, students and community members joined in celebrating Halloween through dance. Everyone enjoyed line dancing, the electric slide and of course what celebration wouldn't be complete without the Macarena.



- Floor Hockey Season is in session!
On November 17th, members of the Penticton Lakers Junior Hockey Club visited Kaleden Elementary. Students had a chance to participate in their Daily Physical Activity in a spirited game of floor hockey against the boys. The players graciously signed every autograph that was requested.

PARKWAY ELEMENTARY

- *The first breakfast program of the year was held at Parkway. It was a huge success ~ the staff looks forward to the program growing bigger and bigger.*
- *The monthly student led assembly was excellent with lots of student performances. "Courage" was the theme of the month for November.*
- *The choir at Parkway is busy preparing for the Holiday season.*
- *All of the grade 1-5 students enjoyed the Klondike Rag musical performance. The Home Learners' Program staff and students joined the school as well for a fantastic show.*
- *The third PAC meeting of the year was recently held and was very well attended.*
- *Team Canada vs Team USA game tickets were available for everyone on November 8th at the SOEC.*
- *A hug thank you to all of the One to One Reader volunteers and Safe Arrival volunteers.*

PRINCESS MARGARET SECONDARY SCHOOL

- A few members of both the senior and junior leadership classes at Princess Margaret Secondary school held a bottle drive to help a family in the community who is in financial need. The family's daughter who is now 4 years old, was born with a severe birth defect which has resulted in various medical problems. Perhaps the biggest medical issue that she has faced is neurogenic bladder and bowel. Recently, the little girl has undergone a major procedure called Mitrofanoff at the Vancouver Children's Hospital in hopes of improving her quality of life and managing her dysfunction. While the procedure was a success, she will still require medical supplies bi-weekly for the rest of her life. These supplies have been estimated to be at least \$70.00 every two weeks, an expense that is difficult for a one parent working, low income family to afford. In hopes of supporting this family, Princess Margaret asked students, parents and teachers to donate any extra recyclable beverage containers to the cause. Everyone was pleased with the amount of recycling they received in such a short time. After sorting and returning all of the containers, they collected close to \$300.00 to help the family.

PENTICTON SECONDARY SCHOOL

- Penticton Secondary grade 12 student **Jordan Findlay** has been shortlisted for the prestigious Loran Scholarship.
- Pen High Cross Country teams did very well at provincials... the boys team placed 9th (two runners placed in the top 55 runners!)
- The girls team placed 14th at provincials. These teams are coached by **Doug Davies**, **Todd Manuel**, and **Geoff Waterman**.
- **Uplands' Grade 5 Student Leadership Conference:**
Student Leaders from Penticton Secondary and Princess Margaret Secondary “lead the way” as they presented sessions titled, *Be Your Own Super Hero*, *The Starfish Story*, *52 Ways Grade 5's Can Save the World*, *Human Tic-Tac-Toe* and *Cooperative Games*. The key note speaker was grade 12 student, **Ashley Aoki**, from Pen High. She spoke about an initiative she spearheaded that involves reusing plastic bags to make quilts for homeless people. Uplands' Grade 5 student leaders were also actively involved as they performed the introductions and thank you's for the conference and Columbia grade 5 students joined in, as well. Approximately 100 grade 5 students were involved as well as 30 presenters. The whole conference was inspirational to students.



- o Three Penticton Secondary Volleyball teams qualified for the upcoming Provincial Championships:

Junior Boys: **Myron Dueck, Karen Boyd**--finishing 2nd in the Okanagan
Senior Boys: **Scott Harkness, Jeff Richert**--finishing 3rd in the Okanagan
Senior Girls: **Paul Mend** and **Paul Smith**--finishing 2nd in the Okanagan
Junior Girls: **Andy Botero**--finishing 6th in the Okanagan

SKAHA LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Skaha Lake held their first ever Health and Wellness Fair on November 4th (organized by **Louise Ganton** - school counsellor). Topics included: girl's body image, volunteering in the community, social justice, UN Rights of the Child, cyber-bullying, racism, binge drinking, conflict resolution, relaxation and stress management, exploitive relationships, yoga, health nutrition, drugs and alcohol, the justice system and hip hop dance. The school had the help of many professional practitioners from the community present to the students. The evaluations from the students and staff indicated an overwhelming success. They now have plans to make this an annual event.





- On November 10th Skaha Lake hosted a number of players from the silver medal winning Canada East squad that participated at the recent World Jr. "A" Hockey Challenge. A floor hockey game was organized and the hockey players answered questions from the student body and signed autographs. Each student at the school was given a ticket to attend the opening game of the tournament.





Current Initiatives

- DARE program has begun at SLMS for grade 6 classes
- Staff attended the Middle School Reporting Review
- Staff attended the School Completion Sharon Jeroski report
- Mural Project- this is a joint project between SLMS and the Enowkin Centre to paint Okanagan legends in the school stairwell. This is to create opportunities that will promote and increase aboriginal visibility in the school and to partner with the aboriginal community/agencies to develop ideas and activities based on aboriginal stories, philosophy and teachings of core values and social responsibilities.
- Completed the annual earthquake and lockdown drills

- “Honouring Our Families” is the middle school version of the SAFE program done at West Bench Elementary and is a six week program that targets 10 to 12 at-risk aboriginal youth and their families. This is a partnership between SLMS, the District Ab Ed program and the Penticton Indian Band. The school is currently in the planning stage with implementation set for a January 31st start and finishing on March 11th.
- Cyber-bullying presentations in grade assembly format using an excellent video resource produced by Vernon Secondary film students.

SUMMERLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL

- **Halloween for Hunger work** by Summerland Secondary students - A big thank you and congratulations to all those students who participated in Halloween for Hunger. It was a great turnout and an enormous amount of food was collected for the foodbank. Special thanks went to the organizers **Allyssa Hooper**, **Taylor Fabbi**, **Kalhua Darren**, **Amanda Hubber** and **Jenna Richardson** and our special helper **Scott Hanon!!!**
- **Swim team** members who are competing at the Provincial Tournament - Congratulations to the SSS swim team for an outstanding swim meet. Qualifying for provincials are: **Shannon Clarke**, **Shannon Parker**, **Emily Henderson**, **Emily Long**, **Sarah Bergstrom**, **Ellen Rutherford**, **Paige Miskiman**, **Riley Greenwood**, and **Abigail Meeten**.

Summerland Secondary Grads from last year who have chosen to go onto UVIC:

UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA 2010 LIST OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Summerland Secondary

Alexander Barg

Come to Campus Grant (\$1000)

Dean's Entrance Renewable Scholarships* (\$1000)

University of Victoria Entrance Scholarships (\$2000)

Jan Benedict Bitara

Come to Campus Grant (\$1000)

University of Victoria Entrance Scholarships (\$2000)

Kristi MacDonald

Aldyen Hamber Entrance Scholarship (\$500)

University of Victoria Entrance Scholarships (\$1000)

Meredith MacDonald

Come to Campus Grant (\$1000)

President's Entrance Scholarship (\$3000)

Carmen McDowell

Come to Campus Grant (\$1000)

President's Entrance Scholarship (\$3000)

Kaitlin Riedl

University of Victoria Entrance Scholarships (\$1000)

Vincent Stupka

Come to Campus Grant (\$1000)

Dean's Entrance Renewable Scholarships* (\$1000)

President's Entrance Scholarship (\$3000)

Thomas Ziebarth

Come to Campus Grant (\$1000)

President's Entrance Scholarship (\$3000)

As well as four students from their Careers department - a video clip from Women and the Trades - a program in Okanagan College in Penticton - has students from all over the Okanagan however, a number from Summerland Secondary School are in the clip. To view please see <http://sd67careers.ca/wit.htm>

UPLANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Lots of Successful events at Uplands in November:

- Parent/Teacher Interviews.
- Book Fair.
- Grade 4/5 Volleyball.

- **Uplands' Grade 5 Student Leadership Conference:**
Student Leaders from PSS and PMSS “lead the way” as they presented sessions titled, *Be Your Own Super Hero*, *The Starfish Story*, *52 Ways Grade 5s Can Save the World*, *Human Tic-Tac-Toe and Cooperative Games*. The keynote speaker was grade 12 student, **Ashley Aoki**, from Penticton Secondary. She spoke about an initiative she which involves reusing plastic bags to make quilts for homeless people. Uplands' Grade 5 student leaders were also actively involved as they performed the introductions and thank you's for the conference. Columbia grade 5 students joined in, as well. Over 100 elementary students participated as well as 30 presenters. The whole conference was inspirational and fun!
- **Restorative Practices** Professional Development for staff (and Inquiry) plus sessions for interested staff members across the district. Uplands School Improvement Day involved a morning Restorative Practices session with Judith King and Susan Johnston presenting. Since then a group of staff members have started a Restorative Practices Inquiry. There are also a series of four sessions for staff members across the District on Restorative Practices presented by Judith King, Susan Johnston and Heather Rose.
- **Remembrance Day** Assembly – Division 6 led a very meaningful Remembrance Day assembly on Nov. 10th. Many thanks go out to Ms. Street, the Penticton Pipe Band, parent volunteer, Tracey Foreman, and Corporal Mike Smith for making the assembly so special!
- Canada West Team Visit (student led).
- Vee's Hockey Game – Nov. 21 - Great to see the number of Uplands' fans and the spirit they brought to the game!
- Vee's Visit and Vees vs Uplands Hockey game – Nov. 25th (student led)
- Buddy (Multicultural) Club with Andrea Garrett from South Okanagan Immigrant and Community Services.
- “Reading is Cool”:
Uplands School in coordination with Penticton RCMP started a “Reading is Cool” program. Constable Peter Mann is currently visiting Division 2, Grade 5 students to encourage them to Read, Read, Read! He will also be working with other intermediate grades throughout the school year. The program is focused on supporting the development of literacy skills in children through positive encouragement, with RCMP members involved in school-based reading programs. Everyone is very pleased that Constable Mann has joined the Uplands' team.

- SMARTBoard Professional Development for staff.
- SMARTLearning Inquiry.
- School Completion Presentation by Sharon Jeroski (*CREATING HOPE: One Student at a Time*).
- **UPLANDS' GRADE FIVE STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**
PSS and PMSS Student Leaders, "Lead the Way":



CANADA WEST Hockey Team Visit:



REMEMBRANCE DAY Assembly:

