



For the January 9, 2012 Board of Education Meeting

SUCCESS STORIES



Recognition of Student/School Success

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

Columbia Elementary

The month of December was a busy one for Columbia students. They decided that their gift to the community would be fundraising for worthy causes and cheering spirits through their actions. From collecting new toys for those in need (142 in all!) to singing karaoke with the seniors at Westview Place, to raising money for the 'Be an Angel' campaign and their own breakfast club, to many other student-driven campaigns: the students at Columbia Elementary demonstrated once again that they have taken Gandhi's words to heart: *'Be the change that you wish to see in the world'*.

McNicoll Park Middle

McNicoll Park Middle School students ran another Adopt-A-Family initiative for the 2011 holiday season. Four Grade 6 leadership students were involved in spearheading the Adopt-A-Family initiative for this year. They collected over 200 food items and close to \$100 cash. The cash was converted into four \$25. gift cards from Save-On Foods and were taken to the Salvation Army on December 15th for distribution. This is the third year in a row that Grade 6 students have volunteered and have ran this community service project. Great job McNicoll Park students!

Naramata Elementary

- Naramata Elementary students and staff generated a 'Recycled Clothes Sale' on December 3rd. Shoppers came in a frenzy to fill their bags as much as they could for \$5.00 and helped raise \$400. Seventy bags of clothes left the gym on the arms of happy customers. Thank you to Yanti and her crew for sorting through the mayhem and to all those who made donations.





Naramata Elementary Continued...



- The 'PAC Christmas Shopping Extravaganza' took place on December 6th & 7th - yet another success! Over 1,000 items were sold starting at .25 cents with a grand total of \$287.00 raised. Thank you to Janette Davies and her crew for organizing this yearly event.

Parkway Elementary

- The Breakfast Club was another great success. Thank you to Lindsay and Michelle!
- Parkway Elementary held their December assembly and it was a huge success. A superb gingerbread creation was made that was just fabulous! Raffle tickets were sold and the winner was drawn.
- Parkway had two Christmas Concerts that were huge hits! Thank you to all of the students and to Mrs. Zaugg for all of her hard work! It was great to see so many parents in attendance!
- The Kindergarten children had their Teddy Bear Picnic and they all had a wonderful time!! Thank you to Mrs. Tucker and Ms. Brown.

Penticton Secondary

- Student, '[Alyssa Kroeker](#)' was in a wrestling tournament recently and won the gold medal in her age division, as well as the bronze in the elite division!

Princess Margaret Secondary

- Princess Margaret Secondary leadership students have successfully implemented a Free Store at the school. Through donations from staff and students, they set up a supply of clothing for those students in need at the school. Clothing varies from clothes suitable for a work placement to winter coats, scarves and jackets with everything in-between. Students access the Free Store through their school counsellors or by referral from a staff member.
- Princess Margaret Students fundraised over \$1000. to help local families in need at Christmas. With the money raised, students sponsored families in need from within the school community...they provided Christmas dinner, gifts and other items needed during the holidays.

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Princess Margaret Secondary Continued...

The Annual '10,000 To-Night Canned Food Drive took place at Princess Margaret Secondary on December 1, 2011. Over 500 Princess Margaret and Penticton Secondary staff, students and parents participated in the annual event. Once participants finished collecting food from their respective routes, everyone returned to Princess Margaret for a sit down meal and live entertainment (thanks to the guitar students from both schools). The event was a huge success collecting more than 13,450 items that were donated to the Salvation Army in Penticton. Thank you everyone for giving up your time to help the needy in our community.



Skaha Lake Middle



Skaha Lake Middle School - Penny Wars

"Penny Wars" in Support of the "Be An Angel" program benefitting the Okanagan Boys and Girls Club and the Salvation Army Food Bank.

Lexi Grady, a Grade 8 leadership student suggested to Mr. Brunelle with the "Penny Wars" idea on how the school could be socially responsible to the community especially at a difficult time of year for many needy families. Lexi and her Dad built a large balance scale that had two 5 gallon water jugs where students could deposit their pennies. The challenge was would the boys or the girls have the heaviest water jug? They far exceeded their expectations. The girls brought in 219 lbs and the boys brought in 106 lbs. This was far more than the balance scale could handle. 325 lbs of pennies equated to \$640.75 which was donated to the "Be An Angel" program. There was an article on the front page of the Penticton Herald on January 2nd. That's success!



Uplands Elementary

- Uplands Elementary was filled with kindness and good cheer during the holiday season. Their awesome Winter Concert, "A Pirate's Christmas" was very well attended both on December 15th and 16th. Heart-felt thanks go out to all staff for making the concert possible! Upland's also wanted to extend a very special thank-you to their very talented music director and coordinator, Mrs. Salting and to Ms. Street and their grade 2/3 class for their outstanding performances. We extend further thanks to Ms. Street's and Mrs. Buzikievich's classes and a group of outstanding grade 5 student leaders for singing at and bringing gifts to *Toys for Tots to Teens*. Classes were also performed for seniors during the holiday season. Bringing cheer and kindness to others will follow students wherever they go in the future☺.



Winter Concert - 'A Pirate's Christmas'



Winter Concert - Performance for Seniors

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Uplands Elementary Continued...

- Santa's Workshop was another huge success. Many, many thanks go out to Mrs. Foreman and Mrs. Kelly for coordinating the event and to all of the wonderful volunteers for helping out. As a result of Santa's Workshop and staff contributions, Uplands was able to provide support to eleven families during the holiday season!



- Uplands' Farm Bag fundraiser was also a great success. So far they have raised approximately \$1157.00 and look forward to using the funds to do a green initiative in the Spring. Since they have 55 Kindergarten children this year, They hope to create a "Kinder-garden" with older students helping younger students!

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Uplands Elementary Continued...



Uplands' Farm Bag Fundraiser - *\$1157.00 Raised!*

West Bench Elementary

- **Jaxson Miller**, Wiltse's Fire Chief for the Day (who was one of MANY who put in their fire safety plan for a draw) was the winner!
Thank you to Liz Wilson, Megan Rutherford and Penticton Secondary School Drama Department for their presentation to West Bench Elementary for their Fire Safety Week.

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West Bench Elementary Continued...



Fire Chief Wayne Williams and Jaxson Miller
(Fire Chief for the Day Party at the Fire Hall)

