

School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha)
RECOGNITION OF STUDENT/SCHOOL SUCCESS
November 1, 2007



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

CARMI ELEMENTARY

Start up has gone amazingly well and it is great to see how the students are settling into their classes. Meetings were held with each of the classroom teachers to find out what the needs were in each class. That information has been used to deploy special service to best meet the needs of each and every student! Learning assistance and special education programs are all up, running and going very well. The first six weeks has been filled with many fun events and activities for the whole school!!!! Highlights include:

- Soccer practices and games.
- Cross country running practices and meets.
- Playground and fields now fully operational.
- Assemblies and *Student of the Week*.
- Terry Fox Run in September - \$400.00 was raised.
- Launching the Veas' *Read and Succeed* program at our school with author, Lorna Schultz Nicholson on October 2nd.
- Open House, Barbecue and Family Dance on October 4th with Shakewood Annie.
- Community Access Internet Evenings on Mondays.
- Block X Social Responsibility program starting up in family (cross-graded) groupings on Friday, Oct. 5th.
- Fire Safety Presentation put on by Penticton Secondary grades 11/12 drama students and the Fire Department on Oct. 9th.



Cross Country in Full Swing!



Terry Fox Run



Carmi School Open House

Other Events:

- Carmi hosted a Student Leadership Conference in October. Student leaders from Penticton Secondary, Princess Margaret Secondary, McNicoll Park Middle and KVR Middle Schools presented and worked with grade 5 students from Carmi, Parkway and Kaleden. It was an excellent conference - very valuable for both the grade 5 students and the student leader presenters.



Princess Margaret Secondary Student Leaders are doing a session on "Random Acts of Kindness – Pay it Forward".



Grade 5 students finished creating posters after their session from Penticton Secondary: "Be Your Own Superhero".

Student leaders working with the grade 5 students





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- October 26th: Pumpkin Cross Country Run at Trout Creek
- October 15th, 17th, 24th: Soccer Games
- Cross Country and Soccer Practices
- October 31st Hallowe'en Assembly

COLUMBIA ELEMENTARY

- Congratulations to all of the grade 4-5 students who participated in the Naramata Run (a very rigorous race). This year, almost 60 students took part in the run. Columbia placed 2nd in the overall standings as well as 9 individuals finished in the top 15 of their respective categories!
- Columbia Elementary has a program of encouraging and recognizing personal and social responsibility called the 5 C's. The school conducts bi-weekly assemblies at which each staff member recognizes approximately 3 students for their demonstration of one or more of the 5 C's, presenting them with a certificate that mentions their accomplishment or demonstration. Certificates are then posted on a bulletin board near the office for the next two week period, following which the students take them home. The 5 C's at Columbia are:

- **Consideration**
- **Commitment to Learning**
- **Cooperation**
- **Courtesy**
- **Common Sense**

Here are examples of two C's:

Consideration: is the act of thinking of others when you say or do things. It would include things like being kind, extending helping hands, sharing, and inviting others to play.

Commitment to Learning: is the demonstration of dedication, enthusiasm and perseverance in the pursuit of knowledge and skills. It would include things like active listening, class participation and follow through on work and assignments.

At the first assembly in October, 35 students were recognized.

GIANT'S HEAD ELEMENTARY

- Running Club ~ Naramata & Pumpkin Runs:

Giant's Head Elementary started a running club that meets Tuesday's & Thursday's for grades 3 to 5. A team of runners were sent to the district Naramata Run and to the Pumpkin Run at Trout Creek in October.

HOME LEARNERS' PROGRAM

- Home Learners' students went to the Grist Mill and Farmer John's Petting Zoo and had over 80 students, parents and siblings attend. The families had a great time petting guinea pigs, riding in the apple boxes and seeing all the animals at the Petting Zoo. At the Grist Mill, they learned about pioneers, Okanagan crops and how grain was made into flour. The weather was wonderful and there were a lot of happy and tired children on the bus ride home.



Farmer John's Petting Zoo



Farmer John's Petting Zoo



The Grist Mill

KALEDEN ELEMENTARY

- **Thanksgiving Luncheon** – A huge thank you to the parents of Kaleden Elementary for putting on a full turkey dinner spread – complete with turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy! They had 150 people attend the lunch in October and were so busy serving and eating they forgot to take photos!
- **Naramata Run** - Thanks to the grade 4 and 5 students who really did the school proud!
- **Fire Safety Activities** – The students and staff celebrated Fire Safety Week with the Kaleden Fire Department. They even had their very own fire chief for the day who was able to ride in the fire truck! Then the fire department helped the students to learn about fire safety as they designed stations for them to go through – complete with a smoke maze! What great learning experience!



Fire Safety Activities



- **School wide Pumpkin Carving Day** – Thanks to all the parents and grandparents who went to Kaleden Elementary to help ~ 125 jack-o-lanterns is pretty amazing!



- **The grand finale for October...** Kaleden Elementary paid off their playground! That is great news for the school, the children and the community. Thanks to the district for assisting the school to offset the costs regarding purchase and installation.



KVR MIDDLE SCHOOL

- KVR staff and students, under guidance of their Leadership classes, raised \$3,600.00 dollars for the Terry Fox Foundation through pledges and a very successful raffle.

McNICOLL PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL

- McNicoll Park Middle School had a group of leadership students at the school who presented a session for a grade 5 Leadership Conference hosted by Carmi Elementary. This was part of their Leadership mandate to provide service learning opportunities for the students.

NARAMATA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Naramata Elementary was involved in a super Presentation & Tour of the Kokanee spawning grounds on Naramata Creek. Students went by classes and thoroughly enjoyed the presentation. In the near future, students plan to paint 100 metal "fish" to put up on the school fence to celebrate the Centennial and the importance of the Kokanee to the area.
- The grade 4/5 class participated in the Naramata Cross County Run in October. Some of the Naramata students participated in the "Pumpkin Run" in Trout Creek on Friday, Oct. 26th.
- A big thank you to everyone who attended and supported the Annual Naramata Cross Country Championship Races. With a total of 412 runners in the four categories, area schools were well represented! Thanks go out to the terrific Naramata PAC who did a great job of running the concession stand, to retired Naramata teacher, Mike Townley for organizing the event, and to the many parents and older students from the Naramata area who volunteered.

PARKWAY ELEMENTARY

- Parkway classes, five in all, attended two Reptiles and Amphibians presentations at the Cherry Lane Mall in October. At both presentations the students were congratulated for their excellent behavior and audience manners.
- Students in all grades participated in the Annual Terry Fox Run. Parkway contributed \$365.00 to cancer research through this activity.
- Forty grade 4 & 5 Parkway students took part in the recent Naramata Run. While five students were mentioned in the top rankings for finishing, all students trained hard and completed the course with energy and determination.
- A number of Parkway One to One Reading students in grade 2 & 3 have been working diligently with the community volunteers that come to school to read with them each week. The feedback regarding the effort and reading progress coming from these sessions has been gratifying. The students are making strides in the program.

PRINCESS MARGARET SECONDARY SCHOOL

- Scott Myers, a student in grade 11 at Princess Margaret, has been selected to attend a Leadership Conference in Squamish on the Pro-D weekend. This 2010 Legacies Now & the Spirit of BC Leadership Conference is taking place October 19 - 21 in Squamish. Only 60 students from around the Province were accepted. These students will be apart of the Altitude Youth Experience. It is a great opportunity for Scott to acquire new leadership skills and bring them back to apply at Maggie. Congratulations Scott!

PENTICTON SECONDARY SCHOOL

- On September 4th teachers all across British Columbia received an email about a new contest sponsored by BC Hydro. The Gulf Islands Film and Television School (GIFTS) in partnership with BC Hydro launched the **OFF THE GRID VIDEO CONTEST** to all BC Students aged 13-24. To enter, students needed to create and upload a 30-60 second video clip showcasing their views on electrical energy conservation. At Pen Hi four PSA's were created, three were accepted by the competition sponsor and were uploaded to the site (one was disqualified for unspecified reasons).

The contest proved to be quite challenging; most of the students entering were new to the course and had to first learn the basics of handling the video camera, editing on a complex program (Premiere Pro), storyboarding, and finally basic filming techniques. All of the entries made it on the site one day before the final deadline; which meant that only six days remained for public judging.

The prizes were in two categories: first, the video that received the highest viewing rating won a digital camera; and second, a panel of judges determined which 10 students would win a three day filmmaking camp at GIFTS (Gulf Island Film and Television School). The 6 days of voting proved to be very exciting, with one of the young film makers – Jordan Findlay – quickly moving up the ranking to eighth position. A week after the final day of judging Jordan received an email from the contest and HE WON! He is one of the handfuls of kids selected to travel to GIFTS. He leaves in the middle of October for the Gulf Islands. Jordan will also travel to Vancouver for a media event highlighting their success and work in the GIFTS school.

You can still check out the video entries on the contest site:

www.offthegridvideo.com

Pen Hi's contributions are:

Page 2: The Power of Ouija

Page 4: Save the Energy

Page 5: The Power of One (Jordan's – WINNER)

QUEEN'S PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Queen's park is running up a storm every Tuesday and Friday in preparation for the Naramata Run & the Trout Creek Pumpkin Run in October. 30 students participated from grade 4 & 5.

- Queen's Park Elementary held their first Family Movie Night of the year in October in the Primary Pod. It was a huge success with over 100 people attending.
- We are very proud of the Academic Recognition Program at Queen's Park Elementary and of these students:

Division 1: Cody Bonthoux
Division 2: Sophie LePoidevin, Ebony Sauter, Rohan Chauhan, Diego DeAlmeida
Division 3: Ajay Penny, Quentin Fraser
Division 4: Sheridan Cooper, Sardor Urazor, Rabecca Anderson, Julian Pearson
Division 5: Romalee Stanley, Chelsea Dovauo
Division 6: Kristen Vandeweghe, Sydney Bowick, Tate Larson
Division 7: Kali-Rose Palfrey, Branden Soper, Gabrielle Bischoll
Division 8/9: Lachlan Klammer, Tessa Schmutz, Tiana Elliott
Winners: **Primary – Branden Soper**
Intermediate – Quentin Fraser

- Queen's Park had started their 8th Annual SAFE program. Nine families have signed up for the 8 week program. The first two sessions were very successful.
- The StrongStart program at Queen's Park Elementary is now enrolling more than 100 families and they have over 30 children attending each day.
- Six students from the Pen Hi Leadership Program have been going to Queen's Park once a week to offer an afterschool program for the grade 3 to 5 students.
- Roots of Empathy started in the grade 5 classroom. The school will run 27 classes this year.
- Three Pro D sessions were held at Queen's Park late October. The Clicker 5 workshop, the BIS workshop and the Zone 'n workshop. Over 100 educators from the school district attended.
- Ten of the grade 5 students attended a one day workshop at the Naramata Centre on Peer Mediation. They will be Queen's Park Peer Mediators for the year.

SKAHA LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL

- All grade 6 students participated in the TD Beach Cleanup.
- Skaha Lake grade 8 Leadership students organized the Terry Fox Run. \$443.00 dollars was raised for this worthwhile cause.
- Skaha Lake hosted a grade 6 and 7 Volleyball Play Day in October.
- An Aboriginal Education Potluck Dinner was held at Skaha Lake Middle School on October 11th. Dream catchers hung from the ceiling and students, parents and teachers enjoyed a feast of salmon and bannock.
- Skaha Lake Middle School hosted an Open House and Barbeque. Over 500 students and their parents showed up to enjoy a burger and get acquainted with staff and the school.

- All grade 6 teachers attended the Literacy in Action workshop to familiarize themselves with the new program.
- One grade 7 class went to Vaseau Lake on a field trip. The program entitled "Habitat Safari" explores locally endangered eco systems.
- Grade 6 classes are beginning their trips to the skating rink to further promote physical fitness.
- The D.A.R.E. program has commenced for all grade 6 classes.
- Three classes at Skaha Lake Middle School are running the Roots of Empathy Program.

SUMMERLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL

- October 5th was an amazing day at Summerland Middle School as the "3rd Annual Amazing Race" was held. Students were placed in cross-grade teams of three students (a student from each grade). The students were provided with a "passport" with their first clue. When the buzzer rang at 9:30 a.m. 390 students were off and running in hundreds of directions. Following clues, they found their stations, completed an assigned challenge and then were provided with a clue to the next station. The goal of the event was to have students working together, getting to know students from another grade and supporting each other through a variety of challenges (from math to geography, french to science and to physical activity challenges). The first teams completed the Amazing Race in just over 2 hours and by 2 1/2 hours most the teams had completed the "gruelling event!" While the winners celebrated with ice cream cake...the entire school celebrated successful teaming activities!



The challenges were varied and by the way...
"Don't forget your passport!"

- Summerland Middle School has for the first time been able to offer a grade 8 Leadership Course within the timetable. Fifteen of the students recently travelled to Naramata where they spent two days with Leadership students from SSS and SADI. The event was a huge success with the students returning to Summerland Middle prepared to spearhead leadership initiatives in the school and the community. Students are involved in individual leadership projects which include:
 - Peer Tutors and Peer Helpers
 - School Leadership projects including planning school wide events
 - Volunteering as office monitors and hot lunch monitors
 - Community Leadership initiatives such as acting as crossing guards at Giant's Head School
 - Running a hockey program at Trout Creek
 - Volunteering in the community assisting with community hockey
 - Volunteering at the Retirement Centre

These are just a few of the many projects that students are involved in within the school and community.

SUMMERLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL

- 57 Students from Summerland Middle and Summerland Secondary School (grades 8-10) took part in a Leadership Conference at the Naramata Centre on October 18th and 19th. Some of the students will be leaders at the conference and others will be future leaders for our schools and communities! This conference is developed through the coordination of the schools and SADI (Summerland Asset Development Initiative).
- Students from the SSS Civics 11 class will be heading to Victoria to see the wheels of government at work. This is annual escapade and always yields great results.

TROUT CREEK ELEMENTARY

It has been a busy, productive month for staff, students and parents at Trout Creek. Here are some other highlights of their time together:

- Great student, staff and parent participation in the annual Terry Fox Run; students raised a large amount of \$686.41 for this worthy cause.
- wonderful turn out and great food at the "Tour the Classroom" and P.A.C. Barbeque; special thanks to the PAC for organizing the dinner and the parents for the tasty desserts.
- Strong participation by grade 4 and 5 students in the cross-country running club; practices held every Thursday.
- Participation begins in this year's Fruit and Vegetables project.
- Teacher in-service held on the Implementation Day to learn more about the new Language Arts, Health and Career and Science curriculums as well as discussing the Growth Plan for the school for 2007-2008.

UPLANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- October is International Walk to School Month - International Walk to School Month gives children, parents, school teachers, staff and community leaders an opportunity to be part of a global event as they celebrate the many benefits of walking. Last year, more than 3 million walkers from around the world walked to school together. Lots of students walked to school during the month of October to show their support.
- Open House and Spaghetti Dinner (over 330 meals served)...great turn out at this event!
- School-Wide Write completed by grade 1- 5 students.
- All Class Review meetings completed with many positive comments from staff.
- Working on Kindergarten, Benchmarking, and Whole Class Reading assessments.
- Action School Fall activity...School-wide Run three times a week on a 1 km+ neighbourhood route.
- Terry Fox Run (student, parent and staff participation!) raised over \$330.00!

WEST BENCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Thank you to parents and students who supported the Terry Fox Run. The school raised \$365.50.
- The West Bench grade 4 and 5 soccer team played soccer against Parkway, Wiltse and Naramata. The experience was well worth it as they learned a lot as well as played their very best – showing great sportsmanship. Most of all, they were wonderful ambassadors for the School.



- West Bench Elementary were involved in the Cross Country running team for the run in Naramata. The team did very well, gave their personal best and supported their team mates. They were all wonderful examples of super West Bench citizens!



- A marvelous Recital of the Wolf poem was presented at the Awards Assembly. One of the classes sang three autumn songs which certainly represented the lovely autumn we have experienced.

- Two of the classes partnered to join in on the fun in Pumpkin carving. They had many parent volunteers who helped the young carvers with their jack-o-lanterns. It was a fun activity for the children and there was a lot of co-operative learning going on too!

WILTSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Things were very busy in October at Wiltse Elementary:

- Quality work being emphasized in all classrooms.
- Grade 5 students handling their new roles and responsibilities as student secretaries, patrollers, morning announcers and Kindergarten monitors.
- Running program in place for all students.
- Cross country runners training for upcoming runs in Naramata and Trout Creek.
- Wiltse raised \$432.00 for the Terry Fox Foundation.
- Hot Lunch Program in place.
- The grade 12 drama students from Penticton Secondary School will present an entertaining fire safety presentation to the students. The school will receive a contest draw box and "Fire Safety Starts with You" brochures. From the contest entry forms one student will be selected for "Fire Chief for the Day". The "Chief and his/her family will be invited to a Fire Hall Party on October 30th.
- Wiltse completed their first session of the P.A.L.S. program in October. It was extremely successful; attracting 21 parents, grandparents and guardians to the school for an extremely valuable "Alphabet" session. Local Kindergarten teachers and Administrators joined in to assist the families while observing specific components of the program for possible use in their own schools. Several teachers presented information to parents, led risk-free question & comment sessions and prepared a variety of activity stations for everyone to explore. All Kindergarten students who attended left with a bag filled with activities to use at home, playdoh for letter building and the beautiful book "Eating the Alphabet" by Lois Ehlert. A huge thank you to all who attended, to the teachers for their effort and dedication to this valuable program and to the PAC for their financial support.





P.A.L.S Program

