

School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha)  
**RECOGNITION OF STUDENT/SCHOOL SUCCESS**  
March 1, 2010



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

**KALEDEN ELEMENTARY**

- On February 22nd musician Lowrey Olfasson spent the morning working with 30 students in grade 3/4/5 writing a song that reflects Kaleden Elementary. The group collaborated on the original song titled "Living Life as it is". In the afternoon Lowrey and his songwriters began an afternoon concert in front of the school with the original track. It was such a great afternoon!



- Chinese New Year - On February 12th, the grade 5 class had a very unique celebration. The group chose to integrate Valentine's Day with the celebration of the Chinese New Year. Students exchanged Valentine pleasantries and then learned about the culture and significance of the New Year in China.



### **McNICOLL PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL**

- Grade 8 students at McNicoll Park Middle School took part in Junior Achievement as well as a successful sales day where they raised over \$400.00 for the SPCA!
- Two student led initiatives raised close to \$500.00 for the Haiti Relief Project.

### **PARKWAY ELEMENTARY**

- The Terasen Gas presentations in the library were a great hit with the students.
- The Parkway basketball team have been practicing and recently had a great game. The students are improving every game and once again the crowd support was outstanding! Thanks to the great coaches for all of their work.

- DPA was energetic and fun. It was great to see most of the students and staff in their House Team colors! Every Wednesday is House Team day at Parkway!
- The Thursday morning sing-a-long in the gym is always a big hit! It is super to see so many parents coming out and joining in with the songs.
- The Spaghetti Dinner and Loonie Draw was a huge success! Over \$1700.00 was raised and everyone had a super time!
- The grade 4 classes have been busy writing their FSA tests this week and all is going very well.
- Classes held Valentine celebrations – and the cupcakes were amazing!
- The Parkway Elementary Olympics were a huge success and all of the student Olympic athletes performed very well.

#### **SKAHA LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

- Feb 1 – Skaha Lake Middle School purchased two Smart Boards and trained two teachers in the use of this wonderful technology. As they become proficient with this technology, they will train other teachers in the school as the Smart Boards are mobile.



- Feb 9 & 10 – Skaha Lake Middle School hosted Parent/Teacher/Student interviews. This marks just past the halfway point in the term with interim reports going home last week. This process communicates progress to parents so they can work with the school in supporting their child's academic achievement.
- Feb 15 - Eleven Skaha staff members (administrators, teachers and CEA's) met for the third time to study Dr. Brokenleg's book, "Reclaiming Youth at Risk". The focus of the book study is to create an even more welcoming environment for the at-risk learners as well as aboriginal students.
- Feb 16 - The grade 6 students took part in the "Grade 6 Math League Contest." Congratulations to:

**Matthew McKay** and **Aidan Wallace** for a tie for first place  
 Second place went to **Aivy Hochfilzer** and **Caitlyn Bearisto**  
 Third place were **Caitlin Neary** and **Lexi Grady**



- Feb 19 & 26 - The grade 7 students took part in the Ski / Snowboard program at Apex Mountain.

- Feb 22 - The school has joined the Aboriginal Enhancement School Network and the inquiry question posed is: *"Will aboriginal students become more successful at school when they experience an increased sense of connection to the school community?"* The Enhancement Agreement goals that we will be working towards are: 1) Improving the schooling success rate for learners of Aboriginal ancestry, 2) to increase the awareness and appreciation of Aboriginal history and culture by both the aboriginal and general populations of students.
- Feb 23 - The school-based Science Fair took place. The top project in each division will go on to represent Skaha Lake at the District Science Fair on March 1 & 2.
- Feb 24 - The first ever "Banner Ceremony" took place. This ceremony was designed to further increase the sense of belonging students have to the school. Designed like an Olympic Games Opening Ceremony, advisory classes have created felt banners which they will proudly march into the gym. Student representatives will read a statement designed by the class on the theme, *"What does Skaha Lake Middle School mean to us?"*

## **SUMMERLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL**

- The Senior Girl Rockets Basketball Team almost made it to the provincial championships! The Rockets came first in the South Okanagan League with a narrow 2-point win over Oliver in the championship game, then hosted the Valley Finals at the SSS Gym! Summerland, playing before a packed, noisy, supportive gym, lost by 27 to Vernon Secondary in their first game, then won 2 in a row--- by 9 points over Oliver and by 2 over Brocklehurst of Kamloops who was ranked 15th in B.C. The girls then lost the third place game to Vernon again--this time by only 17 points. Point guard **Vanessa Zailo** was chosen as a first team tournament all-star for the weekend, while **Lisa Isaak**, **Cassie Erb**, and **Alida Wiens** were selected as individual *Game-Stars*! On the following Monday, the girls travelled to Merritt for a backdoor challenge game against a school from Maple Ridge and were outclassed by 16 points. One more win would have meant a trip to the B.C.'s in Kamloops in late February! The Rockets finished the season with 21 wins and 6 losses.....an outstanding accomplishment!

## UPLANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- **Basketball practices and games** with other schools
- **SMARTBoard Pro-D** on February 1st
- **Ready, Set, Learn** on February 4th: School and Community Partners (i.e. OSNS, Public Health, Public Library, Family Outreach, School Counselor, Principal, Kindergarten Teacher, and Speech/Language) joined together to both present valuable information to parents/caregivers of 3 and 4 year olds, and have fun stations and story telling for the children. It was a very successful, well attended event!
- **Random Acts of Kindness Week**
- **Canwest Canspell** on Feb. 20th: Grade 4 student, **Nicki Bijvoet**, represented Uplands and was in the top eight students, out of approximately forty competitors. **She placed first out of all of the Penticton schools. Congratulations Nicki!!**
- **Destination Conservation:** Grade 5 Student Leaders working on projects
- **Multicultural Club**
- **Accelerated Readers:** (Awarded with T-Shirts for earning over 100 points!)
- **Hot Lunches and Fruit and Veggies program**
- **Continued Development of School Inquiry** with Literacy, Social Responsibility Plans
- **Help for Haiti:** Hot chocolate and cookie day to both celebrate the success of the **SOAR social responsibility program** and to practice it globally by fundraising for the people in Haiti - **\$1006.00 was raised!!!**
- **Drama Club**
- **Scrapbooking Club** with many students and families involved after school on Thursdays
- **Lego Day:** Future builders in action
- **Olympic Day Ceremony and Events – February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010:** Each class represented a country and the events were done in station format with Family (Cross-Graded Groupings). Olympic events included bean bag curling, Olympic torch relay, adapted snow-shoeing, stick handling, hockey shoot, cross-country skiing, skeleton, biathlon and speed skating. The ceremony was very special as the torch bearers actually had the Penticton Olympic Torch to pass and the inspirational Olympic Song, "I Believe".

