

School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha)
RECOGNITION OF STUDENT/SCHOOL SUCCESS
May 10, 2010



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

COLUMBIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Student-Led Conferences

- *Columbia Elementary's recent student-led conference evening was well-attended. It was wonderful to see how students were able to demonstrate growth and share their learning with parents and other family members. Columbia's staff has been focusing on student self-assessment, and it is exciting to see how students have embraced this important step in their learning.*



GIANT'S HEAD ELEMENTARY

- On April 15th, Giant's Head School hosted its first ever Health Fair. The day started with a keynote address by three time Olympian Joanne Malar.

Joanne competed as a swimmer in the 1992, 1996 and 2000 Olympics and spoke about the importance of having dreams and goal setting. She was an outstanding role model for the students. Students then went through stations that included educational stations on hand washing, sun safety, being tobacco free and healthy eating, as well as movement stations on activities such as juggling, judo, cup stacking, skateboarding, mountain biking, pilates, hip hop, ball exercises, aikido, golf, gymnastics and speedminton. Stations were run by parent volunteers, community members and students from Summerland Middle School. A great day was had by all!



Olympian Joanne Malar



KALEDEN ELEMENTARY

Kaleden Elementary celebrates Earth Day's 40th Anniversary!

- On Thursday April 22nd Kaleden Elementary held a special assembly recognizing Earth Day. Classes performed poems and songs in recognition of this momentous day. Each class took the time to learn about how Reducing, Reusing and Recycling can make a huge impact on our Earth.



Pennies For Peace at KES!

- Pennies for Peace is a service-learning program designed to broaden the students' cultural horizons while teaching them about their capacities as philanthropists – one penny at a time.

Pennies for Peace is based on the book by Greg Mortenson – author of the #1 New York Times best seller, Three Cups of Tea. His work promotes and provides community-based education and literacy programs, especially for girls, in remote mountain regions of Central Asia. The students are learning that while a penny doesn't mean much in Canada, it can make a big difference to children around the world.



KVR MIDDLE SCHOOL

- **Environmental Mind Grind...** Once again students at KVR have proven themselves to be outstanding in the area of environmental awareness. The students claimed the championship at last weeks Environmental Mind Grind and won the \$500 top prize. Congratulations to:

Haley Bowland

Anne Lu

Kathryn Schur

Nadine Ashby

Special thanks to Mr. Fielding for his leadership and the extra time spent!

- **Science Fair...** Two students from KVR Middle School were selected to attend the National Science Fair in Ontario in May. Congratulations to:

Breanna Gowe

Megan Cumming

for their amazing project!

- **Kiwanis Music, Dance and Speech Arts Festival...** Congratulations to KVRs 'first ever' choir. They were awarded a First Place Certificate in the Middle School category on April 15th. Special thanks to Mrs. Stuchbery for putting in the time and energy as their choral director.

NARAMATA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



On a beautiful Sunday at the end of March over 40 community and school volunteers (including several eager students) spent the day constructing the planting boxes for the Naramata Community Garden. Students have already begun planting a variety of vegetables in their classrooms in anticipation of moving them into the school's designated garden plots. The official ribbon cutting ceremony was held on Thursday, April 22nd during the PAC Family Fun Carnival.



Parent, Deborah Linton organized a great PAC Family Fun Carnival during the evening of April 22nd. The school gymnasium was filled with lots of fun games, activities, and "live" reptiles. Students and parents alike had a great time eating cotton candy, playing tombola, bouncing on the giant Ogoogo, face painting and belly dancing. Thanks to all parent & community volunteers for making this event so successful.

PARKWAY ELEMENTARY

- Ryan Leech, a professional mountain biker and speaker, visited Parkway Elementary to perform a demonstration for the grade 4/5 students. Ryan was able to visit other schools in the district as well. The presentation was excellent as was his message!
- Once again Parkway held three School Wide runs. The students had a great time trying to beat their lap records!
- The parent Writing Out Loud workshop was well attended.
- Tuesday night was Movie night! Parkway had about 70 people out to enjoy the show. A big thank you to Mrs. Raitt and Mrs. Silvius for helping out!
- Mrs. Bens and her crew did another outstanding job with the weekly hot lunches.
- Five teachers of Parkway Elementary took part in a two day workshop on Differentiated Instruction.

PENTICTON SECONDARY SCHOOL

Roy Millar Silver Medallist at Canadian Juvenile Cadet and FILA Wrestling Nationals:

- Roy Millar a grade 11 student at Penticton Secondary School did exceptionally well wrestling at the Canadian Juvenile Cadet and FILA Nationals held this past weekend at Simon Fraser University. Roy lost in the final to Mitch Krauter (grade 12) of Ontario to place 2nd in the 69kg weight class. Roy also placed 2nd at the FILA Cadet trials on Sunday, he lost a preliminary match to Reid Watkins of Alberta, whom Roy had previously bested at last year's Cadet Nationals. Roy will be the alternate cadet team member and hopes to represent Canada at some of the international wrestling events this coming summer.

Pen High Rocks! Actually Pen High Digs Soil and Rocks!

- A very special thank you and congratulations to all of the staff members and students who rolled up their sleeves and got down and dirty excavating in the courtyard as part of the Earth Day activities. Together they moved many TONS of rocks, fill, top soil and compost. They managed to fully excavate three huge holes. About 3/4 of the way to having the other 5 holes ready for the tree planting on Arbour Day - April 30, 2010.

SKAHA LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL

April 1 All the grade 6 students attended the Hearts@ School Health Fair held at the Penticton Trade and Convention Centre. This event was organized by Carol Stathers and sponsored by the Healthy Heart Society of B.C.





April 14

It was Pink Shirt Day at SLMS. Students and staff wore pink shirts all week, videos were presented and classes had discussions about bullying and particularly the role peers can play to stop bullying.





- April 23 Two teams of students participated in the annual Environmental Mind Grind.
- April 29-30 Six teachers from Skaha Lake staff attended the Differentiated Instruction conference held in Penticton.
- April 30 Mr. McElroy's grade 8 leadership class is holding a carnival to raise money for muscular dystrophy. Monies raised will be presented during the Annual Muscular Dystrophy Walk that is joined with Princess Margaret students and staff in early May. Last year Skaha Lake Middle raised \$1700.00 on behalf of Daniel Cunningham, a Maggie student and former SLMS student who has muscular dystrophy.

Through the Aboriginal Education Teacher Inquiry group and partnership with the PIB, the school has implemented an "Elders Program" headed by Vera Gabriel, an elder from the PIB. Vera has been in classrooms, in the Aboriginal Education Support Room and in the common area at lunch supporting the aboriginal students and raising awareness of aboriginal culture to our non-Aboriginal students. Vera is teaching the values of the aboriginal people, who they are, where they come from and what responsibilities that are attached to being aboriginal. Skaha Lake is very appreciative of the work Vera is doing in the school.

SUMMERLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL

- Three students won a video contest... Here is a note from the teacher sponsor Jane Stead:

The students who won were:

Duncan Hamilton
Danelle Schiele
Kyle Morgan

They won \$500.00 to share between them for costs associated with activities. They won \$1000.00 for the school to go towards activities related to physical fitness. They have decided to use the money for prizes for upcoming activities that are physical in nature...Where's Waldo? Gladiator Games, Staff vs Students ball game and MOGO. The event was a film contest for films that spoke to the importance of physical activity. It was put on by the South Okanagan Similkameen Health Fair Society. Excellent job!

UPLANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Uplands have been very busy – Here are some of the highlights:

- **Grade 2/3 Basketball Program** after school with Pen High coach, Doug Scotchburn
- **Destination Conservation:** Grade 5 Student Leaders have been on a recycling mission going from class to class to provide information about it and also did presentation at an assembly
- **Multicultural Club** (every other Wednesday at noon)
- **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
- **Improvement in both writing and social responsibility skills this school year!!!**
- **Art Activities** with Mrs. Lieskovsky
- **Earth Day assembly, whole-school garbage pick up and planting seeds**
- **Uplands' Spellathon:**
 - The students worked hard to achieve their goals and learn to spell new words. Approximately \$5800.00 was raised through the spell-a-thon. These funds help support learning at Uplands by sending all students to the Children's Festival, funding various field trips and purchasing items for the school. A huge thank you to all those family members and friends who supported Uplands through sponsorship and helping the students spell words!

- **One to One Reading**
Another session of One to One Reading has finished up and a new one has begun! A huge thank-you goes out to Upland's dedicated coordinator, Shannon Bull and all of the volunteers who read with the students and help to make the program possible.
- **Professional Development:** The staff is involved in considerable Professional Development opportunities. Some of these include: *First Steps in Math, SMARTLearning, Differentiated Instruction, Special Education, Autism and Social Interactions*. Education is definitely a "life-long experience" and we are so pleased that the staff continues to be such advocates of this!
- **Student Leadership Outdoors' Workshop** (through *Action Schools*): Grade 5 student leaders took part in a workshop on Friday, April 9th, through the *Action Schools* program to learn how to lead on the playground by doing a variety of playground activities.



- **Playground Student Leadership Workshop in Action**
- **Playground Activities** (as part of Daily Physical Activity): All students now regularly take part in grade 5 student led playground activities such as skipping, four squares, hopscotch, wall ball, tag and an obstacle course. Great to see students having fun and practicing social responsibility!
- **Tennis:** Tennis lessons are happening through Tennis BC for classes with grades 2 and 4 students. The students were so fortunate to have this opportunity!
- **Anti-Bullying Day – WEAR PINK:** It was great to see the amount of pink at Uplands on April 14th!
- **Cross Country Running:** Cross country running is happening almost every day for the cross country team and whole school.
- **Gymnastics:** During the last two weeks in April, the gym was set up in station format for the students to learn gymnastics skills.

- **Ms. Street's Class Performance:** Ms. Street's class presented their outstanding *Musical Theatre* performance (from the musical, "Annie") at a school assembly, senior citizens' residences and at the Kiwanis Music Festival on April 15th. They placed first in their category and first out of all of the performances/categories that day! They were asked to perform at the Highlight Show on April 30th. We are very proud of the students and thank Ms. Street and parent helpers for all of their hard work!



Grade 2/3s Musical Theatre Performance from "Annie"

- **Earth Day Assembly:** On Thursday, April 22nd the whole school participated in an Earth Day assembly involving songs, poems, raps, a presentation by student leaders followed by whole-school garbage pick up and grade ones planting seeds (for the future☺)
- **Owl Visit:** As part of *Earth Day* celebrations, an owl visited the school (on April 23rd) through SORCO – it was a "hoot" ☺.
- **"Let's Go Fly a Kite ☺":** On April 27th, Wayne Pattison (kite presenter), came to the school to do a kite presentation and help students (grades 1-5) construct kites.
- **SMARTBoard:** Uplands wonderful PAC will be providing the school with another SMARTBoard, laptop and LCD projector – many, many thanks PAC. A follow up and further professional development will be provided for teachers at Uplands in May with Sian Sladen from *Evolution Technology* Vancouver.
- **Wellness:** "Wellness" continues at the school for staff through yoga, activities and their volleyball team played with other schools on April 30th.

WILTSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- On April 14, 2010 Staff and students at Wiltse participated in PINK SHIRT DAY to show their support for Anti-Bullying campaigns. The school had 100% participation, either by wearing pink or through participation in classroom activities focusing on practical strategies to stop bullying at school. A school-wide assembly was held to kick off the week. We all understand that treating others with respect is important everyday of the year and this celebration is one way we continually teach and learn from each other.



- On Wednesday, April 14, Wiltse hosted a **Ready, Set, Learn** event for 3, 4 and 5 year-olds who do not yet attend school. Special guests included Interior Health, OSNS and the Multicultural Society.

Parents and their children enjoyed:

- an afternoon full of information about services available in the community,
- free-play while meeting some new friends,
- a tour of the school,
- a nutritious snack in one of the Kindergarten rooms,
- a goodie bag and a book.

It was wonderful to see so many keen young learners who are getting themselves (and their parents!) ready for school!



- A group of six grade 5 students participated in the annual Terasen Gas Environmental Mind Grind held April 23rd at the Cherry Lane Mall. The Environmental Mind Grind is an academic challenge that tests BC students' knowledge of local environmental issues. The students met two times a week with Mrs. Heinrich practicing and preparing for the event. At the competition both Wiltse Teams did extremely well. The Recycling Bag Triplets placed 4th out of 10 teams in the competition. The Wiltse Waste Warriors placed 1st in the competition and will be representing the South Okanagan at the BC Playoffs on May 7th in Winfield. Both teams are to be congratulated for their time and effort spent studying and preparing for the competition.

Wiltse EMG Team Members:

Recycling Bag Triplets – **Katie Hack**, **Kyra Wallace** & **Annick Cole**

Wiltse Waste Warriors – **Kiver Heintz**, **Todd Corrie** & **Spencer Pickard**



- Over ninety Wiltse students performed their little hearts out during the annual Talent Shows which were held on April 15th and 16th in the school gym. The talented students performed many unique acts including:
 - Piano, guitar, violin, harp and drums
 - skipping, gymnastics and unicycle riding
 - Hip-Hop, Jazz and Highland dance
 - Martial Arts and Magic Tricks
 - Singing, Comedy, and poetry recitation

