

School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha)  
**RECOGNITION OF STUDENT/SCHOOL SUCCESS**  
April 12, 2010



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

**COLUMBIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

- Columbia Elementary celebrated the Olympics by hosting their own version of the event. Students enjoyed the competition, whether they were competing in hockey, cross-country skiing, or ba-luge (a new event designed by students-definitely a sport that should be picked up by the Olympic committee!). Grade 5 leadership students helped to run the relays, with all students participating.





## KALEDEN ELEMENTARY

- **Winter Olympics come to Kaleden Elementary!** On March 5<sup>th</sup> Kaleden Elementary students took part in Mini Olympic Games. Multi-grade teams competed in a variety of events: curling, luge, hockey and speed skating. Students from Mrs. Babiak's and Mrs. Fotschuk's classes also had an Olympic expo where students displayed their research projects on a variety of sports as well as athletes.



## **PARKWAY ELEMENTARY**

- Parkway staff and students enjoyed a Thursday afternoon Talent Show – it was a huge hit! The performers did an excellent job and should be very proud of their efforts. Thank you to everyone who came out to support the students. A big thank you to Mr. Clarke.
- The grade 4 students went skating and had a great time at the rink. Being on the ice is always a highlight.
- The three day Book Fair in the Library was a great success. Thank you to Mrs. Pronger and all of her helpers!
- Twenty of the grade 4 and 5 students were trained by an Action Schools leader to participate in games with the students. The student leaders will look after this during the upcoming Fun Runs!

## **PENTICTON SECONDARY SCHOOL**

- 15 students from Penticton Secondary and Summerland Secondary have been involved in clown therapy training. Working with a professional clown therapist, these students learned new skills to allow them to work with Alzheimer's patients. After 20 hours of training, these students volunteered at ***Village By the Station*** for two days. It was remarkable to see students come out of their shell to sing old time songs with the residents, sit quietly or engage in conversation with these often forgotten members of society.
- Student leader, **Ashaya Egilson**, organized Penticton Secondary students and staff to volunteer on a regular basis at the local Soup Kitchen. Their first day, 5 students and one staff member joined local realtors to prepare lunch for over 100 members of the community. It was an enlightening experience for these students and is one that has others lined up to volunteer for.

- Pentiction Wrestlers recently returned from the BC High School Provincials this past weekend held in Abbotsford, BC. Wrestlers did extremely well; finishing first in 70kg was **Roy Millar** of Pentiction Secondary, **Kalvin Clarke** of Pentiction Secondary placed fourth at 110+kg, **Logan Schenkey** of Skaha Lake Middle School placed 6th at 38kg, and **Lucas Hooper** of Pentiction Secondary placed 16th at 66kg. Roy Millar is the second athlete from Pentiction Secondary to become a BC Provincial Champion. The wrestlers have the opportunity to compete at the Nationals which will be taking place April 8-11 at Simon Fraser University. In picture from left to right with their medals: **Logan Schenkey**, **Roy Millar** and **Kalvin Clarke**.



- Congratulations to the Senior Concert Band who received a 'Superior' rating at the recent Music Festival in Port Alberni, BC. The band was also given an invitation to attend the National Music Festival.
- Congratulations also go to the 2010 Skills Canada Regional Competition winners who recently competed at Okanagan College on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>:

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| <b>Hu Harries</b>    | Automotive Services | Gold Medal   |
| <b>Ross Raison</b>   | Automotive Services | Silver Medal |
| <b>Sara McTavish</b> | Culinary Arts       | Gold Medal   |
| <b>Garrett Jones</b> | Welding             | Gold Medal   |

An additional 20 students have recently competed in the Skills Canada Virtual TV and Video Production Contest - those results will be announced soon.

These medal winners will be competing at the Provincial Skills Competition to be held at the Abbotsford Tradex Centre on April 21st. Fantastic News!!!

## SKAHA LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Congratulations to the following students who received gold medals at the District Science Fair on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. They will represent Skaha Lake at the regional level in Kelowna:

Grade 6: **Sophie Biollo** (top overall)  
**Conrad Brightman, Matthew MacKay, Caitlin Neary;**

Grade 7: **Alyshia Coleman, Harkamal Dhaliwal** and **Cassie Warnock.**

- The grade 8 Concert Band participated and performed very well at the Okanagan Concert Band Festival on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The band received high praises from the adjudicators.
- On March 4<sup>th</sup>, the grade 7 students spent their third and final day at Apex Mountain skiing and snowboarding.



- Skaha Lake held their traditional “Tug of War” house competition on March 5<sup>th</sup>.





- Congratulations to the SLMS Boy's and Girl's grade 8 Basketball teams. The boy's were South Zone District Champions and the girl's were runner up losing in the final by 3 points.
- The whole student body attended the "Rick Hansen Show" at Princess Margaret March 29<sup>th</sup>.
- The Annual grade 8 Boys/Girls versus Staff basketball game will be held on March 31<sup>st</sup>. The staff is undefeated since the school opened but will face their stiffest challenge yet.

## **SUMMERLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL**

- Two Rev Robotics teams from Summerland Secondary competed in the B division of the VEX Robotics Tournament at BCIT on March 20th.

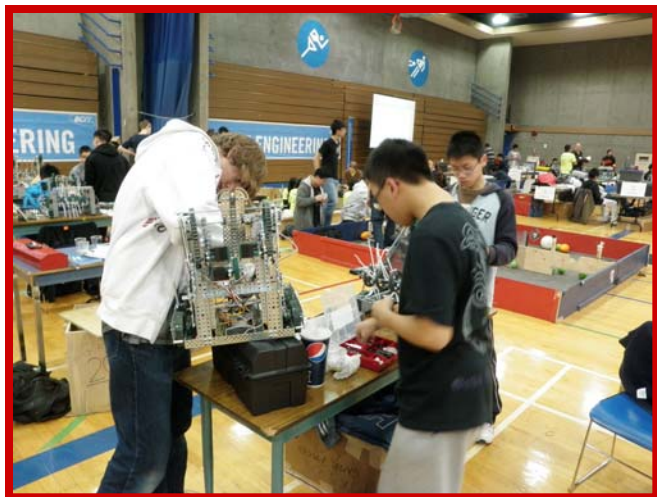
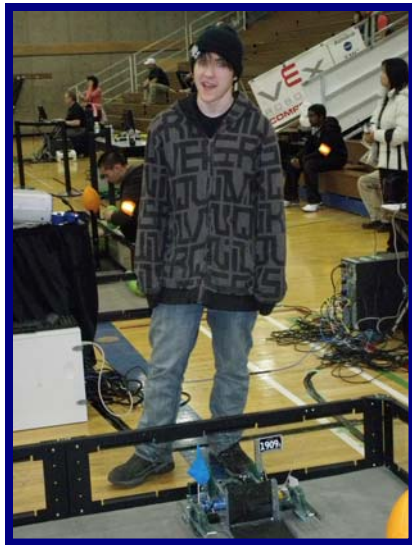
Team 1 consisted of **Jenna Woldenga**, **Matt Lockhart** and **Felix Irnich**.

Team 2 consisted of **Aaron Golke** and **Austin Collins**.

Team 2 made it into the semi-final round of competition forming an alliance with a team from Gladstone Secondary from Vancouver. They lost in the semi-final round 2 to 1.

This was great success for the students considering it was their first time competing in a VEX Robotics competition. The students are already looking forward to competing next year.





- **Skills Canada Regional's in Fashion Design** - On March 27th, CATO – the Center for Arts and Technology in Kelowna was the host for this year's competition in fashion design. The day consisted of seven hours of drafting and sewing. A skirt sloper was handed out to each competitor with criteria for designing.

After drafting the pattern, fabric and notions were supplied and the garment completed. A total of seven girls participated with **Johanna Krieger** and **Rebecca Fafard** representing Summerland Secondary. Johanna won the Gold medal and Rebecca won the bronze medal.

This year the gold medal winner also won a full scholarship for the two year Fashion and Merchandising Diploma Program at CATO (scholarship is valued at \$31,000!!!).

Congratulations to both girls. Rebecca has been chosen as this year's Rotary Exchange student and when she gets back will continue on with her post secondary plans in fashion design. Johanna is very excited to have been given such an amazing opportunity and scholarship and will attend CATO after graduation.



Johanna Krieger



Rebecca Fafard

## UPLANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### BASKETBALL

- We are very proud of the Uplands Elementary basketball team this school year. Their dedication and team focus has enabled them to develop many skills and we are so pleased to see how they are learning to play the game! Members of the Intermediate Basketball Team include: Alyck Coombes, Naidyn Keogh, Jordan Bartram, Cairo Rogers, Aleksander Hall, Stefan Queen, Kiegan Lins, Caleb Olafsson, Kyle Logan, Joseph Traynor, Anthony Medeiros, Landon Nicol, Jayden Carey, Adam Lacroix, Ethan Knutsen, Carmen Johnson, Katie Huston, Jollee Perrier, Sage Collins, Lauren Bull, Devon Workman, Shantelle Bishop, Celine Francisco, Sidney Cameron, Leigh Dacosta, Ailie Hayman, Sydney Biss, Ben Wilson (Student Manager) and Mrs. Johnston (Team Coach). Mrs. Johnston recognized all team members with MVP Awards at their March 3<sup>rd</sup> assembly.



Many thanks also go out to parent volunteer, Ms. Bartram, and Princess Margaret Secondary grade 11 student, Alex Johnston, for their help, as well as all of the parents who came out to support the team.

#### UPLANDS SPELLATHON

- The students have worked hard to achieve their goals and learn to spell new words. Approximately \$5800 was raised through the spell-a-thon. These funds help support learning at Uplands by sending all students to the Children's Festival, transportation costs for various field trips and purchasing many items for the school. We extend a big thank you to all those family members and friends who supported Uplands through sponsorship and helping the students spell words! Special thanks also go out to Mrs. Kantz for coordinating the spell-a-thon and having a recognition ceremony during the assembly on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.



## GRADE 5 CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

- Grade 5 students enjoyed three, terrific days of cross-country skiing. Many thanks to parents/caregivers for helping out and to Nickel Plate Nordic for providing such a valuable learning experience for the students!

## ONE TO ONE READING

- Another session of One to One Reading has finished. Uplands will begin a new session in early April until the end of May. A huge thank you goes out to their dedicated coordinator, Shannon Bull and all of the volunteers who read with the students and who help to make the program possible!

## WEST BENCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Students at West Bench earned a Decades Dance and Pizza lunch because they hit the reading goal of 12,000 books.
- West Bench Wildcats had read 14,299 books when Mr. Philpotts went up on the roof to spend the evening this year. The staff and students thanked the Penticton Fire and Rescue for the ladder truck and crew that made it such a special event. The school also wanted to thank the RCMP for once again being there to show their support for the children's reading.
- Students Award Assembly recognized student's citizenship.
- The 'Honouring Our Families' Graduation was well attended and focused on the successes of the Aboriginal Families' get together at West Bench School.
- Students have been rehearsing and auditioning for the West Bench Talent Show.
- Accelerated Reading continues to increase at West Bench Elementary.
- Report Cards were sent home.
- Mr. Philpotts, Mrs. Woods and Mrs. Hammerquist attended Safety Training.
- Mrs. Thacker attended the Crosscurrents workshops in Vancouver.