

School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha)
RECOGNITION OF STUDENT/SCHOOL SUCCESS
February 9, 2009



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

CARMI ELEMENTARY

Carmi Elementary has been busy in January – here are some of the highlights:

- Grade 4 and 5 Basketball practices and games
- Grades 4/5 Open Gym (basketball skills: Mondays and Fridays)
- Grades K-5 *Action Schools* every day
(beginning the day with fun exercises to music and video)
- Monday morning assemblies and Fridays' Block X
- *Student of the Week* awards and class announcements
- Block X Social Responsibility Program (*Making Character Count*). Students meet Friday afternoons in "family" (cross-graded) groupings to watch a student-friendly video about "social responsibility topics" and then go with their Family Grouping Teacher to do activities related to topic – very meaningful and enjoyed by all
- January's topic: *Empathy* – Putting Ourselves in Others' Shoes
- Mrs. Hennen's grade 1 students folk dance presentation
- Big Sisters and Big Brothers' Program
- Multicultural Club on Fridays
- Grade 5 Cross-Country Skiing (many thanks to PAC for funding the bussing)
- Grade 3 Swimming (many thanks again to PAC for help in funding)
- Grades 1-5 Skating (with an emphasis on grade 4 students)
- Home Reading Program
- Stop Drop and Read (Jan. 26th – Jan. 30th)
- Read In, Spelling Bee and Pyjamas Day (Jan. 30th)
- Red Cedar Book Club
- Fun Lunches

- Vees visit (reading Jan. 6th and annual floor hockey game Jan. 27th)
- PALS on Jan. 22nd (Parents as Literacy Supporters for Kindergarten students and their parents)
- More teachers taking “First Steps in Math” Pro-D (helps to understand how children learn math and how to help them learn)
- Continued Extended Care visits by the grade 3 students
- Buddy class activities
- Japanese students' visit to the grade 1 and 2 students



Japanese Students' Visit: Teaching and Learning



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Cross-country Skiing in Action

Basketball in Action...





Class Announcements

Action Schools



Grade 1 Performance



COLUMBIA ELEMENTARY

- Columbia students in grades 4 and 5 have been busy learning the skills and strategies of basketball, coached by Mrs. Buckley, Mrs. Brome, and Mr. Bailey. They have also had the opportunity to demonstrate sportsmanship in their games with other elementary schools.



- Columbia staff and students have been involved in a school-wide multicultural theme to recognize the many cultures. Families were invited to create heritage dolls at home, and these representations are now adorning the main hallway of the school. It was a wonderful way to celebrate the diversity in the school!



KALEDEN ELEMENTARY

Here's a few of the highlights for Kaleden:

- They kicked off the new year with a school wide fieldtrip to Apex for a day of tubing.



- Kaleden started their cross-country skiing lessons for grades 4 and 5 students as well as swimming lessons for grade 2 and 3 students

- Kaleden hosted their first of four PALS/Ready Set Learn sessions for 3, 4 and 5 year olds. Over 20 children and their parents joined in. What a great group!
- Students played a couple of basketball games at other schools. The school jerseys look super – thanks again to the PAC.
- The social responsibility club held a healthy muffin sale to raise money for social projects. Their focus for the month was on perseverance.
- They wrapped up the month and Family Literacy Week with a buddy reading day in their jammies!



McNICOLL PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Five McNicoll Park Middle students are 50% through their initial protocol of Fast ForWord. These students are the first cohorts to use the program. Preliminary results are showing some significant improvements.

NARAMATA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- In January, the grade 3, 4, and 5 students had the opportunity to learn Scottish Country Dancing from local instructor, Kristi Lind. The students met twice a week to practice a number of dances in preparation for the Robbie Burns Celebration on January 22nd. The Robbie Burns celebration included dancing, singing, poetry, and a shortbread treat (Sorry, no haggis)!

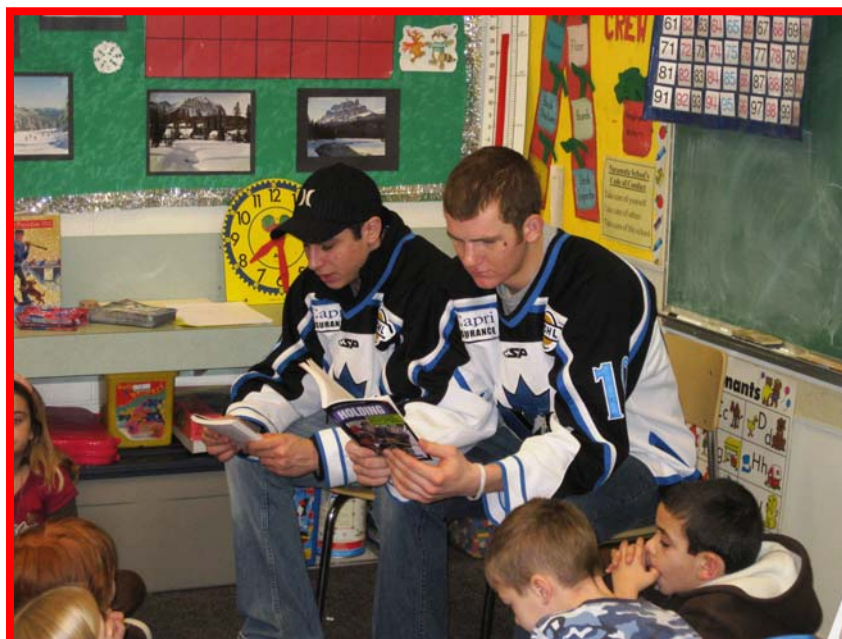


Kristi Lind (and her helper) teaching students
Scottish Country Dancing

- On January 13th, the Penticton Vees visited Naramata School as part of the Read & Succeed program. The students enjoyed their time with the Vees, especially the grade 5 students as they played a spirited floor hockey game against the Vees in front of the entire school.



The Vees vs Grade 5 Students



PARKWAY ELEMENTARY

- The grade 4/5 basketball team had a great game with the students from West Bench Elementary.
- The grade 3 classes went on their first trip to the pool for swimming lessons.
- The Kindergarten class held another successful PALS session on Friday morning.
- Chris Kircher was at the school the entire week teaching the students all about the game of Lacrosse. The students thoroughly enjoyed it.
- The grade 4/5 basketball team played a great game against Kaleden Elementary students. The sportsmanship displayed by each team was excellent!
- Liz from the fire department visited the Kindergarten class and taught the students all about fire safety.
- Parkway students were able to enjoy the Veas Hockey game for \$5.00 each.
- Movie night was another great success with over 120 people in attendance. Thanks to everyone for coming out (the popcorn was great!)

PRINCESS MARGARET SECONDARY SCHOOL

- The Annual 10,000 To-Night canned Food Drive took place recently. This year, Pen High was the host school. Over 500 students from both Princess Margaret participated in the event. Over 70 volunteer drivers consisting of both school district staff and parents, drove students to routes throughout the community. At the end of collecting the non-perishable food, students were treated to a sit down dinner from restaurants throughout the city.

After the counting was complete, more than 19,600 items were collected and packed away in the Salvation Army's Food Bank, ready to be distributed to the needy in the community.

Next year the annual event will be hosted by Princess Margaret.

QUEEN'S PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Queen's Park has a grade 3-5 basketball team. These industrious players practice and are now beginning to play games with other schools. Sportsmanship, Energy and Enthusiasm are the hallmarks of their program.
- The grade 3 students have been taking part in the Swim program designed for the students at the City Rec Centre. Working at all levels the students are learning and having a good time. The City staff really look after the students and do an amazing job.

- Queen's Park students, at all grade levels, have been given the opportunity to skate at Memorial Arena. As part of the Daily Physical Activity program students have had the chance to use the arena - thanks to City Council. There are some wonderful stars coming up!
- The grade 5 students will be beginning their second term of Roots of Empathy this month. This has been a very successful program through Ms. Bonnett's class.
- Students from Queen's Park Intermediate ran through the 'Olympics' indoor track meet on January 26. This event was run by the student House Captains.
- Queen's Park students took part in a Reading Picnic to celebrate Literacy Day. Students, their parents and teachers read and/or were read to.

SKAHA LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Basketball is in full swing at the Shark Tank with 7 teams involved. They have recently hosted a grade 8 boy's and girl's tournament and a grade 7 boy's play day. The regular season is wrapping up with playoffs slated for mid-February.
- Maggie Peer Consellers under the direction of Chad Teigan (who is the School-based Substance Abuse Coordinator with Pathways Addiction Resource Centre in Penticton), attended the advisory classes to promote "Non-smoking Week" (January 19-25). Chad gave a presentation that included trivia and prizes. The students did a great job with their presentation and the discussion was well-received by the students.
- A number of the First Nations students attended a workshop at the Band Hall put on by the Okanagan Nation Alliance for the purpose of gathering information from the students related to developing an excellent Youth Program for the area. This event is sponsored by the PIB and the "Okanagan Response Team".
- The grade 7 Ski/Snowboard program had their first day at Apex on January 29th. The vast majority of the students participated and enjoyed a "brisk" day on the hill. Teachers and Supervisors reported the students were "excellent ambassadors" for the school. The grade 7 classes will return to Apex in February.
- The first transition exercise with Princess Margaret took place on January 30th when all the grade 8 students attended the annual "Elective Fair" at Maggie. Students were separated into smaller groups and went on a rotation of all elective courses having the chance to meet teachers, see facilities, and listen to brief overviews of what the course would entail. This will give the SLMS students better information for when it is time to start course selections for next year.

SUMMERLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL

- Summerland Secondary are proud of the 19 students that made it into the Okanagan College ACE-IT Program (Apprenticeship). Way to go!

TROUT CREEK ELEMENTARY

Trout Creek Elementary has had a busy January:

- In early January the grade 4/5 Intramurals began; held twice a week at noon.
- Hip Hop Lessons began; every Wednesday until February 25; thanks to the PAC!
- On January 11 the second One to One Reading Tutorial program took place; thank you to Mrs. Mercer for co-coordinating volunteers so students could receive this valuable service.
- Health Hustle begins in the gym; Monday and Friday's thanks to the leadership of Ms. Thorp's grades 4/5 students.
- Hearing Screening follow-up for Kindergarten and grade 3 students took place.
- Ready Set Learn program at Trout Creek.
- Trout Creek students and staff enjoyed an 'Hawaiian Dress Up Day' to help chase the winter blahs away!
- The first cross-country ski trip for all grade 4 and 5 students took place.

UPLANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Uplands Elementary recently had their Spelling Bee Championship and '**Megan Bull**' was the overall winner! Unfortunately, Megan will not be able to proceed to the Regional Spelling Bee as she has other commitments - The second runner up '**Jenaya Copithorne**' will represent Uplands by going on to Kelowna!





Family Literacy
and
Pyjamas Day

Emily Boyle
Kayla Coe
Ian Peters
Katie Huston
Emily Whelen
Ashley Zimmario
Anise Theurer
Cleo Giles
Nic Pisiak
Breanne Young
Jenaya Copithorne
Megan Bull

WEST BENCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- The Wildcats Guitar Club met on Fridays in January. West Bench Elementary will be planning a concert in May. They will be performing 6 songs, 3 of which will be original.
- Students enjoyed basketball games with Parkway, Carmi and Queen's Park Elementary. The Wildcats were great ambassadors for the school. They have learned a lot of skills and had a lot of fun.

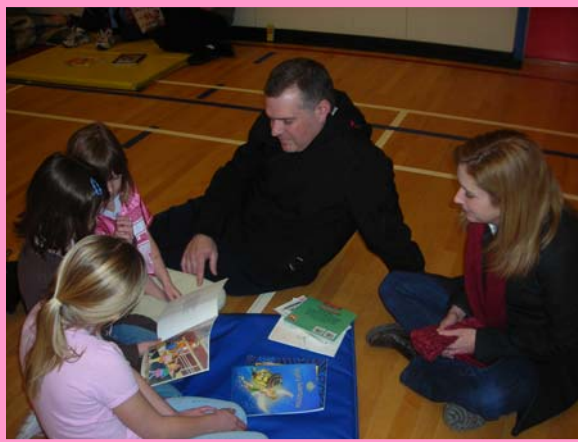


Wildcat Basketball Games



- On Mondays and Thursdays house team floor hockey for the grades 3 to 5 have been taking place.
- On Wednesdays the students enjoyed 'Fun Time' in the gym for grades 1 & 2.

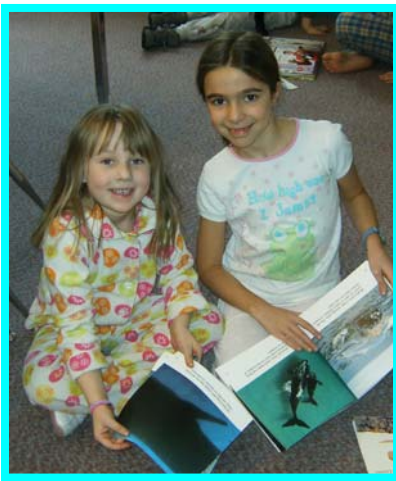
- The West Bench Destination Conservation has been meeting, planning and executing their conservation campaign. Students have been making posters, announcements, and information available to staff, students and parents about water and electricity conservation.
- On Fridays the Making Character Count program was introduced to the school. Making Character Count focuses on such subjects as friendship, empathy, bullying and having the courage to stand up for yourself. There are several DVD's which have student performing behavioural; scenarios. The students liked them very much. The PAC generously purchased the program for the school.
- Sing-a-long continues to be a favourite with the Wildcats on Friday mornings. Students from all grades sing songs, do actions and dance to the music.
- On January 23rd the school went swimming in the afternoon. This was in celebration of the great job that the Wildcats have been doing with their recycling.
- On January 27th they had a Family Literacy Day Buddy Reading Celebration. Parents and family members came to the gym to read with the buddy classes. It was a good turn out and the muffins and juice were enjoyed by all.



Family Literacy Day Buddy
Reading Celebration

WILTSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- On January 23rd Wiltse School staff and students participated in "PJ and Literacy Day". Reading was the focus in many classrooms during the day. At 1:00 pm the entire school joined together for "Drop Everything and Read". Classes read together in every corner of the school. Students in Kindergarten through grade 5 enjoyed wearing their comfortable clothes, lounging around together and sharing some favourite books. Even the stuffies seemed to be quite comfortable at school. What a great way to come together and spread the joy of reading!



P.J. and Literacy Day





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