

School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha)
RECOGNITION OF STUDENT/SCHOOL SUCCESS
December 10, 2007



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

CARMI ELEMENTARY

- Students have settled into their classrooms and have already participated in many school events and activities during the last two months:
 - Cross country running practices and meets
 - Soccer practises and games, volleyball/newcomb games at noon
 - Open House and Barbecue Family Dance
 - Carmi's Grade 5 Leadership Conference
 - Fire Prevention Performance, the *Half Pints* anti-bullying Presentation
 - The launching of the Vees' *Read and Succeed* program
 - *Kids Helping Kids* (i.e. Unicef and Operation Christmas Child)
 - Carmi's Halloween Assembly
 - Community Access Internet Evenings
 - Block X and Fun Lunches on Fridays

- Weekly assemblies and everyday learning all contribute to Carmi's positive school environment. A whole-heartedly thank you to the student leaders from McNicoll Park Middle, Parkway Elementary, Kaleden Elementary, KVR Middle, Princess Margaret Secondary and Penticton Secondary for providing the grade 5 students with such meaningful sessions about leadership at the grade 5 Leadership Conference which recently took place.

- Thanks go out to Carmi's PAC who sponsored a pizza lunch and also provided glow bracelets for students to use on Halloween night.

- Block X is also off to a great start. Students in family (cross-graded) groupings learn how to prevent or stop teasing.

- Grade 5 students led such a meaningful Remembrance Day Ceremony in November with each class in the school getting involved by performing a song, poem or by public speaking.

Many students at Carmi strive to perform leadership activities and take responsibility for themselves and the school. It takes the hard work of students, staff, parents and caregivers, the community and district working together, to provide opportunities that enrich the education of the children.

Student Leadership Conference



*Princess Margaret Secondary Student Leaders presenting:
Random Acts of Kindness & Pay it Forward*



Halloween Assembly ~ October 31st





Remembrance Day Ceremony



COLUMBIA ELEMENTARY

- Columbia Elementary has a program of encouraging and recognizing personal and social responsibility called the Five C's. The school conducts bi-weekly assemblies at which each staff member recognizes approximately three students for their demonstration of one or more of the Five 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 Five C's at Columbia are:

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

Here are examples of Two C's that were covered in **October**:

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.

Here are examples of Two C's that were covered in **November**:

Cooperation: includes the acts of working together, helping others, staying focused on tasks, active listening, and creating win/win situations in which all concerned are happy.

Courtesy: includes the acts of showing respect, manners, politeness and kindness, as well as giving compliments to others.

- Students at Columbia had a wonderful time at Halloween, as they took part in a number of activities during the day. Students joined in with sing-a-longs, parades through the classrooms by the primary students, pumpkin carving, afternoon classroom parties, and many classes were joined by parents as well.



- Columbia students were treated to a special presentation by a group called the "Half-Pints." The Half-Pints are a group of small people whose specialty is playing basketball. The group of Frenchie, Brandon, and Jordan took on the grade 5 students, and, needless to say, they won. To the credit of the grade 5 students, they also scored a number of baskets. The real message of the group however, was that bullying and put-downs are not acceptable and that everyone can contribute skills, regardless of their backgrounds.



- Thank you to the grade 5 students for providing an excellent Remembrance Day Assembly. Thank you to all the staff and the Columbia choir, as well as the Primary teachers for organizing the bulletin boards, the Penticton Pipe Band for its annual support, Constable Bryce Petersen for acting as R.C.M.P. Honour Guard and for playing 'Last Post' and 'Reveille.' Columbia staff also appreciated and thanked the Legion members, Comrades Robert Fitzsimmons and Ron Bannister for representing the Legion. School District No.67 representatives, Superintendent Gary Doi and School Trustee, Shelley Clarke also attended this well done event.



GIANT'S HEAD ELEMENTARY

- Giant's Head Elementary were involved in a UNICEF drive this year. A challenge was given to the Principal, Craig Dunbar, to dress up as a cheerleader if students reached or surpassed their goal of \$2200.00. The school actually raised \$2838.32 for UNICEF! Principal, Craig Dunbar had a *'rah rah - jumping for joy'* type of day!



Craig Dunbar - Principal

HOME LEARNERS' PROGRAM

- The arts are alive at the Home Learners' Program! In addition to the regular school band, a group of primary students have been meeting weekly to learn the rudiments of violin, led by Liz Lupton, who is a violinist with the Okanagan Symphony.
- Some of the high school students have been creating artwork, inspired by visiting artists each week.
- In between artistic endeavours, the students still find time for a little paleontology at the recent field trip to Okanagan Science Centre, the students had a hands-on experience.



VIOLIN
Gracie, Isabelle & Elizabeth



HIGH SCHOOL ART CLASS
Taylor



KALEDEN ELEMENTARY

- Chris Klering a former student from Kaleden graciously shares his time and basketball skills with the students.



- Members of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 227 from Okanagan Falls explained the significance of Remembrance Day and shared their memories with the students.



Lest We Forget

- Grade 5 students helped grade 1 students to make connections with pictures and text. Reading together was another activity thoroughly enjoyed by the students.



KVR MIDDLE SCHOOL

- The KVR Express grade 8 boys' volleyball team won the South Zone championship last week. Members of the team are from row, from left: Shawn Morelli, Nathan Eden, James Taylor, Josh Manning, Kevan MacGillivray, Eli Smith. Back row: Ethan McCluskey, Gavin Hurd, Josh Kober, Nelson Hurry, Riley Brosseuk, Tyler Berthelsen and Coach, Lloyd Lindsay.



KVR Express Grade 8 Boys' Volleyball Team

- The KVR Middle School Express grade 8 girls' volleyball team went undefeated in the South Zone playoffs, beating Osoyoos and Skaha Lake before sweeping McNicoll Park two straight in the final. Backrow, from left: Pierre Levesque (Co-Coach), Emily Weaver, Dani Pratt, Jasmine Herbert, Shayna Lawrie, Kate Holowaty, Vanessa Nguyen, Lisa Cunnian (Co-Coach). Middle row: Breanne Stoll, Gabby Levesque. Front row: Kara Perehudoff, Brianne Hrynyk and Emily Hindson.



KVR Express Grade 9 Girls' Volleyball Team

McNICOLL PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL

- The school leadership program is operating a website called santa.ca. They offer a daily diary entry from Santa and an opportunity for children to send an email to Santa Claus. The site was created and is operated by the leadership classes under the direction of Leona Tank. The students see it as a community service project as well as giving the opportunity to help Santa during his busiest season.

NARAMATA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Naramata Elementary held its first Spelling Night for families in the school library. During this event, the spelling program, *'Words Their Way'* from Smart Reading, was explained to parents with suggestions of how to support their child's learning at home. Over 35 people in attendance enjoyed this event.
- The school hosted its first *'Artist in Residence'* of the year. Artist, Liz Marshall, worked with all the students for three days creating amazing collages.
- In the spirit of the Naramata Centennial, the students completed the painting of 100 metal fish which will be attached to their chain link fence to celebrate the community's connection to the Kokanee and their presence in Naramata Creek. The official unveiling of the 100 FISH will coincide with the opening of the new playground.

PARKWAY ELEMENTARY

- Parkway grade 3, 4 and 5 students took on representatives of the Penticton Vees in 'Road Hockey'. After the Vees event they read to and provided autographs for the grade 3 and 4 classes.
- All students participated in a Grand Parade on the afternoon of Halloween in their costumes. Students collected \$1059.00 for UNICEF as part of their Halloween celebrations.
- Grade 1 students met with members of the TD Bank to be read to. Each student received a book afterwards to take home.

PRINCESS MARGARET SECONDARY SCHOOL

- Princess Margaret Secondary are hosting '10,000 Tonight' this year – this fundraiser has been extremely successful in the past. Students & families volunteer an evening to go door to door to request non-perishable goods. This event is such a valuable fundraiser for the community.
- The Senior Leadership Class is attempting to organize a trip to Africa/Central America with Habitat Canada for March 2009.
- Over 70% of the grade 9 students are on this year's Honour Roll in part due to the excellent transition program now in place at Princess Margaret.

- Eleven students from Maggie (38 students in total) participated in career prep sessions - the Spotlight Session at the Penticton Regional Hospital was held Nov. 30th. The students received countless compliments from the staff.



PENTICTON SECONDARY SCHOOL

Lots of great news to report from Penticton Secondary:

- Congratulations to Megan Rutherford and to the Drama students of PHAME PRODUCTIONS for an outstanding production of 'Ghost'.
- Paul Mend and the Junior Girls' Volleyball Team – Zone Champions.
- Scott Nicholson and the Junior Boys' Volleyball Team – Zone Champions.
- Rob Gunning, Gord Barnes and the Senior Boys' Volleyball Team – Valley Champions and currently ranked 'Number 1' in the Province.
- Andy Botero and the Seniors Girls' Volleyball Team currently ranked 'Number 4' in the Province.

QUEEN'S PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Queen's Park Elementary had over 100 parents and students attend their monthly 'Movie Night'. Everyone had a fantastic time!
- The grade 5 class is once again participating in the 'Act Now Pedometer Program' through the Penticton Community Centre and through the guidelines on the Ministry of Education web site.
- Queen's Park held their 4th Annual grade 5 Leadership Day this month. Grade 5 students were invited from Kaleden Elementary. The students had a super day split between Queen's Park and the Cleland Theatre.
- The 9th Weekend Floor-Hockey Tournament went very well with over 50 students taking part. Many parents and Queen's Park Alumni students helped making the event even more successful.
- The Roots of Empathy program is well under way for the grade 5 students – Baby Luke seems to be the center of attention as they have all fallen for the little baby.
- The first Family Science Night was another big hit. The parents participated by taking home science packages to do with their children over the next four months.

SKAHA LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Lots of events keeping Skaha Lake Middle School students and staff busy:

- On October 31st, the grade 8 Leadership students hosted a Halloween Dance for the grade 7 and 8 students while the grade 6 students had a Halloween party upstairs with their teachers.



- A number of classes are promoting increased physical fitness with swim and skating days.
- Aboriginal students will attend the “Four Food Feasts” this month which is being hosted by the En’owkin Centre’s Language and Indigenous students.
- As a culmination of the anti-smoking unit within in the advisory program, Para Olympian skier Josh Dueck spoke to Skaha Lake Middle School as a “Tobacco Free” Ambassador. Josh addressed all grade 6, 7 and 8 students.
- The Vancouver Theatre Sports League presented an improvised sketch comedy show to the entire school.

SUMMERLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL

Operation Rwanda 2007

- Through the last few months, Division 8-3 with Madame Ochman as the core teacher, has been involved in a fund raising effort to send children in Rwanda to school. To support one child’s education for one year costs \$100.00. This amount covers the actual fee, school supplies, school bag, two school uniforms and one gym strip. The goal of the class was to raise \$600.00. The class was very creative in providing a variety of fund raising initiatives which included: “Hire a Student Class Helper”, wonderful bake sales and general donations. To date the class has raised over \$650.00 and are looking forward to hold their final event “Jello and Pie Face Off” on December 7th. This has been an incredibly rewarding experience for the students and teachers as well as the school in general.

Canadian Half-Pints visit Summerland Middle School

- The Canadian Half Pints recently visited Summerland Middle School - they not only “awed” the crowd with their basketball skills but left the school with a very strong message about bullying. The one hour session provided students with information on what bullying can look like, what it feels like and why *“Bullying is not cool.....Keep it out of the School”*. It was an amazing demonstration of athletic skill by the three athletes as well as strong role modeling for all students. Summerland Middle School thanked the SMS PAC for supporting this fine event!



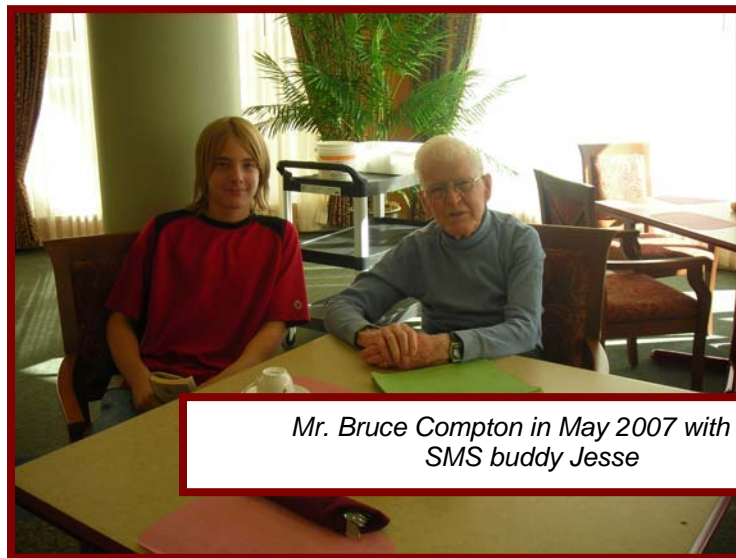
Canadian Half-Pints pose with the staff team.

Reaching Out to Seniors

- For a number of years Summerland Middle School has had Senior Greeters. Many of the greeters are now living in the Summerland Senior Complex. Division 8-1 with their teacher is now reaching out to these seniors. The class spends part of a morning each week visiting the residents at the Summerland Village Senior Centre. The seniors say their favorite activities include having the students read to them or playing cards with their young visitors. The students love listening to the stories their senior tells them. Many students say "It's real live ancient history!"

Remembrance Day

- This year at the Remembrance Day Assembly, the school honored one of the Summerland seniors, RCAF WWII Veteran Mr. Bruce Compton. Mr. Compton was accompanied by his wife and daughter at the 2006 Remembrance Day Assembly, where he spoke to the student body and was the honored guest. This year, he was once again honored as students, staff, parents, many veterans and Senior Buddies from the Senior Centre honored Mr. Compton, who passed away in June 2007. The students were proud that they were honored to have Mr. Compton as part of the school and did a wonderful job as they paid their final respects to him and his family.



*Mr. Bruce Compton in May 2007 with his
SMS buddy Jesse*

SUMMERLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL

- The Senior Boys' Soccer team hosted the Okanagan Valley Championships in November and came in 5th place!
- The Senior Girls' Volleyball team will attend the Okanagan Valley Championships.
- Ryan Migneault competed at the Provincial Cross Country tournament.

- Summerland Secondary had two Remembrance Day assemblies. Speakers from the Legion, R.C.M.P. and the Honour Guard of the Cadets were in attendance. The band played at both ceremonies and the drama class performed In Flanders Fields while four students sang and played Amazing Grace.
- The Senior Leadership Class developed the first 'Rocket Rally'. A full school Assembly was held which was complete with a great pie eating contest. A wonderful student-made spirit video was shown which was very enjoyable.
- Ryan Migneault was recently involved in the Cross-Country Running Provincials held in Beaver Lake, Victoria. Ryan placed 124th place out of 369 runners which is extremely good for a grade 10 student. He was very enthusiastic about the race and wants to go again next year. Ryan mentioned he had a slow start because he was placed 10 runners back at the start line (placed according to runners' Okanagan valley finish position), however, he was quite successful having past many runners on his first lap. Ryan's family went to watch this great event.

TROUT CREEK ELEMENTARY

- Excellent workshops were held for Kindergarten parents and their children on the topic of oral language, wordless books, rhymes and chants.
- The school had a very respectful Remembrance Day Assembly.
- A successful Health Fair took place with presenters and parent volunteers. The PAC funded this worthwhile event.
- Grade 4 and 5 students were presented with their award certificates for accomplishments throughout term one.
- Great reading progress by the 9 lucky students in the 'One to One' reading program. The school had 22 volunteers for an outstanding first term of tutoring.

UPLANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- The school had an incredible Remembrance Day assembly led by Cyndie Salting. Wonderful student participation was evident from the entire school - songs, poems, a tasteful rap, and artwork was enjoyed by the audience. Two of many highlights were: Mini Gentes, a grade 2 student, playing *Danny Boy* on the violin as the assembly entered the gym – which was very powerful and Mackenzie Johnson, a former student, playing the *Last Post* and *Revele* on the trumpet. An enormous thank you to Justin Glibbery the Pen High Band Teacher, for supporting the trumpet player for this respectful assembly. Mr. Kopf's dad, a veteran, spoke about being in the war. Glen Duffield, a current member of the Army who is to go to Afganistan, spoke about current peacekeeping missions and the support he feels for being involved in assemblies like the one he attended at Uplands. It was mentioned he would share the thoughts and presentations with his comrades. Parents, students, staff and community members thoroughly enjoyed the assembly.

WEST BENCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- The Canadian Half Pints came to the school and did a fantastic job of showing the students how to play basketball and how important it is not to be teased and bullied. The Wildcats had a wonderful time and learned a lot in the process.



- The Wildcats had a wonderful Remembrance Day Assembly at which all of the students performed with their classes, various pieces that focused on remembering heroes of the past and present. Corporal Bacon attended the ceremony and spoke to the audience which was very much appreciated by everyone.



- On November 20th the school celebrated by having a '50th Birthday Party' morning. Student teams rotated through different activities like, 'pin the tie on Mr. Philpotts', Birthday Card making, Happy Birthday Banners and gym activities. It was an enjoyable morning and a great way to say Happy 50th Birthday in a different way to West Bench Elementary!



WILTSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Wiltse Elementary School creates a number of opportunities for students to take on extra responsibilities within the school. Currently they have sixty grade 5 students volunteering in the areas of School Patrollers, School Secretaries, Morning Announcements, Kindergarten Monitors, and Noon-Hour Games. Students have demonstrated that they are able to ensure the safety of others, greet visitors and callers politely, and be punctual and organized. They are using their oral communication skills in a variety of formal and informal situations. As ambassadors of the school, they are representing the district in a positive way and setting an excellent example to younger students.



- We were also extremely proud of those students involved in presentations at the Remembrance Day Assembly. Each student took their role in this ceremony seriously whether through songs, choral speaking, poetry, sign language or personal reflections on "Peace". At this time of reflection, the student body conducted themselves respectfully and thoughtfully. An enormous thank you to all the staff and students from Wiltse Elementary for an emotionally touching ceremony.

