

CARMI ELEMENTARY School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha)
RECOGNITION OF STUDENT/SCHOOL SUCCESS
June 8, 2009



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

COLUMBIA ELEMENTARY

- Columbia's Family Carnival and the official opening of the playground was a great success! Families joined together to honour the donors and celebrate what a community can do when it works together. Students, their families, staff, and Columbia neighbours had a wonderful evening of fun and celebration.



HOME LEARNERS' PROGRAM

- Oscar Morrison, Kailash Westby, Julian Pearson, and Victoria Ritchie won both the district and the provincial championship for Environmental Mind Grind! Winnings included \$500 for the district and \$1000 for the province as well as a trophy. The money will go directly to the school and will be used towards helping the environment.



Provincial Championship for Environmental Mind Grind – Winners:
Oscar Morrison, Kailash Westby, Julian Pearson, and Victoria Ritchie

- Oscar Morrison won the Agricultural Award at local Historica and he is one of 4 students being sent to the Regional Historica Fair in Victoria.



Oscar Morrison

McNICOLL PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL

McNicoll Park Middle was busy during May with the following events:

- On May 20th McNicoll Park had fun with 'Twin Day' – students and staff picked a partner and dressed as twins for the day. Over 50 sets of twins were walking around the school having a great time. Everyone enjoyed coordinating this event.
- Gauss Math test - 34 students took part in the test.
- The grade 5 Parent Information Night was one of the best turnouts ever! Parents and staff met to discuss many topics regarding students going into grade 6.
- McNicoll Park had their school wide Track/Field Fun Day on May 22nd. It was a fabulous day.

NARAMATA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

May Day on May 18th was enjoyed by all with many students taking part in this long-standing tradition. This event was held once again at Manitou Park in Naramata. Students in grade 2, 3 and 4 worked hard at learning the five May Pole dances under the direction of Mrs. Hancock. Grade 1 students took part as the official honour guards and flower girls.

- This year the staff was proud once again to have all the grade 5 girls serving as May Day Royalty. There were:

Shayna Damen
Sydney Foster
Chloe Miller
Emily Stuchbery

Maddy Foster
Jessica Henderson
Monique Mooijer
Courtney Wheeler

- Under the direction of Brent Rowland the grade 5 boys continued the tradition of soap box racing. Those involved in assembling, testing and painting soap box racers were:

Riley Christie
Joshua Enns
Cam Gunning
Nathan Iannone
Adam Rogers
Connor Trovao

Eric Doroshuk
Soren Gould
Sam Hindson
Jeremy Kroon
Pete Simmerling
Matthew Young

- Environmental Mind Grind – Congratulations went to the team of:

Jessica Henderson
Courtney Wheeler

Sydney Foster
Cam Gunning

who did a great job representing Naramata School in the district finals at Skaha Lake Middle School.

PARKWAY ELEMENTARY

- Parkway held Three School Wide Runs during the week - It was nice to see some parents out joining in on the fun.
- The PAC Garage Sale in May was a huge success. The PAC raised over \$1400.00 for the playground. Thank you to everyone who helped and contributed.
- The grade 1 classes went to the Safety Village in May. The boys and girls learned a lot about road safety and had a super time as well.
- The Choir, along with Mrs. Parliament's class, went on a field trip to Charles Manor to give a performance. Once again the presentation was outstanding!
- Parkway had a One to One Reading Year-End Celebration – the highlight was the 99th Birthday Celebration for Vera, one of their adult readers!
- The Aboriginal Education Year End Awards Ceremony was a great success. The parent and student turnout was excellent.
- A number of grade 3 students took part in the West Bench run and did an excellent job.
- The Kaleden run was another huge success, with many of the students finishing in the top 20. Great job by all who attended.

PENTICTON SECONDARY SCHOOL

- **Nick Randall** (grade 11) won a Bronze medal at the National Science Fair in Winnipeg for his project on probiotics. This is one of many consecutive national science fair events that Nick has attended.

QUEEN'S PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Students from Kindergarten to grade 5 performed an excellent Spring Play 'Goin' Buggy' to two packed houses. The singing, dancing and speaking was all enhanced with a State-of-the-Art sound system purchased by PAC. Students dressed up as insects from all grades, had a wonderful time and were appreciated by the audiences.
- Students at all levels took part in Jump Rope for Heart and raised about \$2000.00. Well done Queen's Park!
- Students also took part in a lock down drill and passed with flying colours. The silence and attention to detail was outstanding during this drill. Families and classes got a chance to discuss the drill and its purpose with pre-advertising (they did not know the time).
- Queen's Park PAC and a number of Queen's Park Alumni (mostly from KVR and the secondary schools) hosted a wonderful family Fun Night. The students and their families took part in refreshments, played games, won prizes and enjoyed a book sale.

SKAHA LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Skaha Lake Middle School was very busy throughout the month of May:

- Skaha Lake Middle School placed second overall in both the elementary and middle school divisions at the Terasen Gas Environmental Mind Grind B.C. Championships in Kelowna. Everyone was so proud of the students who also won the “most sportsmanlike” for a prize of \$100.
- Kevin Van Kessel, Darien Folk and Sohail Sidhu represented SLMS in the finals at the BC Secondary School Math Contest in Kelowna. Darien Folk placed third amongst all the grade 8 students in the valley.
- Mr. McElroy’s grade 8 leadership class coordinated a Muscular Dystrophy Fundraiser in coordination with Princess Margaret. SLMS raised a little over \$2000 for this cause.
- Skaha Lake hosted an Aboriginal Education Family BBQ on May 6th with a great turnout from the aboriginal community.
- Spirit events in May included “Pajama Day” and “80’s Day”.





- The grade 8 classes had Darryl Meyers from Pathways Addiction Centre present on the dangers of ecstasy that is so prevalent with young adolescents.
- The whole school attended an assembly from the BC Crystal Meth Society on the dangers of using drugs and in particular, crystal meth. The students remarked how powerful (but scary) the information presented to them was.
- The grade 8 band went to Edmonton on their annual band trip. The students performed in three schools, spent an afternoon at the Telus World of Science as well as some time in the West Edmonton Mall amusement park and wave/waterslide park.



- All the grade 8 students are involved in writing the District Math 8 Assessment.
- On Monday, May 25th, a grade 5 Parent Orientation meeting was held in the school gym. Information was presented, staff was introduced - parents and students viewed a powerpoint/video presentation on middle school life comprised by Tony Biollo the grade 6 team leader.
- Seven grade 8 students in conjunction with Maggie's Careers Program attended a "Spotlight Session on Emergency Services" at the Skaha Lake Marina. This was designed for those who are interested in looking into a career in Emergency Services. These students must be physically able to do the job of an Emergency Worker.

SUMMERLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL

- **Funding for Young Writers** - Vickie Ohmenzetter, President of the Rotary Club of Summerland, recently presented a cheque at Summerland Middle School to Yasmin John-Thorpe, of Penticton Writers and Publishers. These funds will go towards sponsoring Summerland students attending the July 5th to 10th Youth Write Camp in Penticton. Winning young writes were:
 - Grade 6 student - Leonie Zang
 - Grade 7 student - Tori Craig
 - Grade 8 students - Susan Watkins
Hayley Speers
- **Grade 7 Leadership Conference** - On May 21st Summerland Middle School hosted a grade 7 Leadership Conference. The Conference was organized by Jane Stead, Leadership teacher at Summerland Secondary and 22 of her students. The conference theme was "Leaders for Tomorrow" and involved a variety of activities which focused on teaching students leadership skills, to self-evaluating their own leadership style and to begin to plan for their own involvement in leadership as grade 8's in 2009-2010. The day was a huge success, with a wonderful keynote by Lindsey Richardson, a grade 12 student at SSS and a variety of inspirational video clips. Congratulations to all participants who now look forward to making a difference at Summerland Middle in their grade 8 year!



Jane Stead looks on as students work together to accomplish a Team work challenge

Principal Katie Hicks
Assists students
with goal setting



- **Guess Who is Coming to Dinner?** - Perhaps the title would be more accurate if it was “guess who didn’t come for dinner?” as over 550 spaghetti dinners were recently served at the school. This annual fundraising event is a catered dinner presented by the SMS Parents Advisory Council. Kristi Richards was on hand to speak to community members and attendees including MLA Rick Thorpe, MLA Bill Barisoff and Mayor Janice Perino.
- Those in attendance were able to see the 365 “I Can Be...” statements which were posted all over the walls of the gym and entrance way. Parents and students were also able to see demonstrations and get information on the many varieties of summer learning programs available in the region viewed camp displays and picked up literature. Some of the groups involved in participating were: Lou Lemire *Hockey School*, Carl Weunsche *Tae-Kwan-Do*, Wendy William’s *Get Bent on Yoga* and Belly Dancing, to name just a few.

Other events scheduled for the fundraising evening were: a basket raffle of themed baskets created by students, teachers and local businesses; a 50/50 draw and a silent auction featuring unique items such as “be Principal for a Day”, attend a two hour chef training with local Chef *Roger Planiden*, two hour of computer services from Petkau Information Technology, an Olympic Team jacket donated by Kristi, again, just to name a few of the many silent auction items.

- The Jazz Bands from Summerland Middle performed during the evening, a Jazz Trio Soul Power of Bobby Shaw, Steven Cogbill and Ryan Bonanno as well as attendees were treated to a song sung by Jacqueline Kilba, who recently won a gold medal at the Kiwanis Music Festival.

The culminating activity of the evening saw many folks dropping in at 7:00pm to see a presentation by students to Summerland’s own **Kristi Richards**. Kristi then spoke to the crowd, which had grown to over 700, about achieving her dreams and giving the message to dream and introducing the “I Can Be....” Legacy Fund.

Summerland Middle School PAC would like to thank all those who attended the evening to make it such a huge success and to the many, many businesses who supported this fundraiser.



Kirsti Richards and Lil' Shred in front of the many "I Can Be..." statements and much of her memorabilia including one of her skis from Torino

Latest E-Mail from Kristi and her comments on the evening:

It was so fun to visit the school last Thursday to help build the energy and funds to support your dreams. I loved seeing what you wrote all over the tables and the walls. It was inspiring for me to hear your goals and the steps that you are committed to take to accomplish them. I am so proud to be from Summerland, and so excited that we can go on this Olympic journey together. We can all inspire each other to believe in ourselves and realize our potentials.

Right now I am at the Vancouver Olympic Excellence Series, where all of the top winter athletes in our country come together to learn about how the Olympics are going to be and how to prepare for it. We have the chance to meet all of the other top athletes from other sports and figure out, as one big Canadian Team, what it means and what it will take for us to win medals next year in 2010. We are listening to other medal winners and adventurers tell their stories, just as I have told you mine, so that we can learn from and be inspired by their journey. I got to hear stories from Sylvie Frechette, Adam van Koeverden, Ray Zahab, and Johann Koss. I am taking a lot of knowledge from them with me as I prepare for the biggest moment in my life... my 30 seconds at the Vancouver Olympics.

'Lil Shred and I are looking forward to our next visit in just 10 days.



May 15th, Kristi and Lil Shred Attend School at Summerland Middle School - As she promised at the Spaghetti Dinner, Kristi Richards and L'il Shred returned to the school to spend a day in classes. They spent time in each room, interacting with students, answering questions and telling stories of their last few months traveling around the world. Kristi was involved in many activities, including making nachos, reading the students' "I Can Be..." statements, listening to students read and even teaching PE classes, running students through some of her training drills. It was a great day with students excitedly looking forward to the next visit!



SUMMERLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL

- The Summerland Secondary Golf team is off to Provincial Tournament next week...
- Summerland Secondary Senior Girls Soccer Team - Hosted Valley Championships and came in Fourth place missing third and a trip to the Provincial Tournament by a goal in the second overtime in their last game. Great effort!

JUST “SEW” YOU KNOW

Textiles and fashion design students have been busy this term. Recently, 44 students from SSS, Pen High and Maggie headed down to the River Rock in Richmond to see the year end Fashion Show put on by the graduates of Kwantlen Polytechnic University. The field trip also included tours of the fashion design programs at Vancouver Community College, The Vancouver Art Institute and the University of the Fraser Valley and a shopping trip to a fabric discount store.

Grade 12 students, Amanda Hooper and Karley Schroyen competed in the regional Skills Canada competition for Fashion Design. Amanda won the silver medal and Karley 4th place. Amanda went on to compete at the provincial level for fashion design on April 22. Amanda has been accepted into the Fashion Degree program at Kwantlen and Karley just completed her interview and portfolio review at the University of the Fraser Valley.

On the fashion show scene, students from SSS participated in two shows this past month and are preparing for the Year-End District Show on June 5th. Chicago Fashions, Go Green Creations and student projects were highlighted in the Quest Fundraiser Fashion Show held in conjunction with local designer Sue Lopatecki and SASS Boutique.

Four students entered their go green fashions in the “Walk on the Green Side” Dry Grad Fundraiser at the Penticton Lakeside Resort. Jessica Bone won first prize with her Tim Horton’s dress, jacket and matching handbag. Her prize was a cruiser bike from Freedom ride bike shop. Amanda Hooper won the second place \$250.00 for her playing card and poker chip dress. Also entering the event were Karley Schroyen and Alisha Bauer - who will be attending Blanch MacDonald ‘s fashion program in the fall.

The Textiles Departments from Summerland Secondary, Penticton Secondary and Princess Margaret will be having a Year-End Creations show on June 5th at Princess Margaret.

UPLANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- The students and staff at Uplands Elementary got very involved in the School Move for Health Days. There was one boy (Harry Jurgens) who on Monday - rollerbladed, Tuesday - biked, Wednesday - skateboarded, Thursday - scootered and on Friday - walked to school! Talk about participation!

Uplands Elementary School Move for Health Days

May 8 to May 15, 2009

Date:	Class:	Teachers:	# of Students:	Activity:
May 8	Grade 4/5	1 staff	26 plus 2 CEAs	Walk/Run KVR Trail for 45 minutes
May 8	Kindergarten	1 staff	17 plus 1 CEA	Walk/Run KVR Trail for 45 minutes
May 11, 13 and 15	School Wide Run	All students and most staff	200+ each day	1 -2 km Neighbourhood Run
May 12 and May14	Cross Country Runners	1 staff	50 plus	1 km Neighbourhood Run
May 11	Grade 5	1 staff	28 plus 2 CEAs	Walk/Run KVR Trail for 45 minutes
May 11	Grade 4	1 staff	27 plus principal	Walk/Run KVR Trail for 45 minutes
May 12	Grade 1 and Grade 2 Classes	4 staff	82 students plus 2 CEAs	Walk to KVR and loop back to the school via Haven Hill
May 14	Grade 3	1 staff	22 students	Walk to McNicoll Park and stairs to do a "Cardio" workout
May 11	K-5	3 staff and a number of parents	6+7+10+	Bike, Walk, Wheel to School
May 12	K-5	5 staff and a number of parents	7+9+8+6	Bike, Walk, Wheel to School
May 13	K-5	3 staff and a number of parents	50 students	Bike, Walk, Wheel to School
May 14	K-5	2 staff and several parents	63 students	Bike, Walk, Wheel to School
May 15	K-5	2 staff and several parents	57 students	Bike, Walk, Wheel to School

WEST BENCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Wildcats participated in Jump Rope for Heart on May 8th. Students raised over \$108.00 dollars for the Heart Foundation.



- On Monday Awards Assemblies, students were recognized by their teachers for academic and personal growth.
- West Bench Students attended the Destination Conservation Celebration at Wiltse. They were chosen the Best Small and Effective Team as well as winning the People's Choice Award for the best Green Gallery.



- The West Bench Parent Advisory Committee had their final meeting for this year. They elected Heather Allen as their new President. The School Planning Council also met in May to discuss West Bench's School Plan.
- West Bench had their Annual May Barbeque and Book Fair. It was very well attended by West Bench families. Like last year the staff had **Party Perfect** bring some of their fabulous play equipment - the climbing wall was a real hit with all of the students and parents. The Book Fair was very successful as well.



- Kindergarten to grade 3 students attended the International Children's Festival.



- West Bench hosted the grade 3 Run. They had 200 grade 3 students from schools in the district participate in the run. West Bench grades 5 and 4 Leadership Students led the run and provided each student with a ribbon, an apple and apple juice after they had finished the run. Parents and teachers volunteered their time and positioned themselves along the run's route.

- 23 grade 4 and 5 students participated in the Kaleden Run.
- All teachers participated in Class Reviews in May.
- Teachers assessed students in Reading, Writing and Numeracy. Teachers teamed up for collaborative marking.



WILTSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Building Cultural Bridges Event





"Lim Lim" from Wiltse School