

School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha)
RECOGNITION OF STUDENT/SCHOOL SUCCESS
May 11, 2009



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

- Congratulations go out to the School District No. 67 students who received awards at Skills Canada's 15th Annual BC Skills Competition held in Abbotsford on April 22nd:

Trevor Dermorse of Princess Margaret Secondary received a Bronze in Architectural CAD;

Hu Harries of Penticton Secondary received a Bronze in Automotive Service; and

Rylan Kinnin & Jordan Findlay of Penticton Secondary received Silver in TV/Video Production.

Congratulations also go out to these students' teachers - Patrick Whitely, Doug Bailey, and Russ Stasiuk, respectively - who worked hard to prepare these students for the competition.

CARMI ELEMENTARY

- Daily Physical Activity: Action Schools – Dance/aerobic movement to music now being led by students (even grade 2 students☺), Cross-country Running, regular P.E. classes.
- Division 1, grade 5 students' excellent Country/Culture Powerpoint presentations for parents and multicultural feast – once again very well attended!
- Division 1 & 2 (grade 4 & 5 students) attending a Math Fair at Okanagan College.
- LaCrosse instruction and activities – Chris Kircher from Penticton Minor LaCrosse came to Carmi to teach all grades LaCrosse skills. He volunteered his time for a couple of hours each day and the experience was so valuable for the students.
- Assemblies (Kindergarten are now doing public speaking too!) and Student of the Week
- Block X – Social Responsibility sessions in cross-graded family groupings
- April Topic: Building Confidence
- Term 2 Reports and School Progress Report – great to see how the students and school are progressing at Carmi!
- Grupo America Performance (Latin Dancing) on April 8th
- Easter Bonnet parade on April 9th – most creative bonnets we have ever seen!

- PALS session on numeracy on April 9th for parents of Kindergarten children
- Helping teacher, Steve LaPointe's math presentation for parents at a PAC meeting
- Penticton Academy of Music performance on April 16th
- Earth Day Assembly/Performance on Wednesday, April 22nd

LaCross Instruction and Activities



Math Fair Okanagan College

Powerpoint Presentations



Multicultural Feast

COLUMBIA ELEMENTARY

- The Columbia Chess Club has been running for the past few months during the lunch hour on Fridays. Over thirty students from grades 1 through 5 have participated in this club, with the more experienced players coaching those new to the game. It is a great way for students to learn new skills and have a lot of fun!



- Columbia Elementary was host to the Science World travelling show in April. Students learned a variety of science concepts that were presented in a humorous, entertaining way. Their favourite part, though was taking part in the experiments!



KALEDEN ELEMENTARY

Here's a few of the highlights for April at Kaleden:

- Kaleden started their Spring Cross Country Running for all grades
- Everyone enjoyed a great performance by Grupo America
- Earth Day was celebrated by having all students plant seeds
- The third session of their One to One Reading Program commenced
- Trustee Manning helped out on Hot Lunch Day which was very much appreciated!



Trustee Manning
Hot Lunch Day



- They wrapped up the month with Western Day (which coincided with Wear Your Jeans to Work Day) so that money could be raised for BC Children's Hospital.



Western Day

McNICOLL PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Everyone at McNicoll Park enjoyed three fabulous assemblies that revolved around the theme of "one person can make a difference". They were all really well done.
- On April 8th – "Angus Adventures" (a husband and wife team) visited the school and presented their own personal story of rowing around the world by boat. The students really enjoyed the presentation as the true-life story was very interesting.
- April 14th - CHEER - Harlem Globetrotter Advance Ambassador 'Wun "*The Shot*" Versher' brought the HGT message of Cooperation, Healthy-Mind-Healthy-Body, Effort, Enthusiasm, Responsibility to the school – Wun stayed for a question and answer period with the students.

- On April 24th - Operation Secret - A group of students worked with Ms. Tank, known as "Operation Secret Agents" put on an assembly for the students for the afternoon - it was capped off with a special visit and presentation by RICK HANSEN - yes the Man in Motion himself was at McNicoll!
- McNicoll also had two teams in the Environmental Mind Grind Competition!

NARAMATA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- On April 17th the school held their own Environmental Mind Grind competition to determine which students would go to the district finals to represent Naramata School. Six teams of three students from grade 4 & 5 participated in this fun and educational competition. Mr. Craig Henderson (parent) was the esteemed quiz master and tested the students knowledge on various environmental issues. The winning team included Courtnay Wheeler, Jessica Henderson, and Sydney Foster. (Cam Gunning was chosen as the alternate)



- To celebrate Earth Day on April 22nd the staff & students of Naramata Elementary hit the streets of the Naramata Village to conduct a community clean-up. Students collected garbage, recycled products, and much more in an effort to keep Naramata looking beautiful. Thanks to Mrs. Alice Hancock (grade 1/2 teacher) for organizing the classes for this important event.



PARKWAY ELEMENTARY

- The second to last DPA went very well in the gym. The House Team Banners now hang in the gym and look fantastic. The students and staff will be signing them in the near future.
- The month end student led Assembly was a huge hit and the activity by Mrs. Silvius' class got everyone up and moving.
- The PAC meeting was very eventful with lots of news on new fundraisers for the playground. The PAC will be ordering the new playground in the next couple of weeks!
- Grupo America was at Parkway school on Thursday and did two performances for the students. They are a Latin American dance group and the students, staff and visitors loved them!
- April 14th at 6:30pm Adrienne Gear presented at the school to all of the parents in the community – it was a great success!

PRINCESS MARGARET SECONDARY SCHOOL

- **Mitchell Walton** is a grade 9 student - he recently tried out for the U-16 national (Team BC) field lacrosse team. He was 1 (of about 10) 15 year olds that made it through to the main camp which was held recently in Delta. He just learned that he made the Stars team and will be travelling to Winnipeg in September for a national tournament.

In the past year Mitchell competed for the Team BC box field lacrosse in Toronto (last August) and was recruited for the SFU Burnaby Selects field lacrosse program and competed in a couple of tournaments in North Carolina and Tampa Bay last fall.

The program through SFU is a recruiting program where the goal is to obtain scholarships for the athletes. There is a huge focus on maintaining their grades (anyone with less than a B average is not invited and expectations are high to keep the grades up) and there is an equal amount of study sessions in addition to practice times. Way to go Mitchell!

PENTICTON SECONDARY SCHOOL

- Two Penticton Secondary students have been recognized at the Canadian National Level:

Ray Millar - Top Wrestler in Canada

Nick Randall - Qualified for the National Science Fair for the fifth year in a row – with over \$10,000 in scholarships and awards!

- **Nick Kolodychuk** – Has been Accepted to Brown Ivy League.....

Nick has Academic scholarships to North Eastern \$20,000 per year and Notre Dame \$7,500 per year – great news!

Nick has yet to decide which university he will attend but has been accepted to Brown on an Academic scholarship. He has not decided if he is going to Brown but was pleased to receive the offer - he may play another year of hockey. Nick scored 1580 out of 1600 on his SAT test!

A very special thanks to all of Nick's teachers for all of their hard work!

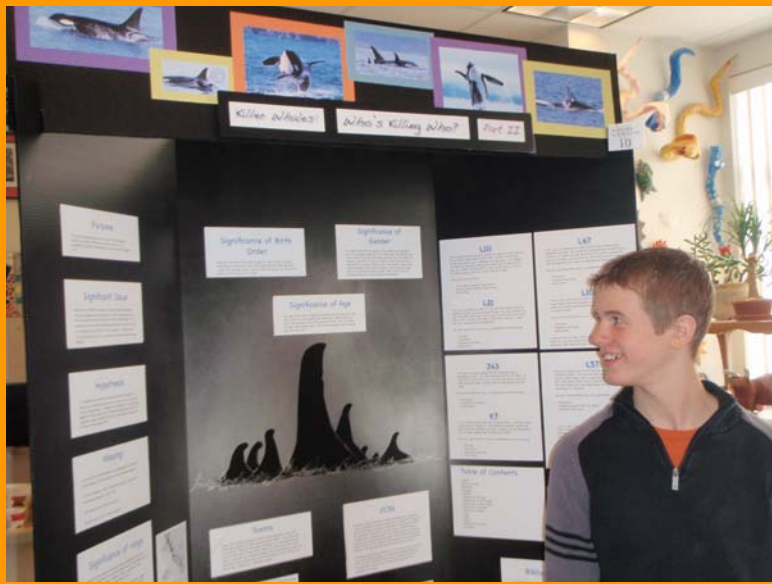
- We just heard that **Nate Surkan** (a grade 12 student at PSS) also won a Provincial Millenium Scholarship worth \$20,000! This incredible award is for four years! Way to go Nate!

QUEEN'S PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Students from Kindergarten to grade 5 have been busy practicing for the Spring Queen's Park Concert, 'Goin' Buggy'. They have songs, dances and speaking roles. Hopefully this will help to bring on spring!
- All the Queen's Park students took a role in Earth Day observances. Classes were busy cleaning, potting plants, cleaning the grounds of the playground and were generally involved in Earth friendly activities.
- Students from Kindergarten to grade 5 took part in 'Science Fair on the Road' and a visit with Author / Illustrator Lee Edward Foli. Students took part in illustrating and drawing sessions. Great response to these presentations pertaining to the intellectual domain.
- Students are running in School Wide runs as part of the DPA program. A system of finishing cards helps them to monitor the progress that a great number of the students are making.

SKAHA LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Two Skaha Lake Middle School Special Education Teachers attended the web cast "Pulling it Together with Ownership" held on April 1st.
- Daryl Meyers from Pathways Addiction Centre addressed the Skaha Lake PAC. The topic "Moving from Hovering and Bubble Wrapping to Fostering Risk and Responsibility" addressed the need for parents to allow their children to gain independence as they mature.
- Grade 6 students Alysha Dwyer (gold), Samantha Schimmer, Kenzi Haberstock (gold), Cordell Watts (silver) and grade 7 student Brian Fischer (silver) medaled at the Central Okanagan Regional Science Fair in Kelowna. Grade 6 students Brody Hormes, Carter Elder and Rylan Potter won awards for their backdrops. Fantastic News!



- On April 8th, Colin and Julie Angus spoke and presented video to the student body about their adventure to be the first human-powered circumnavigation of the globe. During their journey, they rowed across two oceans and trekked through 17 countries for a total of 43,000 km. The Angus Adventure presentation was sponsored by the Hearts@School Program sponsored by the City of Penticton (Carol Stathers) and SD67.
- Skaha hosted “Metaphor” a Hip Hop Presentation with a social justice theme held for the entire school.
- Science World on the Road came for a fun filled session with the grade 6 and 7 students.
- On April 16th the grade 8 jazz band travelled to Kelowna for the Jazz Festival.
- Band students organized a Jazz Coffee House on the 23rd of April and entertained their parents and other guests.
- Skaha grade 8 students had an opportunity to go over to Maggie for their Air Band Competition. This is one of a number of transition activities planned between the two schools.

SUMMERLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL

- More than 100 students ‘Walked a Mile for Africa’. Two grade 12 students **Kira Wittkopf** and **Brittany Holmes** organized a fundraising and awareness event that took place over the lunch hour April 17th.

Students, many of them barefoot (to see what many in Africa must do), walked one mile and by doing so had one dollar each donated to help fight AIDS in Africa.

The event was entirely organized by students and took place out of class time (and was thus completely voluntary). The numbers were high as the leaders took advantage of Facebook and text messaging helping everyone to see that technology can be used for very positive reasons!

UPLANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Uplands Elementary had a wonderful Earth Day Ceremony and Tree Memorial Service for Mr. McIntosh. Students sang three Earth Day songs outside on the hill.
- Uplands students, staff and parents enjoyed the NED (**N**ever give up, **E**ncourage others and **D**o your best) Show. Uplands Parent Advisory Council financially supported this outstanding program. Students, parents and staff are now using the messages from NED and learning the yo tricks shared in the performance.

- Rick Say, a three time Olympic swimmer will be at Uplands this month to share his life lessons learned.
- Grade 2 and grade 4 classes are receiving tennis lessons from the Bettauer Family (an Uplands Family) with Tennis BC.
- IEP Review meetings have started with school based teams, parents and support staff.
- The grade 3 students were involved in a "Scientist for a Day" program which culminated in a science fair at Uplands. Mrs. MacIntyre and Ms. Blumel were most impressed with the projects shared.
- Mrs. Kantz ran another very successful Spell-a-thon at Uplands. Over \$6000.00 was raised AND students learned many spelling words.
- Jenaya Copithorne represented Uplands at the Regional Spelling Bee. Jenaya placed in the top half of the competition.
- Ten students submitted posters to the Canada Poster contest and were rewarded with pens and pins for their efforts.
- Grade 4 and 5 students are in the midst of Badminton games during the lunch break. Most classes are learning more about this game.
- April 30 several students, parents and staff have paid their way to wear jeans and support Children's Hospital.
- Several classes have completed clay projects for their Mothers.
- Home Reading/Accelerated Reading continue to be a given for students each day.
- All students at Uplands completed one diagnostic assessment from *First Steps in Math*. Teachers reviewed their results at lunch meeting. This learning team will continue to work on Numeracy initiatives.

WEST BENCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Each Monday a morning assembly takes place where the staff recognizes their students for the successes they have had at West Bench.
- The Wildcats held their Annual Talent Show on April 7th and 8th. They had gymnastic demonstrations, singing and dancing, lip-syncing, hoola hopping, karate demos, piano, violin as well as several comedians joining in. Parents, students and staff had a great time.



- The West Bench students and their families made beautiful heritage dolls which showed the cultural roots of the West Bench family. The dolls were then used to decorate the gym for the Citizenship Ceremony on April 22nd.

- The Citizenship Ceremony was a wonderful event for the students. Help was given to induct 57 new Canadians into the Canadian Family. The staff and students worked very hard preparing for this great event. The students sang 3 songs, "I Got Canada In My Pocket", "Canada Is", and "Welcome Here, Welcome Home". The Wildcats made us very proud. All students were very well behaved during the performance and they sang just beautifully. Many of the New Canadians, their family members and guests commented on what a memorable ceremony it was.



WILTSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- On Earth Day, April 22nd, Wiltse Elementary School recognized this important day in a couple of ways. Students and staff participated in a School-Wide approach to helping the environment. The Destination Conservation Team, consisting of 6 grade five students launched a campaign to promote “Litterless Lunches”. Following a powerpoint presentation at the weekly assembly, students challenged everyone to bring a “Litterless Lunch” on Earth Day. The participation exceeded their expectations with almost everyone switching to reusable containers and almost eliminating garbage completely! Congratulations to everyone who made an effort to make a difference. They also planted four new trees on the playground to complete the new playground and to add a little bit of beauty back to the grounds. It was very successful and energizing!

Before the Campaign



On Earth Day



Planting Trees
on Earth Day

