

School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha)
RECOGNITION OF STUDENT/SCHOOL SUCCESS
September 14, 2009



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

DISTRICT

- The district was pleased to announce the names of the recipients of the 30 Dogwood District Authority Awards (formerly called the District Scholarship Awards) for 2008/09. Dogwood District Authority Award Scholarships are provided by the Ministry of Education for presentation to graduates excelling in one of more applied area(s) of study. Selection of the Dogwood District Scholarship winners is carried out by local District Scholarship Committees within provincial guidelines.

Candidates for the Dogwood District Authority Award Scholarships come from a wide range of areas of study including fine and performing arts, home economics, industrial education/technology, business education, physical education, career prep programs and secondary school apprenticeship.

Winners receive a \$1000.00 scholarship. A cheque for \$500.00 will be issued directly by the Ministry to each student in October. Dogwood District Scholarship certificates and vouchers will also be issued directly from the Ministry. Students should receive their scholarship packages in November/December. The Ministry will issue a balance of \$500.00 directly to the student when the voucher, validated by an approved post-secondary institution, is submitted to the Ministry of Education.

All the recipients are to be congratulated on their excellent achievement in these applied areas:

Princess Margaret Secondary School

Ryan Kuzemski
Tyler Guy
Amy Heggs

Nolan Daggett
Amandeep Matharoo

Shanna Mikkelson
Natasha Winchester

Penticton Secondary School

Brooklyn LeClair
Susanna-Martina Becker
Kayla Mann
Jonathan Babich
Kari Graff

Will Houston
Tara Berntzen
Evan Peatt
Paige Constantinescu
Randall Pfeifer

Carlos Jimenez
Bentan Atkinson
Kaley Wells
Alyshia Olsen
Catherine Beaumier-Martin

Summerland Secondary School

Michelle Breckon
Silvana Huber
Karley Schroyen

Chay Bromley
Graham Keehn
Amanda West

Amanda Hooper
Brea Retzlaff

- The Annual 'Celebrating Student Achievement' event was held once again at the Penticton Lakeside Resort on June 2, 2009. Many local students had an opportunity to showcase their talents. The event is a selection of some of the best accomplishments of elementary, middle and secondary schools throughout the district.

The Program:

- Princess Margaret Secondary Choir - (Director: Lori Grant)
- 'Through the Cracks' - (Tribute to Student Achievement, Helping Teachers)
- West Bench Elementary 'Welcome Here, Welcome Home' & 'Destination Conservation Rocks' - (Chris Philpotts, Charlene Woods, Bonnie Bordin and Tanya Thacker)
- Francesca Ota-Demers - (Jill McCullum and Dean Bates)
- Skaha Lake Middle School Jazz Band - (Director Dave Brunelle)
- Humanitarian Trip to Africa - (Bill Bidlake and Princess Margaret Students)
- 'The Wheelbarrow' (Penticton Secondary Media Teacher Russ Stasiuk)
- Summerland Secondary, 'Chicago' (Director Heather Ayris), 'All That Jazz', 'Funny Honey', and 'Me & My Baby'.

COLUMBIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- **Family Read in June** - Thanks to everyone who came out and supported the Family Read. The weather was perfect, and all around the school, families sat on blankets or deck chairs and read with their children or grandchildren. The Family Read just seemed to be a natural extension to the students' (and their parents'!) love of reading. It was a wonderful day.



- **Sports Day A Huge Success** - The Columbia Sports Day was held on June 11th and was a great success. There were many parents who came out to enjoy the morning with their children. As well, the children had a great time. A huge thank you to everyone who helped to organize. Many grade 5 students acted as team leaders for both the primary and intermediate students. Dylan Moorman, a grade 5 student acted as the judge in the tug-of-war contests and kept everyone honest! This was one of the best sports days ever at Columbia.



KALEDEN ELEMENTARY

The 2008-09 school year has been such a great one at Kaleden Elementary – the school has had many accomplishments:

- The final stage of the playground is in the works... Picnic tables and shade trees soon to arrive.
- Many great gains and individual successes in learning.
- Wrapped up a year of **One to One Reading** – (Thanks volunteer readers for reading with the students).
- Continued with the **weekly assemblies** to celebrate the students and talk about learning and other topics.
- Implemented **daily physical activity** for all students in all grades. What great benefits were accomplished! ☺
- Everyone had enjoyed healthy **fruits and veggies** in the classrooms every week as part of a provincial program.
- Delicious and nutritious **weekly hot lunches** that met and exceeded the new legislated guidelines! ☺
- Offered various school wide and classroom level **curricular fieldtrips**.

- Carried out school wide events like **Western Days, Kite Making, Tubing at Apex...**
- Participated in grade 2/3 **swimming program** and grade 4 and 5 **cross-country skiing program** – thanks to PAC for helping with the costs. 😊
- Plenty of **fundraising** that has allowed the school to ensure that many great activities continue in the future.
- Had 400 students participating in the **Kaleden Run...** with a record number of Kaleden students. 😊
- Benefitted from the **hard working PAC and SPC Executive**. Everyone has worked together and accomplished so much to make the school a better place. The children and community are very lucky!
- Seeing off a **talented group of grade 5 students** who are well equipped to handle middle school.
- Completed some projects for **Kaleden's Centennial** – planting 130 trees on grey ledge, making banners and posters for the 100th birthday party. What a note to end on.

Best of all... Staff enjoyed watching the children learn, grow and have fun

McNICOLL PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL

- At McNicoll Park Middle grade 8 had an (unprecedented) five Big M Award Winners - the highest honour in the school! Recipients must have received an Exploratory Award, Athletic Award, Leadership Award, and an Academic Excellence Award. In a 'normal' year the school may have had 1 or 2 recipients. Way to go McNicoll!

NARAMATA ELEMENTARY

June was busy at Naramata Elementary – some highlights of June were:

- KVR Bike Trip
- Playground Celebration
- Beach Day
- Awards Day

PARKWAY ELEMENTARY

- The new Kindergarten students for September joined the school for an orientation session with teacher, Mrs. Tucker. They all had a great time.
- Three School Fun Runs took place at the end of June - everyone worked hard at making a personal best in laps!
- Parkway T-Shirts were handed out to students (they look great) and another bulk order will go out in the early September. T-Shirts were sold for \$10.00 each.
- The grade 2 students visited the Safety Village and had a super time.

- The grade 4/5 cross-country running team had their year end run. It was a beautiful morning and everyone was out to cheer them on.
- The school held one fire drill and one lockdown drill the end week of school and all of the students responded very well.
- The PAC put on an excellent BBQ and Family Fun Night - the turnout was outstanding! The Student Art Show and School Choir performance was also a big hit with everyone.

SKAHA LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Skaha Lake Middle School jazz band played at the Celebration of Student Achievement held at the Penticton Lakeside Resort on June 2nd.
- The school held an "Ice Cream Social" as a prize for Skaha Lake Middle School students who came in second place at the Environmental Mind Grind Championships. For the second year in a row, Skaha got the award for the school with the most team spirit!
- Skaha Lake enjoyed a fun-filled day competing in the District Track and Field Day.
- Skaha Lake Middle School Band Concert was held on the June 15th. The bands at all grade levels played to a full house.
- Grade 6, 7 and 8 team building Tug O' War competitions were held.
- Grade 9 transition meetings were held to assist in the movement of the grade 8 students to Princess Margaret.
- 119 grade 5 students arrived at Skaha Lake Middle School for their orientation day. The students participated in a scavenger hunt, team building activities in the gym and finished off the session eating "shark dogs."
- Skaha's PAC put on a lovely lunch to honour the staff for their hard work in the 2008-09 school year.
- Skaha held their award ceremonies on the morning of June 25th.

The Grade 8 "Award of Excellence Medallion" winners- for students who achieved honour and effort roll in every term this year, recognized for citizenship and were involved in extra-curricular activities at a high level.





Skaha's "Top Academic"
Boy and Girl:

**Darien Folk and
Dana Klamut**

Awarded to the top boy and girl based on grades. Each student had a 96% in their Math, Science, English and Social Studies courses.

Presented by Dave Brunelle, (Principal) and Jodi Bird (grade 8 math and science teacher).

Skaha Lake Middle School
- "Top Shark"
Boy and Girl Award:

**Sohail Sidhu and
Deborah Rose**

Nominated by teachers and administration.

Presented by Pam Butters (Vice-Principal) and Travis Kroschinsky (grade 8 math and science and technology education teacher.)



SUMMERLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL

Excellence: The Year in Review:

- Fine Arts – Chicago! Painting for the troops in Kandahar – Shakespeare Festival
- Applied Skills and Careers – Skills Canada Regional Competition Results
- Silver Medals – Fashion Design, Computer Animation (2), Mechanical CAD, Cabinet Making
- Bronze Medals – Computer Animation (2)
- First and Second Place in ‘Walk on the Greenside Fashion Competition’
- 19 students in Apprenticeships
- Athletics – Golf Team 6th in Provincial Championships, Senior Boys Soccer Team 13th in Provincial Championships
- Track and Field - going to Provincial Championships June 5th - Senior Girls Soccer 4th in the Okanagan Valley

Some of the Scholarships for Academics, Leadership and Citizenship:

- 2 Simon Fraser University major entrance scholarships
- 3 UBC Vancouver President's Entrance Scholarships \$500 - \$2000
- 18 UBC Okanagan President's Entrance Scholarships \$1000 - \$2000
- 1 UBC Okanagan President's Entrance Scholarships \$4000
- 3 UBC Vancouver President's Entrance Scholarships \$4000
- 1 Community Builder Scholarship \$3500
- 3 Okanagan College Tuition Entrance Scholarships \$500
- 2 Regional Millennium Scholarships \$4500
- 1 National Loran Scholarship \$40,000
- 1 National TD Canada Trust \$40,000
- 1 National Millennium Scholarship

Robyn Duncan received a \$20,000 entrance scholarship to Trinity Western University.

• **“Golf Team Finishes Strong at Provincials”:**

Fry Keehn leading the SSS team with a first round of 80! With a combined score of 341, the boys managed to stay in 7th place out of 12 teams. Day 2 brought rain to the Royalwood course, but the boys staved off the change in temperature and rain to again post a combined total of 341. The two day total of 682 was enough to give the SSS golf team a 6th place finish at Provincials this year! Mr. Fry and Mr. Keehn are very proud of the team and how they represented Summerland in a professional manner during the 3 day event. Next years team will be led by veteran Doug Chadwick and will have some help with up and coming hopefuls in Graham Filik and Kendall Wilson. The team will also have good representation by grade 11 players Graham Zagrodney, Cole Marchant and Trevor Austin. The Summerland Secondary Golf team was bound for Provincials in Chilliwack BC. With strong winds on the practice round Sunday, the boys came off the course with a defeated demeanor. The Royalwood golf course presented strong winds, gnarly rough and red and yellow stakes throughout the course. Day 1 proved to be a successful day with Graham.

TROUT CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Kindergarten, grade 1 and grade 5 students participated in transition events to prepare them for their new grades / school.
- Successful Used Book Fair organized by the P.A.C.
- Fun Jump Rope for Heart assembly featuring TC's great skippers; Trout Creek kids donated- \$164.77 to this worthy cause.
- Wonderful time had by all at the Children's Festival; a special thanks to the Boys and Girls Club for the incredible financial support.
- Strong turn out by the grade 3 students at the West Bench cross-country run.
- A warm welcome was extended to new students and their families joining the school for the 2009-10 school year at the Open House in June.
- Congratulations to the P.A.C. executive: Chairperson: Mrs. Jenny Chick, Vice-Chair: Mrs. Gena Lowe, Secretary: Mrs. KaraLee Cave, Treasurer: Mrs. CharLynn Bubar – A great mural created on the north wall of the sports court; thanks P.A.C. for designing and organizing the project

UPLANDS ELEMENTARY

- Jenaya Copithorne and Anise Theurer were the Top Accelerated Reading Award Winners for Uplands Elementary. Jenaya and Anise had over 1000 points!
- Over 90 Volunteers at Uplands had a wonderful celebration at the Uplands Volunteer Tea. All classes presented a "Thank You" to the helpers and supporters.
- Ms. Street's class performed several songs with a 2008-09 Power Point presentation of all the highlights at Uplands Celebration of Learning Assembly in June. Division 1 (Mrs. Kantz) and Division 2 (Mrs. Gardhouse) Classes were also highlighted. As well, Mrs. Salting led the Division 1 and Division 2 Guitar Concert for this event – 'There are 54 guitarists out in the world'. It was a wonderful event and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Kiegan Lins (student) and Laurie Hepso (CEA) successful recycling program ended in a pizza party celebration.



WEST BENCH ELEMENTARY

- Thank you to everyone who attended the annual West Bench Barbeque. A huge thank you especially to all of the staff, parents and friends who volunteered to make it such a success.

Some Highlights of the school year were:

- picnics on the playground
- celebrated the new playground equipment
- ran in Naramata and Kaleden and for Terry Fox
- enjoyed a litter free lunch in the gym and paraded in costumes for Hallowe'en
- sang, danced, played drums and guitars at the Remembrance Day Assembly
- Christmas Concerts, Talent Shows and Sing-a-longs
- watched Canadiana Musical Theater and Grupo
- America - play, sang and danced for everyone
- challenged other schools at soccer and basketball as well as played floor hockey in the gym
- had craft days, a Christmas Cakewalk and Pancakes in PJ's
- wore house team colours proudly and coloured their hair
- made funny hats for spring
- the Destination Conservation Team did a great job through the school year and the school went swimming to celebrate all of their hard work with recycling
- buddy Reading with parents for Family Literacy Day
- celebrated random acts of kindness during February with pink hearts
- did lots of activities for Hundred's Day
- read over 14,000 books and that was celebrated by a rooftop sleepover
- danced, played games and auctioned off wonderful items at the Spring Fling
- helped 57 new Canadians take their Oath of Citizenship and wrote and sang songs to celebrate them joining our Canadian family
- Wildcats jumped, hopped and leaped at Jump Rope for Heart to raise money for the Heart Fund
- barbequed, visited and watched the Wildcats, young and old, climb the climbing wall
- grade 3's hosted other grade 3's from all over the District for the grade 3 Run
- ended the year with the grade 4 and 5 classes - went on their trip to Science World as well as Fun Day and the Intermediate and Primary Awards

It has been a great year at the little school on the hill!