

School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha)
RECOGNITION OF STUDENT/SCHOOL SUCCESS
October 1, 2007



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

CARMI ELEMENTARY

- Carmi's School Start-Up 07 was amazing. The whole school community participated positively with the class organization process, and the students have been waiting patiently for all of the adventure playground and fields to be accessible. Everyone at the school loves the new playground.
- It has been very positive to hear that Carmi students have been diligent in following safety rules, as well as displaying caring and kindness to one another.
- Effective educational programs are being implemented, and the soccer team is underway.
- Cross country running has started and the students are having fun using some new fitness programs/equipment.
- Student leadership has been emphasized again this school year. A meeting is scheduled in student "family groupings" (in October) to do a variety of activities involving social responsibility.
- Carmi students were involved in the Terry Fox Run on Sept. 27th. Promotion of recycling bottles and other items have been arranged as one of the many ways to raise money for cancer research - \$146.25 has already been raised at Carmi!



Carmi Elementary
Welcome Back Assembly

A New Playground at Carmi



Autumn Friends Artwork

First *Students of the Week*: for demonstrating leadership and responsibility



First Assembly – Class announcers and introduction of new students



Assembly Set up Crew

COLUMBIA ELEMENTARY

- Every year the grade 4 students at Columbia Elementary are involved in the Great Canadian Shoreline Clean-up which is sponsored by the Vancouver Aquarium. The clean-up took place on September 21st at the Penticton Creek. Parents and students hiked down to the creek, down to the walking path behind McNicoll Park and worked on a shoreline & walkway clean-up from Forestbrook to Penticton Avenue. The collection is tallied and the information is forwarded to be added to the Provincial data. This community service is a part of the goal for social responsibility.





GIANT'S HEAD ELEMENTARY

- This year the Terry Fox Run was held on Thursday September 27th. We welcomed parents to join us. Kindergarten - grade 2 students ran at 11:00 AM and grades 3 - 5 students ran at 11:30 AM. We encouraged everyone to donate a loonie or toonie to cancer research.

HOME LEARNERS' PROGRAM

- Home Learners' families joined together for an evening of Scottish folk dancing on September 20th. Music and instruction was provided by the McNaramata band (with the participation of some Home Learners' students), and everyone had the opportunity to learn some new dance steps and be physically active. The Ceilidh (pronounced 'key-lee') was held in celebration of our school theme of harvest.

KALEDEN ELEMENTARY

- Kaleden Elementary school was off to a great start to the school year with 125 students.
- The Grand opening of Kaleden's new playground - Thursday, Sept 13th was one of great excitement. The children were ecstatic to have a new wonderful park to play in.





Official ribbon cutting
Trustee Ginny Manning and
Dr. Sola, Principal, Sept 13th

- Terry Fox School Wide Run – Fri. Sept 14th
- BBQ and Open House - Wed. Sept 26th

McNICOLL PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL

- McNicoll Park Middle is very proud of a grade 8 student, Bo Wold, who was the youngest member of a Provincial Rugby Team that competed in a Western Canadian tournament this summer. His team went undefeated and they won the championship!

NARAMATA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Naramata Elementary School held its Third Annual "Welcome Back" Pancake Breakfast on Friday, September 21st. The before school event (planned by Liz Schafer) attracted 150 parents, grandparents, community members and children - Pretty good for a school of 86 students! The "sit down" breakfast featured sausages and pancakes flipped by Garth Schafer, from the District Office, and community member Dr. Tom Rahkola. As it was also a "School Spirit PJ Dress-up Day", everyone arrived wearing their PJ's!

PARKWAY ELEMENTARY

- The Parkway student body took part in a special Fairy Tale unit during the first week of school. The students from grades 1 - 5 studied writing, reading, mathematics and social responsibility through the frames of classic fairy tales. In a rotation format the students shared teachers, tales and points of view while coming together to discuss the lessons to be learned from classic tales.
- Students in all grades are participating in the British Columbia Fruits and Vegetable Program. Students are sampling a new treat every other week and responding to the snack. Students are really in tune with the importance of the program.

PRINCESS MARGARET SECONDARY SCHOOL

- Last year, a young man arrived in our school after a number of unsuccessful experiences in a variety of lower mainland schools. During the registration interview, he indicated that he had a behaviour problem, a poor attendance record, might behave improperly from time to time, and had been in a 'few' fights. With that said, he expressed a desire to try regular classes with the proviso that he would let us know if things were not working out for him. We set him up with some caring teachers in the courses he wanted and, as the year continued, he changed the odd course, but was always very polite about it. While very few discipline issues came to the office, we made a point of keeping in touch with him on a weekly basis to ask how things were going with his classes and his friends.

On the opening day of classes this year, the same young man was again in the school office. This time, though, it was to thank the administration for the comments on his report card! He was extremely proud of having made the Bronze Honour Roll – it was the first time in his life he had accomplished good marks in school. Then he asked for his bumper sticker!

This is why it's worth putting forth just a little extra effort on behalf of those students who are at risk of not making it. This is truly a success story at Maggie.

PENTICTON SECONDARY SCHOOL

Throughout the summer some additional successes took place with regards to Penticton Secondary Students:

- Nate Speijer and Eric Niehe won Silver at the BC Beach Volleyball Championships and represented BC at the Nationals where they placed 5th out of 42 teams. They were the Number 1 team in Canada in the Under 17 category.
- Zack Dalpe, a Pen High student and Penticton Vee has signed with Ohio State.

QUEEN'S PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- A group from EDUCO went to Queen's Park for two days and a night during the first week of school and worked with the grade 5 students. They invited eight leaders from the Outdoor School from 100 Mile House and enjoyed working on leadership, teambuilding, co-operation and trust activities. The students enjoyed a sleepover in the school gym and the activities went well into the evening and started up again at 7:00am the next morning. It was an excellent way to start the year for the grade 5 students and their teachers.
- The Queen's Park StrongStart program has been so successful that the school had to expand the area to have adequate space. A small renovation took place by taking down a wall between two classrooms. The room now is filled with 25-30 little ones and their parents every day. It's been a huge success.
- All of the Queen's Park students participated in the Terry Fox Run as well as enjoyed a special Assembly.
- Queen's Park had five teachers from the school attend the PALS workshop in September. Everyone is excited about getting the program started this year.

SKAHA LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Skaha Lake opened the year with a grade 6 orientation for the in-coming grade 6 students and their parents. They finished their upbeat assembly with their renowned “Shark Dance”.
- 100 grade 7 and 8 band students attended a jazz performance put on by a jazz group performing at the “Pentastic Jazz Festival” at the Pen Hi Auditorium.
- Grade 8 students had a pep rally and pancake breakfast to celebrate the start of the new school year.
- Grade 6, 7 and 8 Aboriginal Education Students were all involved in a cultural activity followed by a pizza party to celebrate the start of the new school year.
- All Skaha Lake Middle School Students participated in the Terry Fox Run on September 27th to raise awareness and funds for the cancer society.



The Famous ‘ SHARK DANCE’
that Tony Biollo teaches the grade 6
students and their parents!



SUMMERLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL

- 30 students went on a Biology field trip to the Bamfield Research station. This is an annual trek and once again the students had an incredible time.
- Summerland Secondary presently has 10 former grads receiving awards totalling more than \$20,000 for the University of Victoria.
- Lunch hour Barbecues for the Grad class (before their traditional grad run) were held on Sept 10th and for the grade 9 students as a welcome to SSS on Sept 14th.
- Summerland Secondary held a very successful Parent Night for the grade 9 parents and the Grad parents (as both are important transition years).

UPLANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Uplands Elementary started off the new school year by having a classroom Open House and Spaghetti Dinner which was held on Thursday, September 27th. Families were first invited into the classrooms and then into the gym to enjoy a great spaghetti feast – it was a nice way to welcome students and families to Uplands.

WEST BENCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- West Bench Elementary had its Terry Fox Run on Friday, Sept 14th. The students brought in loonie and toonie donations for the Terry Fox Foundation. Everyone participated in warming up stretching activities to prepare for the run and then students, staff and parents sang our “Song for Terry” as we ran around the field. It was ‘Wildcat’ wonderful!!

SONG FOR TERRY

Take that one step, step at a time
Into your dream and I'll make it mine
And when we have run all the races my friend
We'll take one more step together again

What courage it takes to dream the good dream
To capture the world and make it believe
That everything is possible if you try
You can run with the stars you can soar through the sky

Take that one step, step at a time
Into your dream and I'll make it mine
And when we have run all the races my friend
We'll take one more step together again

The eye of the camera could never relate
The feeling inside you and the heart that it takes
To run for a vision you hope to achieve
And to have the whole world come to care and believe

In that one step, step at a time
Into your dream and I'll make it mine
And when we have run all the races my friend
We'll take one more step together again

Written by: Chris Philpotts ~ Principal of West Bench Elementary

- West Bench honoured the first intermediate wonderful Wildcats at their Awards Assembly on Monday, Sept 17th. These Wildcats exhibited great citizenship skills both in their classes and in the school. The students were from grade 4 & 5 classes.

WILTSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Wiltse School had enrolled 177 eager grade 3, 4 and 5 students in their Accelerated Reading Program. Students are taking their initial assessment tests, reflecting on past reading successes and setting goals for Term one - reading material from our school library which includes over 1700 Accelerated Reading titles. Upon completion of their books they will complete on-line quizzes which will evaluate their comprehension. Students earn points for books read and are motivated to read more books, more thoughtfully.