

School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha)  
**RECOGNITION OF STUDENT/SCHOOL SUCCESS**  
November 10, 2008



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

**CARMI ELEMENTARY**

The first two months at Carmi Elementary have been amazing – filled with exciting events/activities and most importantly the learning that happens each and every day. Some October highlights:

- Carmi's Open House/Pizza Dinner/Book Sale and Dance
- The Terry Fox Run and meaningful Assembly
- Block X (Social Responsibility program in cross-graded groupings) on Fridays and Weekly Assemblies
- Students earning Student of the Week awards and receiving Carmi CARES slips
- Daily physical activity, Cross Country Running, "Action Schools" and Soccer
- Participation at the Naramata Run on October 8<sup>th</sup>
- Cross Country Run on Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> at Trout Creek
- Soccer Games
- Fun Lunch (*Many THANKS to Noriko Elder and the parent volunteers*)
- Big Brother/Sister *In-School Mentoring Program*
- Multicultural Club: Fridays at Noon
- Excellent Math Pro-D for teachers (after school) on Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> (many THANKS to Steve LaPointe for his valuable and inspiring Pro-D session)
- Fire Halloween Safety Presentation on Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> (An excellent presentation put on by Penticton Secondary drama students)
- Grade 3 students (Div. 5) visiting Extended Care
- Grade 4 and 5 students were involved in *Act Now Expo* and grades 1 and 1/2 classes went to *Matheson Creek (Sloan's) Farm*
- UNICEF promotion (kids helping kids): led by grades 1/2 class - Div. 6

- Grade 5 Student Leadership Conference with Carmi and Parkway grade 5 students - hosted by Carmi on Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>: A huge *THANK-YOU* goes out to *Princess Margaret Secondary and Penticton Secondary Student Leaders* for their awesome presentations, key note speech and for providing meaningful leadership sessions for the students. The Student Leaders from the two schools looked after all of the sessions for the conference. *Many thanks to PAC for sponsoring the students' pizza lunch.*
- Professional Development Day on Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>
- School Planning Council Training: Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> took place at the Penticton Lakeside Resort
- Halloween Assembly and Costume Parade: Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>

The satisfaction survey results (2007/08) for Carmi Elementary were once again very positive for the school!

Human and Social Development	School					District*	Province*
	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2007/08	2007/08
At school, are you learning about healthy food and exercise?	54	69	91	87	91	63	61
At school, do you respect people who are different from you (for example, think, act, or look different)?	89	96	100	97	100	94	90
At school, do you participate in activities outside of class hours (for example, clubs, dance, sports teams, music)?	69	73	79	84	69	69	64
School Environment	School					District*	Province*
Do you like school?	65	79	94	87	91	68	65
Do you like what you are learning at school?	75	77	79	85	74	63	63
Do adults in the school treat all students fairly?	79	73	88	95	91	78	78
Do your teachers help you with your schoolwork when you need it?	79	87	82	100	84	78	82
Do your teachers care about you?	92	98	97	97	97	91	92
Safety	School					District*	Province*
Do you feel safe at school?	88	87	100	100	91	87	84
At school, are you bullied, teased, or picked on? **	13	10	6	0	3	8	11
Do you know how your school expects students to behave?	91	98	100	95	97	89	89
Computers	School					District*	Province*
At school, are you getting better at using computers?	92	90	94	97	91	87	81
Physical Activity	School					District*	Province*
At school, do you get exercise (for example, physical activity or sports)?	75	98	100	97	100	90	87

## COLUMBIA ELEMENTARY

- Columbia students in grade four and five have been busy learning soccer skills, sportsmanship, and having fun as they challenged other schools to friendly games. Their coaches, Mrs. Beckingham and Mrs. Schneider, encouraged the team to focus on fun and exercise as they went on 'road trips' to other schools.



- On October 27<sup>th</sup>, students at Columbia took part in a day where they were encouraged to drop everything and read! As you can see by this picture, it doesn't matter if students were involved in gym class or in an assembly - when they heard these words, their books were open and they were reading!



## GIANT'S HEAD ELEMENTARY

- The following grade 4 and 5 students represented Giant's Head School at the Naramata Run on October 8th. The students demonstrated a very positive attitude at the race:

Palvi Bhardwaj  
Cameron Soo  
Hayley Peterson - 21st  
Dylan Fetterer  
Haven Dufty  
Owen Chartier  
Alia Etchison-Bone  
Brendon Gretz  
Katarina Jones - 13<sup>th</sup>  
Brett Wilson  
Sean Wilson  
Cory Berekoff  
Colton Worts

Spencer Boerboom - 25th  
Jaedyn Foley - 22nd  
Teaghan Trewitt  
Sydney Sandrelli - 16<sup>th</sup>  
Punit Sharma  
Katelyn McCollum  
Navraj Raike  
Gabby Joynt  
Linden Gove  
Kaci Van Horlick  
Sierra Pozinkoff  
Cole Sundstrom

Rachel Shanner - 13th  
Landon Brickenden - 8th  
Kaylin Vader - 26th  
Ryan Antonovich  
Nicolette Laviolette  
Austin Hogg  
Megan Avery  
Karter Wilms  
Grace McDonald  
Sarah Gottwald  
Victoria Webb-Boothe  
Dawson Handfield

Thank you to so many who supported and cheered on the team. Thank you to C. Brickenden for being the sponsor teacher and coach at this event. It was wonderful for Naramata School to host this event.

- A belated congratulations to the following students for their fine efforts for completing the Bike Obstacle Course that took place:

Linden Gove  
Dawson Jenner  
Cole Sundstrom  
Benjamin Westbrook  
Adrian Wilkinson  
Emma Redding-Noel  
Sarah Paul

Adrian Wilkinson  
Liam Trewitt  
Simon Paul  
Bharti Sharma  
Fisher Marchand  
Mathew Smith  
Zachary Boerboom



## HOME LEARNERS' PROGRAM

### Artist-in-Residence Classes for High School

Home Learners' Program

Abstract Painting in Acrylics with Jenny Long

- Students were introduced to the tools and techniques Jenny Long uses in her own professional practice. The focus of these classes was on the way in which one handles paint, rather than on creating specific imagery. The students experimented with techniques such as carving into wet paint and using non-traditional tools such as drywall scrapers and palette knives to enhance the visual language of their work. In one of the earlier sessions, students were asked to bring something found in nature to use as their "brush" - leaves were a popular item in this exercise. In a class to follow, students were asked to do drawings and had a time limit to complete them (10 minutes). When time was up, they had to pass on their work for another student to continue working on. This exercise would prepare them for the final project which involved sharing a work surface with others.

The final project required working in groups of 3 or 4.

The groups for the Final Project were as follows:

- "Eye" piece: Anne Ramey  
Ciara Walls  
Courtney Simard
- "Beak" piece: Sandy Montle  
Carol Gillard  
Ashley Monette  
Brooklyn Balon
- "Shoulder / bottom left" piece: Shayla Ritchie  
Eden Gillard  
Emily Ramey
- "Neck / bottom right" piece: Saul Ramey  
Lance Stephens  
Shane Groot  
Brennan Phillips



## KALEDEN ELEMENTARY

Kaleden Elementary was busy in October with:

- Fire Prevention Week with Kaleden's own Fire Department and Kaleden's Honorary Chief. They also had a performance from Princess Margaret students which helped with safety messaging.

Fire Prevention Week



- Thanksgiving Luncheon with all the trimmings served up for 200 people. A huge thank you to the parents and community volunteers who helped.



Thanksgiving Luncheon

- Here is a sampling of the Kaleden cross country running team. Everyone was so proud of all students who practiced twice per week on their own time and who ran in Naramata and in Trout Creek.



Kaleden Cross-Country  
Running members

- Shown are some of the students from the Social Responsibility Club. The school held a healthy muffin sale and raised \$105.00 that went towards the support of the school's foster child (Rogers Muyingo) in Uganda.



Social Responsibility Club

#### **McNICOLL PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL**

- Four grade 8 students attended the BC Student Leadership Conference with teacher Leona Tank during October 23 - 26. Those who attended:

Meghan Duffield

Amanda Aoki

Jack Garnier

Garrett Wiltse

- McNicoll Park Middle School 'Dragons Rugby Team' defended its District Championship by winning a very exciting game versus Skaha Lake Middle School in overtime on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.



Dragons Rugby Team



- 40 grade 7 students participated in an anti-bullying afternoon.
- 40 grade 8 students participated in a 'Be the Change' all day workshop. A very successful event!

## NARAMATA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- **Fire Prevention Week** was held in early October with lessons on fire safety, a drama presentation from Penticton Secondary and some fire truck rides for the lucky winners of the Fire Chief for a Day ..... Huge thanks to the Naramata Volunteer Fire Department for the exciting rides in the big truck!



- **Naramata Run:** On Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, Naramata Elementary held their annual Naramata Run for cross country runners in grades 4 and 5. A huge thank you to Mike Townley for putting on another spectacular race; to all the various parent volunteers including Michelle McElroy for organizing the concession; to Ginny Manning, School Trustee for attending; and to Tony Trovao and Wil McCutcheon – First Responders from the Naramata Fire Department. The race was very well attended (with 14 elementary schools attending and 390 runners) and overall a very successful event. Two records were also broken during this year's race including Spencer Finlayson from Columbia Elementary (new grade 4 boys' record) and Maya Venkataraman from Trout Creek (new grade 5 girls' record).



## **PARKWAY ELEMENTARY**

- The first student led assembly was a big hit in October with Students, staff and parents attending.
- The school/parent One to One reading program has started and is operating four full days of the week, servicing 8 students in the first rotation.
- The Penticton Secondary drama students (led by Mrs. Rutherford) put on an excellent Fire Safety Assembly for the students.
- The turnout for the second PAC meeting was excellent – with 24 parents attending and showing their support for the school. The Playground committee is up and running and working on purchasing a new playground for Parkway students.
- The October Open House was a huge success with the majority of the parents coming out to meet the teachers and take part in the School Garage Sale and Pizza Dinner.
- The Kindergarten students had their Hearing and Vision screened this month.
- School Photo day went well with a new photography studio taking the pictures this year.
- The first school 'Movie Night' of the year was a big success with lots of families in attendance.
- Parkway's cross-country running team did extremely well at the first two meets of the year, with many students placing in the top 10 in their age group.
- The grade 5 students attended an excellent Leadership Conference put on by Carmi Elementary school. The students really enjoyed it and had a great time.

## **PENTICTON SECONDARY SCHOOL**

- Penticton Secondary School has been recognized once again as a 'School of Distinction' in the category of 'Determination in Academic Achievement - Secondary' at this year's Garfield Weston Awards.

## **QUEEN'S PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

- A team of about thirty grade four and five students ran in both the Naramata Run and the Trout Creek Pumpkin Run. Queen's Park had some very good results in the running but more importantly displayed excellent team spirit and sportsmanship both at the runs and during travel time.
- Queen's Park students took part in the annual fire safety presentations. They took home their sheets and shared them with their families. Students have entered into a draw to become Fire Chief for a Day.

- Three classes of Queen's Park students, grades two, four and five, participated in a day of working with pumpkins on October 23. The students weighed, measured, estimated and carved the pumpkins before sending them over to the Penticton Recreation Departments 'Spookarama Haunted House' for display. There was excellent learning and role modeling as the mixed grade teams worked to complete the project.
- The 'Pulling Together' board, where students caught being good are acknowledged, has twenty two pumpkins on it so far in October. Incidents noted range from helping out someone to sharing ideas and things. Queen's Park children 'have great big hearts'!

## **SKAHA LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Skaha Lake Middle School was very busy in the month of October. Some highlights that took place:

- Four Skaha Lake Middle School teachers attended the Web Cast on October 1<sup>st</sup>
- Two teachers and one administrator attended the Implementation Matters workshop at the Riverside/Days Inn
- The grade 6 students had an athletic 'Fun Day'
- Skaha teachers and CEA's attended the Autism Workshops put on by POPARD
- Grade 7 students enjoyed a morning of swimming
- Skaha Lake welcomed two OUC practicum students
- Drama students at Skaha put together an incredibly scary haunted house
- Grade 7 and 8 students enjoyed a scary Halloween Dance
- Grade 6 students had an afternoon of fun Halloween activities
- Grade 6, 7 and 8 Aboriginal Education students participated in some wonderful cultural events
- Grade 6 students participated in the DARE Program

## **SUMMERLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL**

- More than 40 of the grade 9 and 10 students went to a leadership conference for two days (October 28th and 29th) at the Naramata Conference Centre. The conference is run by SADI and some of the senior leadership students and is sponsored by SADI, Summerland Secondary and the Summerland Rotary Club.
- We will be hosting the first Rocket Rally of 2008-09 on Halloween!

- Both the Cross-country and Boys' Soccer Teams have qualified for Valley Championships and could very well head off to the Provincials. The Boys' soccer team was undefeated in their zone. The Senior Girls' Field Hockey team also made the Valley Championships!
- The bands at the school put on their first concert on October 22nd and by all accounts it was well attended and greatly enjoyed!

### **WEST BENCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

- The West Bench Wildcat soccer team played three schools this month. They played Wiltse, Naramata and Carmi Schools. They were great ambassadors for West Bench and demonstrated good sportsmanship and soccer skills in each game.



- Guitar Club has begun. The school has 25 students who wish to play guitar on Friday mornings.
- Student leadership is an important part of the West Bench School culture. Students have been reading announcements, leading assemblies, being playground monitors as well as doing numerous leadership duties throughout the school.

- West Bench Wildcats participated in the Naramata Run. The school has been doing its own 'Run for Fun' since September so the students were well prepared to do their best and they did.



- Teachers worked with Viv Lieskovsky on combining art and literature in the classroom. The teachers looked at numerous picture books and did art activities that reflected the book stories and supported the development of student comprehension skills.



- The Destination Conservation Team attended the Destination Conservation Workshop at KVR. The Team learned a lot about water and energy conservation and are excited to take on new conservation projects at West Bench this year.
- The Wildcats were sorted into their House Teams in October. The Wildcat House Teams are the Red Pumas, the Cheetahs, the Cool Cougars and the Mountain Lions. These House Teams will provide the basic structure for spirit day activities as well as character building instruction.
- West Bench had parent/teacher interviews in October. They were well attended and a positive learning experience for all. At the interviews they presented the parents and guardians with the West Bench Behavioural Matrix. It was discussed with parents the importance of reinforcing students' positive behaviour in all areas of the school. This takes place through the Fabulous Four which are Respect and Responsibility for Self, Respect and Responsibility for Others, Respect and Responsibility for Learning and Respect and Responsibility for the Environment. Mini lessons for parents to use in talking about the Matrix with their children will be going home in November to reinforce this initiative.
- All teachers participated in the Class Reviews this month. The classroom teachers, special needs teacher and administration, discussed each child in each class to make sure that the students' needs were being academically, behaviourally and emotionally met at West Bench Elementary School.

## **WILTSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

- The Destination Conservation Team attended their first workshop and returned to school eager to get started on this year's campaign.
- All grade 5 students participated in a "Lunch Audit" as part of National Waste Reduction week.
- The Valley First Vees kicked off their "Read and Succeed" program at Wiltse and returned later in the month to read with the grade 5 students. A highly energetic game of Floor Hockey followed in the gym. Spectators cheered for a solid 40 minutes before the exhausted Vees joined the classes for a Subway lunch.
- 45 runners participated in the Naramata Run and Trout Creek Pumpkin Runs showing good sportsmanship, effort and success. Congratulations to all who have worked so hard for the privilege of representing the school and striving to meet personal goals.
- Wiltse held a "One to One Reading" training session for volunteers who will read with students on a weekly basis. Returning volunteers spoke fondly of their experiences and new recruits are eager to get started.
- The teaching staff participated in an Action Schools Workshop to learn more about the resources available as they carry out the DPA mandate within the school. They jumped, stretched and danced their way through a very motivating session.

- Several teaching staff participated in the SMART Learning Round sessions and are trying the new ideas in their classrooms. They will be meeting to further discuss successes and challenges they encounter as they use the framework with their students.
- The first session of PALS was held on October 22nd. Thirty-five Kindergarten students, accompanied by a parent or guardian, mingled, shared experiences and learned a few new ways to “play” while learning important early literacy skills. Each participant left with a goody bag filled with a new book “Eating the Alphabet” by Lois Ehlert, an alphabet bookmark, a copy of the Canadian Alphabet song and playdough for making their own letters at home. Once again the Wiltse PAC financially contributes their support to this worthwhile event.