

# Summerland Middle School



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January 21<sup>st</sup> 2010

Dear SMS Parents/Guardians,

On January 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 to 2:45 p.m. Summerland Middle School is hosting an "Olympic Torch Celebration Assembly". This is an opportunity for our students to celebrate the Olympics, and to focus on our own local Olympians, Justin Kripps and Kristi Richards. We are inviting all parents and family to join us for this celebration in the gym at SMS.

The events will include multi-media presentations on both athletes, a presentation of "Kristi and Shred's World Cup Journey". Following these presentations, our own teacher, Mr. Rick Papineau will arrive with his torch (following his run in Penticton) and there will be special presentation at approximately 2:15 p.m.. This presentation will culminate with our students and guests moving outside to the corner of Kelly and Jubilee Avenues, where the Torch will have a brief stop before continuing on to Rosedale and out Highway 97.

This letter is to invite you to our celebration, but also to inform you that our parking lot will not be accessible until at least 3:30 p.m. We anticipate that when Kelly Avenue opens it will be reserved for busses that will arrive **30 to 40 minutes late on Monday**. While we will provide supervision for all students, this is an opportunity for parents to come to the school and celebrate the torch relay with your child.

With the special guests and presentations in our gym, we will also have extended media coverage, including crews from CTV, NBC and CBC. The footage that is taken at this event may be used on national T.V. news and may also be used before and during the Olympic Games.

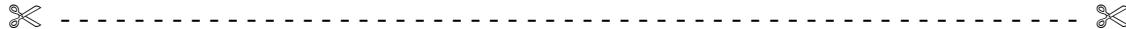
If you do not want your child to be involved, we will make sure he/she is not included in the filming. Please sign the attached consent form if you **do not give permission** for your child to take part in this taping.

This form must be returned to your child's teacher with your signature, by **Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**. If you have any questions, please contact myself at the school. Thanks so much. It will be an exciting event when the cameras and Torch arrive!

Yours truly,

Katie Hicks  
Principal

*Please return the bottom portion to the school.*



Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I **DO NOT** give permission for my child to participate in the above filming.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_