



**FEBRUARY  
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# International Education Newsletter



## MEET OUR NEW STAFF

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In the Middle Ages, there was a belief that the first unmarried person of the opposite sex you met on the morning of St. Valentine's Day would become your spouse.

Above: **Lana Skelton**  
BA, B.Ed. ESL Teacher at SVE, SMS and GMS

Above: **Marianne Degen**  
BA, B.Ed., International Homestay Coordinator and ESL Teacher at GES

Above: **Linda Walker**  
B.Sc., Dip.Ed. ESL Teacher at WAT, GME, RAY and DWE

## International Student Orientation January 2007

**Back Row Left to Right:**  
Leanne Bettsworth, Ph.D, Ha Yeon(GMS)  
Alan (GMS), Vince (GES), Gina (SMS), Lana Skelton, BA, B.Ed.  
**Front Row Left to Right:**  
Jeff(SVE), Jennifer (SVE), Jessica(SVE)





# January 2007 SNOWFEST



On Friday evening, some of the international students from Korea and Germany braved the cold temperatures to celebrate the annual SNOWFEST parade and fireworks. Downtown Kelowna's Bernard Ave., was where we began the evening, watching the Snowfest Parade of Lights. After the parade, we had the opportunity to gather along the Okanagan shoreline and watch the fireworks light up the winter sky.



Pictured above left: Jun Hee and Jun Ho with the Kelowna Snowfest Mascot "Snogo". Pictured above right: Dae-Ja and a Scottish Bagpiper.

## February International Education Events

Interested in going to university at the University of British Columbia Okanagan

I need a minimum of 5 students to register in order to attend the guided tour and presentation.

A tour of the **UBCO** campus has been arranged for **Feb. 16th at 1:00pm.** If you think you may be interested in attending university in the Okanagan, this would be a great opportunity to learn more about UBCO and go on a guided tour.



**RSVP by Feb. 7th**

Please Send an Email to:

Marianne Degen

[mdegen@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:mdegen@sd23.bc.ca)

or

**CALL: 860-9729 ext.4187**



## February International Education Events Continued

### UBCO Tour

If you cannot attend on Feb. 16th, or not enough students **RSVP**, you still have the opportunity to tour the university. Check out their website link:

<http://okanagan.students.ubc.ca/prospective/events.cfm?go=springfocus>

### Curling Anyone?

If you have never tried curling this could be your chance.

If enough students think they would be interested in learning how to curl, please email me, Marianne Degen ([mdegen@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:mdegen@sd23.bc.ca)). I am trying to arrange a curling session for the beginning of **March**. The cost per student should be under \$5.00

### Skating on Feb.25th

**Location:** Rutland Arena (645 Dodd Rd.)

**Date:** Feb 25th, 2007 (Sunday)

**Time:** 3:00-4:00pm

**Public Skating Fee:** International Education will pay this fee. \$3.50 (6yrs.+)

**Skate Rental:**

Child Size (6-12) \$2.00

Adult Size (6-12) \$3.50

**Helmet/Easy Bar:** \$1.00

Sunday, **Feb.25th**, is your chance for international students and their host parents to enjoy a favourite Canadian pastime- **SKATING!**

If you do not have skates, you can rent them at the arena, but you must get there early or wait if they run out of skates, since skates are rented on a **first come first serve** ba-

### Celebrate Asian New Year!

**Date:** Feb 15 **Time:** 5:30pm

**Location:** Okanagan College

(KLO Campus)

2007 is the year of the red **Pig!** Okanagan College will be celebrating Asian New Year a few days early this year.

On Feb. 15th, the Okanagan College International Education Department has arranged an evening of cultural activities and performances to start off the new year. The evening will include displays featuring calligraphy, bonsai, origami and kimonos. The evening will start off at 6pm with a Lion Dance performance. Other demonstrations are to include: Kung Fu, Taiko (Japanese drumming) and Yosakoi (Japanese Dancing). We hope to see host families and international students attend the event and bring in the new year!

