



Squamish – Whistler - Pemberton

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## NEWS RELEASE

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### MAMQUAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – WORLD CLASS BIATHLETES TO VISIT.

We have an opportunity of a lifetime for our intermediate students to meet two of the best biathletes in the World. Many of our students have been studying the Olympic Sport of Biathlon and some have chosen **German Athletes, Kati Wilhem and Magdalena Neuner**, to cheer for at the upcoming World Cup Competition in the Callaghan Valley. Both Kati and Magdalena are coming to our school to meet their fans this Thursday. They will be stopping by our school on their way back from a day of training at the Whistler Olympic Park. We expect them to arrive about 3:00 p.m. We will have a pep rally starting at 2:30 p.m. followed by a presentation to the athletes which will end around 3:30 pm. Participation after school is voluntary and not mandatory.

Here are some of their accomplishments:

Kati Wilhem

- Current World Cup Leader Overall
- Overall World Cup winner in 2005/2006
- 2 Gold Medals 2009 World Championships in Pyeongchang, Korea
- 2 Silver Medals 2009 World Championships in Pyeongchang, Korea
- 6 Time Olympic Medalist (3 gold, 3 Silver)
- has won 21 World Cup competitions

Magdalena "Lena" Neuner (age 22)

- Last Year's Overall World Cup Winner
- 1 Silver Medal 2009 World Championships in Pyeongchang, Korea
- 3 Gold Medals 2008 World Championships in Ostersund, Sweden
- 2 Gold Medals 2008 Junior World Championships in Rupholding, Germany
- has won 13 World Cup competitions

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