



JANUARY Newsletter



Austin Elementary School

Home of the Eagles

Getting to Know Mrs. Key

Ty and Jada interviewed Mrs. Key and found out all kinds of interesting information!

Where are you from? England

Why did you move to Canada? We wanted a better life for our children.

Have you worked in a school before? No. My previous job was a police officer!

Favorite English food: Fish and chips

Favorite Canadian food: Perogies (not available in England)

Favorite book: Aliens Love Underpants

Thing you miss most about England: Family, but we are going back for a visit this summer!

Three words to describe England: Green, luscious, rainy.

Three words to describe Canada: Cold, snowy, diverse.

Do you have any pets? Two dogs that came from England, Lily and Peppa.

Best thing about being AES: It is a small school so you can get to know the children!



Field Trip to the Legislative Buildings

By Shaylynn Purkess

On January 19th, the grades 5 and 6 classes went on a field trip to the legislative buildings in Winnipeg. The first thing we did was go to a classroom to learn about the levels of government, the speaker, and the types of laws there are. After lunch, we went on a tour of the building. We saw lots of cool things, like fossils in the walls and sculptures. A fun fact we learned is that the Golden Boy is just over 17 feet tall! That is what we did on our field trip to the legislative buildings.

Grade 5 and K Buddies

By Summer Key

The grade 5 class and the kindergarten class have been working together as buddies since September. We have been working on them writing their names and their letters. They have improved so much since we first started! Our class has also been helping them with sleds outside. It is so much fun! We have a folder full of activities that we can do with them, such as recognizing numbers, letters, and learning sounds. We love being buddies with the Kindergarten class. It is so much fun!

SHOUT OUTS TO:

Mrs. Sheppard and Ms. Manns for coaching curling after school.

Mrs. Sokolosky for organizing all of our fundraising ventures.

The MacGregor and Area Kinettes and APAC for their donations to the Yarn Club!

A special thank you to R-Jay Construction for their generous donation to the student council.

February Dates

Feb. 7th - Dress as your favorite book character

Feb. 7th - Hot breakfast

Feb. 12th - Jersey Day

Feb. 13th - Soft taco lunch for all students

Feb. 14th - Wear pink or red

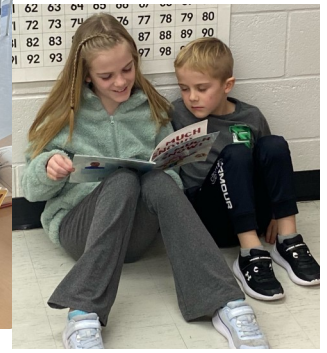
Feb 19th - No School

Feb. 22nd - Subway day

Feb. 23rd - PJ day

Feb. 26th - Annie Beach artist visit

Feb. 28th - Valleyview Tubing (K to 4 am, 5 to 8 pm)



Up and Coming

We are fortunate to have two artists working with our students in February. Annie Beach will work with all grades to make a collaborative art piece that will be installed at the school. Kyla Wiebe, an illustrator, will work with grades 2 to 5 to teach them about the process of illustrating a book.

Curling

Curling is still going strong twice per week after school. There are about ten eager curlers who are learning a lot. The divisional curling bonspiel will be on Tuesday, February 27th in Plumas.

Fundraising Update

Thank you to everyone who supported our Make it Sow fundraiser. We raised \$477! We will be doing a Mom's Pantry fundraiser from February 16th to March 1st.

Basketball

It is great to have two basketball teams this year. The girls' team is coached by Mrs. Marriott and Ms. Spelliscy, while the boys' team is coached by Mr. McMillan and Mr. Dickson. Everyone is learning a lot, and we are looking forward to a great season!

The Floating Children

By Ryder, Blaike, Lauren, and Caitlyn

The kindergarten and grade 1/2's all went swimming on January 30th. The waves were really big! We got to go on the floating ladder and the spinning floaty. We went down the lazy river. It was really, really awesome!