

# SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Austin Elementary School

Home of the Eagles

## WELCOME BACK



### Spruce Woods Hike

The grades 6 to 8 students ventured to Spirit Sands and the Devil's Punchbowl on a guided hike. Here is what a few of the students had to say about the hike.

Very, very (times 30) tiring. The rickety bridge was fun! ~Jorja

If you like sand in your shoes, this is the hike for you. ~Ameila

I found out I was immune to poison ivy. ~Avery

We saw a lot of nice views and bodies of water. ~Blake

The best part was the high spots where you would see the lakes, trees and hills. ~Tytus

It was awesome. ~Jude

It was worth it. ~Jo

I felt a sense of genuine accomplishment when it was over. I'm going to try to get out of walking my dog tonight but I doubt I will. ~Mr. Nichol

### Orange Shirt Day

The students worked in pairs to create an Every Child Matters display. Pfeiffer, Lauren, and Blaike presented to the school during an assembly. They were inspired by the book "When We Were Alone" and wanted to share it with the rest of the school.

### AES News

It has been wonderful to welcome back returning staff and students and also see some new faces! Our kindergarten class is full of fun and enthusiasm! We have some new staff members as well. Mr. Matthew Mulaire and Mrs. Alysia Purkess have joined the AES staff as educational assistants.

### Terry Fox Run/Walk and BBQ

The community of Austin Elementary School raised \$3287 through pledges and lunch donations!

All of the students who brought back pledge forms had their names put in a draw for a Terry Fox T-shirt. Luke Giesbrecht and Kirsten Fehr were our lucky winners! Thanks to all students who collected pledges, to the people who donated, and to all of the students who enthusiastically participated in the annual Terry Fox

A big thank you to Homestead Co-op for their donation of \$250 to the lunch!

The staff of AES enjoyed seeing so many families at the Welcome Back to School Supper. The annual book fair was also a big success. Thank you for supporting the Book Fair and to Mrs. Driedger for her work in organizing another successful book fair!

### Leadership Team News

The Leadership Team is made up of a big group of enthusiastic students in grades 6 to 8. We are thrilled to have so many students who want to help out! Our first job was planting trees that were donated by Tree Canada! Thank you to Mr. Dickson for helping the students with this project. The Leadership Team has planned spirit days as well. Check out your calendar for those upcoming days! We are also looking for donations of non-perishable food items for our We Scare Hunger campaign, as well as gently used winter attire for our Koats for Kids campaign.