

January Newsletter

Austin Elementary School

Home of the Eagles

Austin Elementary School is supporting Central Plains Cancer Services by taking part in the Hearts on Fire Relay on February 10th. The Leadership Team is organizing activities for students, as well as a hotdog lunch fundraiser. More information will be shared this week.

Basketball and curling are underway! Practices have been keeping the curling teams busy, with a bonspiel in MacGregor and the divisional bonspiel coming up. The girls and boys basketball teams have been practicing, and opened the season with a game against MacGregor. Congratulations to the girls on their win, 48-26!



The Pine Creek School Divisional Science Fair was held at on January 27th. Students showcased their curiosity and scientific thinking through a variety of experiments, models, and investigations. The event highlighted student creativity, confidence, and a strong commitment to learning. Congratulations to all participants, and thank you to our judges who volunteered their time. Special shout out to these students, who were among the top 3 finishers in their category.

Ally Rae, Hadleigh, Brynn—3rd place

Joe, Hudson, Tytus—3rd place

Jorja, Avery—3rd place



THANK YOU!

To the Lions Club of Austin for their donation to student council, which paid for the students of AES to skate. The students have enjoyed their skating experience so far, and it has been great to see their skills improve!

Students enjoyed swimming at Shindleman Pool in Portage, engaging in a fun and active lifelong activity. Kindergarten to Grade 2 students have been rescheduled to swim on **March 17th**.

Special Guest Reader

On Monday, January 26th, the K/1 and Grade 2/3 classrooms welcomed a very special guest. Constable Robert Smith visited to read stories to the students and answer their thoughtful questions during a Q & A session. The students were excited and well prepared!

Caleb asked, "*Can YOU go past the speed limit?*" — "Yes, we can!"

Jacklyn wondered, "*What's in your pockets?*" and Constable Smith happily described each item.

Liam asked if RCMP officers have to follow rules. "Yes, we do."

Oliver was curious whether police dogs wear uniforms too — "Yes, they do! They wear a vest."

Weston asked if he is fast at putting on his gear — "Yes, I am very fast!"

Georgia wanted to know what time officers get their breaks. "We don't have breaks — we can get called at any time."

Margot asked how old he is... and learned that he is over 30!

Constable Smith shared that he grew up on a nearby farm and now lives in Portage la Prairie. Before joining the RCMP, he worked as a youth worker and attended university. He also has a labradoodle named Nova. Before leaving, he signed many autographs — complete with his badge number!

Writing by the Grade 2/3 Class

It was the first day of winter, and snow covered everything. As Laura bundled up in her warm scarf and boots, she noticed a strange glowing light in the garden. Curious, she walked over to it and saw....

A dog starting to woof woof woof. It was a dog! She said, "Do you want to play hockey?" But, he didn't answer. Then Laura said, "If you get over here, I will give you a treat!" The dog ran as fast as he could and got the treat. Laura gave it to him and put skates on him. ~Written by Thomas

A candle melting her snowman! The nose fell off and his eyes popped out. I blew the candle out. Then she put the snowman together again and made another snowman. ~Written by Nolan

A star had exploded and showered stardust all over and brought her snowman to life! The star had been home to a lot of dust mites. But then....it rained nitroglycerin (the active ingredient in dynamite) in bottles and bags and boxes and exploded! But...the snowman saved Laura. ~Written by Chase

A campfire with Rudolph standing beside the campfire with a torch singing Jingle Bells. All of the animals of the forest came to sing. Laura joined in too! Rudolph took off to the North Pole. The animals went back to their home. It was the most fun day of my life! ~Written by Laura

A fallen star still glowing. It was amazing, a miracle! She unburied the star and ran inside and showed her mom, but she didn't notice. She was on the phone. Her dad was sitting in the living room. He had some water. When Laura showed her dad he spit the water out! They brought it to the museum. It was gorgeous! ~Written by Liv

