

April Newsletter

Austin Elementary School

Home of the Eagles

A poem by the grade 3/4 class

Elevator
old, abandoned
rotting, creaking, breaking
piece of prairie history
memories

The grain elevator might not be standing, but it is still standing in our hearts.

~Brody Dickson



Fun Facts About the Elevator By Skyla and Madalyn

- It was built in 1951.
- It replaced a different elevator.
- The elevator was owned by Pool, but was bought by Pine Creek Hutterite Colony in 2001.
- The elevator was used to store grain that the farmers dropped off until the trains came to take it across Canada.
- 14 of 19 students in Grade 5 are sad that the elevator was demolished.

Field Trip to the Planetarium by Teagan

For our field trip, we went to the Planetarium and the Science Discovery Centre. In the planetarium, we learned about stars and heard a story from Wilfred Buck. At the Science Discovery Centre, we did a bunch of fun activities, like a mirror room, pulley chairs, and Lego. After we were finished at the Discovery Centre, we went to McDonald's. We had a lot of fun on the field trip.

The Three Creeks Trail System by Ty Edward Waddle

The Three Creeks trail system is a system of trails, and because the owner is my grandma (a very nice person) I know some things no one else knows. There are *three* planned phases. *Phase 1* is not done yet but will be soon. There will be: 1) the Spirit Circle (a circle/spiral/labyrinth of rocks to be used for meditation (whatever that is!) 2) the Woodland Ballroom (a ballroom/partyroom to have parties in (outdoors!)) and more! Plus, you can walk in trails from the Red River carts, making it historical, and fun! There are also places to have a bonfire and places to pick plums! Overall, it is a very fun experience.



Many students participated at the Gladstone Festival of the Arts, through poetry, piano, and band.



Congratulations to Skyla, who took home first place at the Portage Open Judo Tournament!





Oska the Owl Visits Grade 5 by Lakelyn, Karma, and Logan

On April 14th, we were lucky enough to get Oska the owl visit our class. Oska is a great grey owl. When Oska first came, she flew around the class. She was knocking stuff down, and she almost hit the window! Then she sat on top of the cupboards and starting nesting! Oska's owner was an owl biologist, whose name was Jim Duncan. Jim helps people learn about owls. We learned that Oska's hatchday is May 5th and she is turning nine. A hatchday is like a birthday. Oska made sounds that we did not know, so Jim told us what Oska was saying. We got to see owl feet, an owl head, and also a wing. We learned so much about owls. Oska and Jim were great at their jobs. We wish they would come back next year!



Badminton has wrapped up for the season! All of the students improved and performed well at the two tournaments. Special shout-out to Ainsley and Emmett, who battled for first place (with Ainsley edging out Emmett), and Kale and Jace who had a hard-fought final game to finish in second place at the Pine Creek Divisional Tournament. The grade 5/6 students also got a taste of badminton when they participated in a fun day of games with students from MES.

Spring into Fun Day!!! By Emily

We had our first-ever Spring into Fun day on March 26th! There were lots of fun activities to choose from, like board games and snacks, crafts, a spa, a cozy librarycafe, and bracelet, keychain, and pen making. Students in grades 5 to 8 had a Nerf Gun war and students in K to 4 played floor hockey. Spring into Fun Day was super fun.



We are lucky to have Mr. Zander and Ms. Sawatzky join us as student teachers. Mr. Zander is in grade 5 and Ms. Sawatzky is in grade 3/4.

