

March Newsletter

Austin Elementary School

Home of the Eagles

The month of March was filled with different types of learning adventures. As we usher in a new season, we wish all families a wonderful spring break! We hope to see families on April 9th and 10th for our student-led conferences and art gallery in the library!

Thoughts on Dogsledding and Tubing by Kindergarten and Grade 1

Evie—I liked when the dogs went fast!

Nyles—Adonis was on the front of the dog sled and he got snow in his face and he looked like a snow monster.

Briar—I liked petting Wally.

Myles—The puppies were fun to hold.

Chevelle—Hailey and I laughed when we were looking at the dog's butt on the dogsled.

Lars—I had fun sledding.

Hendrix—I liked getting pulled by the dogs. I hit one of the sticks.

Rhett—I liked going on the dogsled!

Remi—The puppy slept on me!

Everly—The dogsledder could say words to make the dog turn!

Charlie—It was fun because the dogs were fast and strong.

Cal—I like dogsledding because it was so fast!

Lenni—I liked meeting the puppies because they were cute and playful!

Cormac—Sliding was fast and fun. I relaxed on the tow rope.

Hailey—I heard screaming because they went fast down the hill.

Andrew—The dogs were barking because they run fast!

Daci—Me and Everly were spinning down the hill.

Cheyenne—It was fun and a bit scary because it was fast!

Luke—I liked the towrope pulling me up!

Bennett—Dogsledding was fun and exciting and kind of fast. The snow was bumpy.

David—I had fun. I thought I was scared at first but when I got on I felt good on the dogsled.

Eagles Basketball—By Holden Lewis

The AES boys' basketball season was awesome. We won against Langruth and had lots of close games with MacGregor and Westpark! Kolby had lots of good shots, and Khalil and Caleb had a ton of points each game. In every game, lots of people had points! We would like to give a special thanks to Mr. Nichol, who coached us!

Eagles Basketball—By Zevah Hodge

For basketball, we had 12 girls on the team: Teagan, Shaylynn, Ali, Molly, Sylvia, Halle, and Kadence will be going off to high school next year, and we hope they make the team there. Ainsley, Zevah, Emmett, Jenny, and Kirsten will all hopefully play next year. We played lots of games and won most. We won our home tournament, and divisionals went great, with us placing second. After divisionals, we travelled to Westpark School in Portage and won! We went to McDonald's afterwards. It was a very fun season! We want to thank Miss Spelliscy and Mrs. Marriott for coaching us and doing a great job!



Terrific Tubing by Madalyn Dyck and Lakelynn Lepage

On Friday March 13, the K-8s got to go tubing at Valley View. There was a lift to carry you and your tube up for you, instead of walking up the really big hill. There was a canteen with lots of snacks and drinks. One funny thing that happened was Skyla lost her boot on the way up. Brody saved the day by bringing it up the hill for her. There were a few tubing collisions, but everyone made it back safely!

The Amazing Art Gallery Experience by Ty E. Waddle

On March 16, the grade 2/3 and 3/4 classes went to an amazing art gallery in Brandon. We have a fun time making "prints", and coloring wooden puppets. First thing when we got there, our two classes split up. There were two activities to split between. One was a story and puppet coloring. There was a long hallway that had the words to the book *The Boy in the Forest* in picture frames. Lots of different artists had pictures for the story on the walls. We got to color wooden puppets with markers! Then, we went to make prints. First, we did a drawing on a piece of paper. Then, we traced it onto a square of Styrofoam. Then we put ink on the Styrofoam and pressed paper on it. The result was an exact copy print of the original, only backwards! I am sure we all had a very good time.



Rock your Socks Day was a huge success!

Hurray Holiday Mountain! Written by Lydia Dyck, Blaike Manns, and Lauren Peters

On March 13th, the grade 4's to 8's went to Holiday Mountain to go skiing and snow boarding. We had a 1hr bus drive along the 34 highway. Once we got there we walked into a lodge and sat down at our reserved tables. A nice lady gave out zip ties and tags. It had a name, weight and shoe size.

If you had a blue sticker on your tag you took lessons. There were a lot of different hills and they all have different shapes with color. The easiest hill is green, which is a square and has a magic carpet. The magic carpet is like a long conveyor belt that you stand on till you reach the top. A man sitting on a chair lets you know when you could get on. There is a big dip called the bowl but we call it the Super Bowl. It was a wonderful time at Holiday Mountain!

Honour Band by Michaiah and Blake

The Central Region Honour Band is an invitational gathering of schools in Manitoba, from Gladstone to Morris and all the schools in between. Students are selected from each school that wishes to go that year, from grades 7-12. Honour Band is made up of students selected by their band teachers, and is split into two different bands, junior and senior. Austin had four different students participate in the junior honour, two grade 7s, Jorja and Jude, and two grade 8s, Blake and Micaiah. We spent March 13 and 14 working on 4 different songs with our conductor, Kenley Kristoferson. We did instrument and family sectionals. In our performance we went through the 4 songs and did pretty well. We then watched the Senior Honour Band play their 4 songs at it was pretty good. I hope we get to go again next year as a senior band player.



Snowboarding by Hailey Doerksen

Snowboarding was an awesome experience at Holiday Mountain. When we first got there we got told the rules we have to follow. Then we went and grabbed our rentals like our snowboard, helmet, and boots. After that we got a lesson on how to snowboard. At first it was pretty hard for me but I quickly got the hang of it. Once we all got it we went to the bottom of the green hill, which is steeper than the lesson hill. After we went down there a few times we went to the lodge and got something to eat. The food there was really good.

A Snowboarding Story by Ally Rae Fehr

One funny thing that happened was when I was on the ski lift, I saw Hailey's snowboard go down into the trees. She had to walk down to where it was (which was a little ways). I met her and Whitley at the bottom and we went to get lunch.

