



SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



Austin Elementary School

Home of the Eagles

WELCOME BACK



The Pumkini Patch

At the start of grade five, Harper, Zevah, Kirsten, Emmett, Ainsley, and I (Summer) had built a fort. One day Kirsten and Emmett were outside first (as usual) and discovered a green, warty pumpkin in the ditch by our fort. We named it Pumkini and loved it. We had it for a long time until we decided to smash it on the front pad, and collect the seeds hoping to grow Pumkini babies. We washed them and dropped some down the drain (we had many more so weren't that disappointed). At the end of the year, we planted them. During the summer, the Pumkini patch grew to a large size and started to grow Pumkini babies. We've checked on it weekly since school started, until the pumpkins were ready to harvest. We harvested them and set them in the lobby to be displayed. There are 25 in total. We gave one to each class. We each got to take one home and we did a draw for the extras. We are going to smash one and plant a new Pumkini patch at the end of this school year. We hope to make this an annual school tradition! The End until next year!!!!

Student Writing by Gunner

I'm so grateful for Star Wars Lego sets. I'm so lucky to have Star Wars Lego sets because I feel independent when I finish big Lego sets. It's so fun to play with them. It takes my mind off of things and it's so calming. I love building Star Wars Lego sets.

AES News

It has been wonderful to welcome back returning staff and students and also see some new faces! Our new kindergarten class is full of fun and enthusiasm! We are thrilled to welcome Teira and Jonan Penner. We have some new staff members as well. Mrs. Michelle Warkentin joins us as a literacy support teacher. Mr. Connor Nichol is teaching grades 6/7, while Mrs. Stephanie George and Ms. Quinn Knelsen are educational assistants who might be found from K to 8! Welcome to all!



Terry Fox Run/Walk and BBQ

The community of Austin Elementary School raised more than \$2800 through pledges and lunch donations! Thanks to Homestead Co-op for their donation to our barbeque!

The students enjoyed a beautiful fall day while raising money for a very worthwhile cause, which unfortunately has impacted many of us. Of course, the freezies were enjoyed as well!



Soccer, cross-country and volleyball! It has been a busy start up for sports! We had many students from grades 5 to 8 travel to Langruth to play divisional soccer. AES hosts the Cross Country meet on October 7th. Mr. Dickson has been practicing with our runners. Ms. Oswald and Mr. Nichol have fired up practices for the very enthusiastic girls volleyball team, while Mr. McMillan and Mr. Dickson are coaching the boys team. Games and tournaments are upcoming! It is awesome to see so many of our students being active while being part of a team!

Student Council News by Davyn North

This year the student council has had multiple people from grade six to eight sign up. Plenty of the students are eager to start planning events and special days. We have already picked our representatives for each class. Just recently, we counted and delivered stickers for the Terry Fox Run to each of the classes in the school. Spirit days are being planned and Scare Away Hunger is also coming up in the near future. We hope that we have a successful and productive year.

Welcome Back Supper and Book Fair

The Welcome Back supper was a huge success! It was awesome to see so many families visit the book fair as well! The theme of this year's book fair was Fall into Reading. So many of our students enjoy reading, so it was great to see their excitement while checking out the selection of books. A huge thank you to Mrs. Driedger for spearheading this event. The scarecrow, pumpkins, candy jars, and fall decorations were enjoyed by all. It was a positive way to kick off the school year while earning money from sales for more books for the library!



Thank you to all who supported our Farm to School Fundraiser. We raised \$750! This money will be used to pay for all students to go swimming at the PCU Centre in January!



Visit to the Bee Farm

The grade 6 students had the opportunity to visit Nichol Honey Farm (and taste delicious fresh honey) as part of their study of ecosystems. Not only did they get to see some really cute puppies, but they learned a lot about bees, including these facts:

- A honey hive has roughly 55 000 bees in it and has 500 drones (a drone is a male bee).
- The female is named the worker bee and worker bees are in charge of putting the honey in the hive.
- The queen bee is the leader of the hive and lays roughly 6000 eggs a day. Did you also know that queen bees have longer butts?
 - Every fall the worker bees kick out the drones from the hive.
 - The result of bees flying to different flowers is the delicious honey we love.