

DESCRIPTION OF CHARTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Bear Paw Parade: Eagle Academy walked in the local Chugiak-Eagle River Bear Paw Parade in July. We carried a banner and passed out business cards with information pertinent to Eagle Academy.

Spalding Training: Just prior to the opening of the 2005-06 school year, all of the teachers for Eagle Academy attended a 45 hour training for the Spalding ILA 1 which is the basis for Eagle Academy's Language Arts program. This was a very intensive training presented by David Weemhoff from Spalding. There were two follow-up visits from Mr. Weemhoff to give assistance to the teachers in implementing the Spalding method.

80/20 Red Cross Coin Drive: Mr. Angstadt's 6th grade at Eagle Academy sponsored the 80/20 Red Cross Coin Drive and raised \$1,476 for the fund.

NOAA Field Trip: Mr. Angstadt's 6th grade class took a field trip to the Sand Lake weather station where they learned about weather forecasting and instrumentation. They also released the weather balloon and learned about how weather balloons are used to read and forecast the weather.

Care Packages for Soldiers in Iraq: The student council headed up the collection of non-perishable food items to send to soldiers in Iraq. These items were separated and placed in gallon size zip-locked bags for ease of distribution when they arrived in Iraq.

Holiday Program: Sharon Theroux, our music instructor, put on a very nice holiday program called *Christmas Around the World*. There were many group and solo performances as well as class presentations. Along with the holiday program was a silent auction put on by the Management Committee. There were many wonderful baskets to bid on with themes such as: scrapbooking, car care, arts and crafts, no TV night, movie night, holiday, sports and hot beverages.

Canned Food Drive: The management committee sponsored the canned food drive for which donations were given to the local food pantry in Eagle River.

Book Fair: Robin Omara of the management committee headed up two great book fairs sponsored by The Book Shelf in Eagle River. The book selection was very good and the students enjoyed browsing and choosing the books of their choice.

Alternative Fair: Eagle Academy participated in the Alternative Fair held at Fred Meyer in February. There were several schools present and a number of community members interested in our program.

Blood Drive: A blood drive was held at Eagle Academy in February. This happened to be on the worst winter days and not everyone that wished to give during this event was able to get to the school.

Battle of the Books: Eagle Academy participated in the district's Battle of the Books. We had great support from teachers and parents and having four first year teams, we did well and enjoyed the experience. A huge thanks to Mrs. Gorham, Mr. Angstadt and Mrs. Rud for heading up the Battle of the Books. We expect bigger things next year.

Children in Transition Program: Mrs. Imme's 4th grade class participated in raising money to purchase warm winter gloves for homeless children. They were able to purchase 50 pairs of waterproof warm gloves.

Gifts and Decorations for Providence Children's Hospital: Mr. Veasy's 5th grade class collected gifts, Christmas trees and decorations to decorate the rooms at the Providence Children's Hospital.

Pet Toys: Mr. Veasy's 5th grade also collected food, collars, and toys for the Animal Shelter around Christmas time.

Salmon: Mrs. Timberlake's 2nd grade class did a salmon incubation project through Alaska Fish and Game. They received eggs from the Egg Take in September and raised them in an incubator tank through May. The eggs hatched into Alevin and grew into Fry. The class watched and kept count of the thermal units as the salmon life cycle progressed. The 2nd grade class released their Fry into Taku-Campbell Lake in May. During this process, the class also dissected salmon and went ice fishing. These activities were integrated into the science curriculum and used as a multicultural lesson on Alaska and its indigenous cultures.

Chickens: Mr. Shepherd's 3rd grade class did a chicken hatching experiment associated with their life science unit. The students set up the incubator, brooding pen, and were responsible for keeping track of the temperature within the incubator. After having the power outage, we did not think that the eggs survived, but the kids stayed with it and were able to hatch two chickens. We also dissected the remaining eggs and examined the different stages of development from those eggs that did not hatch. This was a very meaningful experience for the students and we will be making this a third grade experience for all of our students in the future.