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the MCGRATH *Knights*

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✧ Merry Christmas! ✧

A SNOW WHITE CHRISTMAS!

This year's all school Christmas play was a spectacular event filled with laughter and suspense.



The evil witch tried to destroy Christmas by killing the beautiful Snow White. With the help of the cheerful elves, talkative trees, sparkly snowflakes, friendly animals, and the handsome prince they were able to save Christmas after all. It

was a happily-ever-after tale when the evil witch and queen were pushed off the cliff and sent running, yelling, "I hate Christmas!"

Upcoming Events:

- 1/4 Back To School
- 1/4-1/8 Native Traditions Week
- 1/16 LEGO Robotics



Congratulations Samantha!

After the Christmas play a special commencement was made in honor of Samantha Hooper. Through the REAL program and a lot of hard work she received her GED.





Science Fair



Primary School Projects:

1st- 2nd Grade: Magnets: *Which Material Will Magnets Attract Through Best?*

2nd- Kindergarten: *Which Drink is Best For Your Teeth?*

3rd-1st Grade: Band-Aids: *Where Does a Band-Aid Stay On the Longest?*

Upper Elementary:

2nd-3-4 Grade: *Earth Movements*

2nd- Katherine Chase: *Carbon Dioxide*

2nd- Danyka Groover, Emma Vanborg: *Sinking Through Ice*

3rd- Cherish Andrews: *French Fries*

Middle School

1st- Tristen Hazen: *Can Fish Tanks Maintain Themselves Without Filtration?*

2nd- Tristen Hazen, Teresa Korn, Sarah Edwards, Christine Taylor, Haylee Desmarais: *Asphalting Roads in McGrath*

3rd- Kaelen Rosander, Kalin Holmberg, Kathleen Edwards, Alicia Lopez: *Information Transportation*



Hand Print Pot Holder!



With the sewing expertise of Ms. Joyce the K-1-2 class created fun and fanciful pot holders, complete with each child's handprint, name, and grade level.



144 hats were distributed to IASD's seven schools. Each student at McGrath School received a colorful hat and many spent the day showing them off on top of their heads. Thank you Mary C. Wilson!

Bright and Beautiful Hats!

Dear Isabelle Harrington,

Lana Shaunnessy has given your name to me and suggested I send all of my knitted hats to you for distribution to your elementary students.

I have knitted all of these hats using polyester yarn-no wool. As I knitted with much love, I pictured your children wearing them. They are all the same size but different colors, so each child can identify their own.

I hope your children will like them. Wishing you warm heads and happy hearts. I enjoyed knitting each one and I send my love to all of you.

I am a grandmother and 79 years old and love children.

God Bless,

Mary C. Wilson



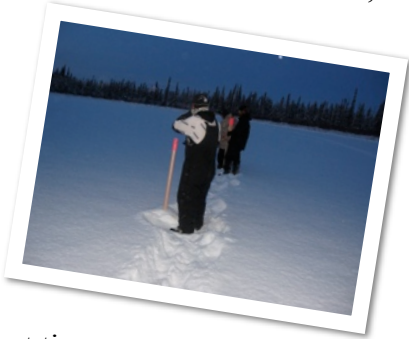
Congratulations to all science fair

ALISON



The first of December our teacher, Nicole Burcar took Shane, Jon, Mrs. Gregory and me to Clam Lake to set up our school's ALISON project.

I took my mom's 660 Snowmachine, Mrs. Burcar took Miss Strick's, and Mrs. Gregory took her own snowmachine. When we got there, we saw that someone had driven over the ALISON trail. The trail's purpose is for checking the depth and temperature so, Mrs. Burcar had to make another one. Then we marked the trail by five meters with trail markers from 0 to 100. After we put them up, Mrs. Burcar used the chain saw to saw the ice for the trail marks to keep steady. I made slush right after that to put around the trail markers to keep it in place. I made about eight buckets full of slush, it took about 25 minutes, and then we went to measure the ice.



Unfortunately, the battery piece had broken off so we couldn't measure the ice thickness. Then we all had a cookie, packed up and went to our snowmachines. After loading everything, we went back to the school, parked the snowmachines, unpacked and went inside to put everything away. We went to tell Miss Strick about the trail getting run over, and the battery breaking, then got undressed and warmed up and did school work.

next time

we go out to Clam Lake is measure the snow depth and get the temperature from every five meters. We'll then see how thick the ice is and record the data down. Hopefully, I'll have my snowmachine up and running so we could find the other trail. If so it will be a lot easier for us to get to the ALISON trail.

At least we got everything set up for ALISON. All we have to do the

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Home Economics Class



Students sewed flannel pajama bottoms, pot holders and aprons. They also hosted a celebration tea to show off all of their hard work this semester.