

# Lynx News

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## A spring of fun-filled projects and events

By Shannon Ryan

Beginning in mid-March, our school has been busy working on projects that will each be presented at events in April and May. I love the excitement and enthusiasm that the kids are bringing to each of their projects, and the days have been just flying by with so much to do. I hope that many of you can attend these events!

### Science Fair

The science fair will be held at Hope school on Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. Students have decided on and researched topics, formulated hypotheses, and are beginning experiments. I hope you can all attend the science fair on April 24<sup>th</sup>!

### Wax Museum

Each student will work on a wax museum project in which they will be portraying one famous historical person in our museum. The wax museum will be held during the day at Cooper Landing School on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. Hope school will also be attending. Some examples of people to choose from are presidents, inventors, discoverers, leaders, and scientists. Students are researching their person, creating an informational board, will dress up as the person to give a short speech and answer questions from parents and peers during the event.



### Written and Illustrated

The long-standing tradition of students writing, illustrating and binding books continues this year, with four kindergarteners writing their first books, and our eighth grader publishing his ninth (wow!). The written and illustrated tea will be held on Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, followed by kindergarten graduation.

Oh, and we have also been busy preparing April and May newsletters. I hope you enjoy this one!

Please check the Crier for exact times of these events.



### Upcoming Events

- |      |                                  |    |                                 |
|------|----------------------------------|----|---------------------------------|
| 3    | Good Friday—No School            | 7  | Skiing at Alyeska               |
| 4    | Easter Egg Hunt—Community Center | 11 | Mummenchanz performance at PAC  |
| 6-10 | AMP state testing                | 24 | Science Fair at Hope School     |
|      |                                  | 1  | (May) Wax Museum, early release |

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# Principal's Corner: State Testing

*Happy Spring Everyone,*

*It is hard to believe that we are already in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of the school year. As you can read in this newsletter, April and May will be very busy for our school family. This Spring is filled with special programs, special projects, field trips, testing and of course Spring Fever with all of the great weather! With such a busy schedule and gearing up for our Spring tests, including the new AMP test, I would like to offer a few suggestions for things you can do at home to help contribute to your child's success in school:*

*\*Make sure that your child gets enough rest every night.*

*\*Make sure your child has enough time in the morning to get ready for school without having to rush to get to school on time.*

*\*Explain to your child the importance of trying his or her best every day.*

*I also want to remind you that we have an early release day on March 27<sup>th</sup> and a vacation day on Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>.*

*Have a wonderful Spring and thank you all for your contributions to our wonderful school community.*

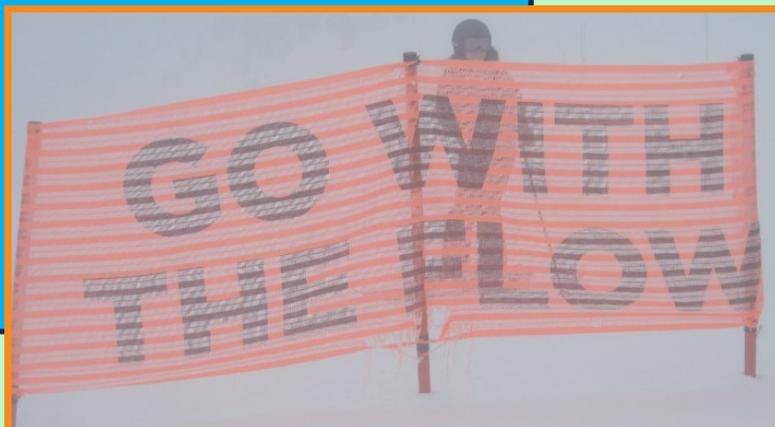
*Sincerely,*

*Michael Hanson*

## SKIING and SNOWBOARDING

By James

This year we went to Ayleska despite the bad weather. For the first time Hunter tried to snowboard and it was awesome! I wish he could go to the top, but he can't because he's a level one. I have my friend Tristan in my class, though. We still have two skiing lessons left, so I hope the weather turns good and we can enjoy the last two times!



# Art Contest



## Birthdays

- 4/5 Alejandra Smith
- 4/6 Jimmy Milne
- 4/11 George Anderson
- 4/12 Joyce Koppert
- 4/14 Clara LaRock
- 4/14 Sue Simpson
- 4/15 Barb Atkinson
- 4/16 Rhys Larsen
- 4/17 Nana Sether
- 4/17 Terry Robinson
- 4/18 Gary McFadden
- 4/18 Jocelyn Rose
- 4/18 Butch Reger
- 4/20 Elizabeth Grimmond
- 4/20 Terri Tobias
- 4/22 Cheryle James
- 4/24 Cooper Morgan Gossard
- 4/26 Katie Thomas
- 4/29 Kristen Helgren
- 4/29 Shirley Wilmoth

And the winner is.... Axel LaRock.

# What kind of winter was that?

By Superhunter

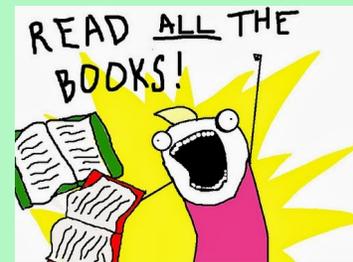


So just let me explain what I was talking about up there in my comic. It's April and there's only been two inches of snow at the best this year. And I'm getting used to it being like spring. So I guess what I'm trying to say is this is the worst winter yet.

## Book Review: *Fablehaven*

By

Linnaea Gossard



I read *Fablehaven* as a battle book. It is by Brandon Mull. My favorite character was Kendra. It's about this girl (Kendra) and boy (Seth) who are brother and sister and are going to their grandma and grandpa's house while their parents are on a cruise.

When they get there, however, their grandmother is not there, their grandfather tells them she is visiting their Aunt Edna in Missouri who is supposedly dying. They meet Dale and Lena when they get to their grandparents house. They discover that there are magical creatures, like fairies living at their grandfather's house. Then one day Seth catches one of the fairies and it turns into a spider-like creature, the next day the fairies turn him into a deformed walrus.

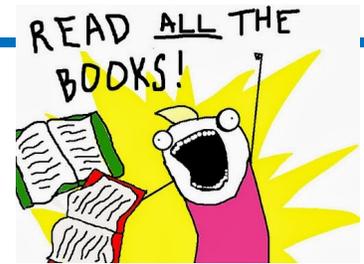
They have to take Seth to the witch to cure Seth but now the witch only has one knot left until she is freed. Then on midsummers eve night their grandfather, Lena, and Dale disappear. The next morning they look for them but can only find Dale, frozen like a statue. They hear a tremendous sound coming from the barn and find a humongous cow.

They have to milk the cow so she will stop making a very loud sound. They go inside to clean up and discover that the chicken, Goldilocks, has written a message for them it says "I'm Gram." They take the chicken (Grandma) to the witch who now only has one knot left, in hopes that grandma will be able to help them. They have to use the last knot to help Grandma but now the witch is free!

Grandma takes them to the troll's house to find Grandpa and Lena but have to figure out a bargain with the troll. They get the information and then try to get Grandpa and Lena, but they also have to stop the witch from freeing Bahumat from the Forgotten Chapel. Will Kendra, Seth, and Grandma be able to save Grandpa and Lena? Will they be able to stop the witch from freeing Bahumat? Read [Fablehaven](#) to find out.

## Book Review: *THE MAZE RUNNER*

*By James Holben*



The Maze Runner is a good book; I love it. It was written by James Dasher. I read this book for battle of the books in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. The maze is a test to see if the group of kids have what it takes to survive. The sun scorched everything, and turned everyone that's not in the maze into ZOMBIE like things.

The kids come up in an elevator that bring them in the maze. Selected kids called the "maze runners" have to run the maze to find the exit, but they have to be back at the center of the maze at a certain time. They return to the center of the maze because it's the safe spot where they live; each night the maze closes, until one night the maze did not close ever again. Which meant that griever can come in to the living area. Grievers are giant half metal half organic creatures that can kill people, they live in the maze. The kids panic and try to find a way out.

I like this book because it has a very good story line and they are all kids. The main character is Thomas. He is the person that changes everything. I wish there was more! The climax of this story is the maze. It is a giant maze that changes every night!

## Kindergarten corner interview with Torin

I'm Cooper and I interviewed Torin. I think you'll find this funny.

Least favorite subject: looking at Jimmy making funny faces

Favorite subject: watch Star Wars, eat popcorn, & drink root beer

Favorite thing to do at recess: game where he and some other kids chase kids

Joke: Why did the whale eat the octopus? Because the octopus ripped the whale with its tentacles.

Least favorite sport: skiing

Favorite sport: hockey

Does he like school: yes

Favorite subject at school: free time

Least favorite color: red

Favorite color: gold

Least favorite subject: basket ball



This is Torin