

Celebrating 41 years of School Spirit

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The students of Alexander Galt Regional High School showed their school spirit during a fun-filled 3 days of sports and games for the school's annual winter carnival. Galt has had a winter carnival ever since it opened 41 years ago, so the students and teachers were very pleased to continue the tradition. This year's carnival took place over the noon hours of February 10th and 11th, as well as all day Friday, February 12th. The entire school was divided into four teams whose names represent Galt. The teams are Gremlins (G), Armadillos (A), Leaping Lizards (L) and Tasmanian Devils (T).

Each team is also associated with a colour; the Gremlins are blue, the Armadillos are purple, the Leaping Lizards are green and the Tasmanian Devils are red. On carnival day, both the students and teachers wore these colours to represent which team they were on. The participants never fail to show their creativity and dress as crazily as possible. Also during these 3 days, the students and staff participated in many different activities to gain points for their teams. Some events involved more physical activity like wheelbarrow racing, human sled dog racing, broom ball, relay racing, an obstacle course, hockey, tug of war, volleyball, dodge ball and free-style dancing/air guitar. Balloon tossing, puzzle making, lip sync and a chocolate chip cookie-baking contest also made up the events. Finally, there was a woodsmen competition and a sleigh ride, which added a taste of old old-fashioned winter times to Galt's carnival. As you

can see, this carnival had a large variety of activities, making sure that there was something there for everyone to participate in.

At the end of the day, all 4 of the teams ended up winning different activities; the lizards beat out all of the teams in the lip sync with the songs "I Like 'Em Big", "Kung Fu Fighting" and "Peanut Butter Jelly Time". The Gremlins put up quite a fight in the head to head dance battle against the Devils, but in the end the Devils came out on top. The Armadillos won the chocolate cookie event by winning over the judges with their wonderfully tasting cookies. And the Gremlins tied with the Lizards for the woodsmen event. In the end, it was the Lizards that won first place for the third year in a row, followed by the Armadillos, the Gremlins, and last but not least, the Tasmanian Devils. But the real highlight of the day was the penny race. For this activity, members placed pennies into their own jar, which counted as points for their score, and placed silver coins, such as nickels, dimes and quarters, into the other team's jars, subtracting from their scores. The total amount raised was almost \$1600, which was donated to the Haiti relief fund.

Overall, the Galt winter carnival was a huge success. It was a great opportunity for the students and teachers to take a break from school and just have fun, boosting the school spirit in everyone.

