

# Verbatim

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Being in or following the exact words: word-for-word, word-to-word // A verbatim report of life at Cardigan.

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## TRIP TO ANTARCTICA!

Reporter: Bobby Jiang

Recently over the break, a lot of fellow Cardigan students have had some rest and traveled around the world. Allen Zhang and Kevin Yang, a 6th and a 7th grader, shared some interesting and memorable experiences during his break. Over Christmas, Allen and Kevin traveled to Antarctica, one of the most mysterious yet beautiful places on the planet. Kevin explained his experience in the continent in detail. He participated in the Polar Plunge, where he jumped into the freezing Antarctica water. Kevin also went on a zodiac boat, where he saw some bubbles in the ocean, which turned out to be a humpback whale swimming near the boat. The experience was absolutely awesome for both of them!



Photo by: Allen Zhang.  
Antarctica, 2023.

## CARDIGAN ATHLETE IN U14 SKI RACE

Reporter: DK Kim

The Verbatim team interviewed Cameron Blatz, who earned first place at a U14 Ski Race earlier this January.

Q1. How do you feel about your results? Do you feel confident?

A: I feel great about my results and I am happy to start the season with a win. I'm very excited to be racing against very fast teammates and other fast racers. I feel very confident going into the season with a win but I know I have to keep working hard and stay positive to keep the season going in a positive way.

Q2. Is skiing on the East Coast a lot different from Colorado?

The skiing is very different here than in Colorado, here it is icier and the courses don't get many ruts, while in Colorado the softer snow can get ruts very quickly, which took some time to get used to but I am getting the hang of it.

Q3. What was the best part of the race?

The best part of the race yesterday was the new experience at a race with a new team and coaches. I really enjoyed skiing with the new team and supporting coaches. I am extremely happy to be with my supporting teammates especially when my teammates cheered me on as I started both of my runs.



Above: Skiing at Proctor Academy (unrelated to article), 2023.

# THE WORLD ACCORDING TO MR. GARTNER

Mr. Gartner | Ph. D. in Knowledge

- 1) Pluto is still a planet.
- 2) Blueberries aren't blue.
- 3) Jim Carrey is the most talented actor of all time.
- 4) DVDs are awesome.
- 5) The world record for a dog's jumping off a dock is 43 feet.
- 6) Mr. White has starred in 15 Hollywood films.
- 7) You get better WiFi on a plane because it's closer to satellites.
- 8) The inventor of the vest created it by accident when they ran out of material for a jacket.
- 9) 5% of people are allergic to grass.
- 10) Dirt is not dirty.

# WRESTLING WRAP-UP

Reporter: *Terry Langetieg*

January has been a busy month for the Cardigan Wrestling team. The team has had tournaments each weekend, including the Cardigan Wrestling Tournament for the first time since 2020. Most 7th and 8th grade wrestlers kicked off their 2023 schedule with the Keene Tournament for middle schoolers. Cardigan had multiple podium finishes at the tournament, including a first place finish, a second place, and two third places. A number of new wrestlers made their debut at this tournament. The following week, we were back in action on campus to host the Cardigan Tournament. Roughly 160 wrestlers from public and private schools across New Hampshire, Vermont, and Massachusetts faced off in 15 different weight classes throughout the day. In typical Cardigan fashion, the team worked with the coaches to set up and break down Marrion Gym for the competition. We achieved more success with one first place, four seconds, and one third place. Over the weekend, the team split between the Rundlett Tournament in Concord, NH, and the Fay School Tournament in Southborough, MA. Four eighth-grade wrestlers went to the Rundlett Tournament, with three getting first place and one getting fourth. The tournament at Fay had talented wrestlers

# FIRST SNOW

by *Thomas He*

It is good when Cardigan receives snow,  
when everything in my sight turns as white  
as milk and the world turns quiet and slow.  
Who can stop their will to have snowball fights,  
and wrestle each other to the white mat,  
then get up, faces full of white feathers,  
while our footsteps are silent, just like cats?  
We, just as pure, enjoy the snow together.  
But the lovely snow melts as rain falls hard,  
and, hopelessly, we drop our tears below.  
The water vaporizes from the schoolyard,  
the snow melts; the grass fills as droplets flow.  
The soft white blanket warmed us from the start—  
it fell from the sky and into the heart.



*Above: Cardigan hosted Wrestling Tournament (unrelated to article), 2023.*

in grades 6-9 from private schools all over Massachusetts. Cardigan was the lone representative from New Hampshire. Cardigan returned from Fay with one first-place finish, three second places, and one third place. The weekend was full of some of the toughest competitions the team had seen yet. Coach Kreuzburg, Coach Gartner, and Coach Kondi emphasize that wrestling may be an independent sport on the mat, but the team always comes first. Win or lose, the matches begin and end with a handshake. The team is off to a solid start, but we were taught to take nothing for granted and recognize that each match can be won or lost based on effort and endurance, not just skill. The team is pleased to have a competitive start, but a lot of the season still remains, and we are hungry for more improvements.