AE/MS Says Good-Bye To Teachers, Coaches

By Jane Slayton
AE/MS Principal

The end-of-year celebrations at AE/MS were bittersweet as students and staff members bid farewell to long-time school community members.

Mrs. Brenda Jurta will be moving on after 17 years at AE/MS. Mrs. Jurta is not returning because of changes made on the federal level related to the No Child Left Behind initiative.

Mrs. Jurta has touched the lives and strengthened the reading skills of many students over the years through her work as a Title I tutor. Mrs. Jurta invested extra time building a rapport with all of her students – learning their interests, gaining their trust, and injecting humor into their reading work.

Mrs. Jurta's quiet steadfastness will be greatly missed at AE/MS. Beyond her role as a Title I tutor, Mrs. Jurta has been the person in charge of the New Hampshire Spelling Bee Competition at school for many years. She happily has helped out throughout the building in any capacity needed. AE/MS will not be the same without Mrs. Jurta.

Mrs. Melinda Siranian is leaving her middle school science position after several years to follow her dream to become a lawyer. She begins classes at Franklin Pierce Law School in August.

Mrs. Siranian has taught both third grade and middle school science while at AE/MS. Mrs. Siranian took on many additional responsibilities at AE/MS. She could be found assisting the coach in the soccer program and acting as science coordinator/mentor for teachers. Her strong organizational skills will be greatly missed by the administration.

She will return as a judge at the Science Fair in 2006. She is also interested in substitute teaching if her schedule allows.

Mr. Steve Stebbins has taken a new teaching position much closer to home, ending his daily commute from Enfield. Mr. Stebbins taught middle school math for nine years. In addition, he took on the role of Athletic Director and developed a top-notch athletic program for the students.

His time spent as basketball coach will always be remembered. This past year his team was undefeated in the regular season and won two tournaments. His presence will be missed.

Art teacher Mrs. Megan Cardillo is leaving to spend more time with her family and on her own art work. Her creativity and enthusiasm will be missed. She has expressed an interest in occasionally substitute teaching next year.

Mrs. Kellogg, who has taught in the middle school and third grade, will be taking a leave of absence to spend time with her family. The good news is that she will be volunteering on a regular basis. She wants to make time to read with fourth grade students next year.

French teacher Charline DeGraeve will also be moving on because the French program was cut from the budget. She also worked regularly in the first and fourth grade classrooms.

The Andover One Wheelers have also lost long-time coaches, Mr. and Mrs. Roy. The AOW program will definitely continue but without Mrs. Roy's daily guidance and support.

AE/MS may be different than other schools because when staff members leave the school district, they still stay connected to the school, the staff, and the students. Past teachers can often be seen at SHARE Day, at graduation, stopping in to visit, or through letters.

AE/MS was fortunate to fill all teaching positions with talented, experienced candidates for the 2005-06 school year. Profiles of the new staff members will appear in the August *Beacon*.

Brian Shaw gives Katie Haley a hug and Hale Shaw is all smiles upon receiving a sign from the AE/MS eighth graders in thanks for the donation toward their Montreal trip.
Photo by Norma Haley

Cans Help Students Get To Montreal

By Jennifer Haley
For the *Beacon*

During the last two weeks of April, the eighth grade class at the Andover Elementary/Middle School was given a donation of $390 to help them pay for their trip to Montreal. The biggest helpers in achieving this amount of money were Larry Haley, Glenn Haley, Katie Haley, Norma Haley, Martin Haley, Brian Shaw, Hale Shaw, and Shirley Shaw. The Haleys donated the largest amount of cans, and the Shaws donated their time and truck to deliver the cans to the recycling plant in Concord.

Thanks also go to the other folks in the area who donated their cans.

AE/MS Awards

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Three sixth grade students received honors and praise from faculty members of Andover Elementary/Middle School and the Andover Lions Club at the AE/MS eighth grade graduation ceremonies on June 21.

Shawna Barton, Emily Laro, and Emily Bentley each earned high praise as recipients of the Andover Lions Club Sixth Grade Citizenship Award. Lion Howard George presented the awards and spoke briefly about why the girls were singled out for this honor.

All three girls are actively involved in the community and have consistently been great role models for younger students. The girls have taken positive leadership roles among their peers and are always sensitive to the feelings of others. They are compassionate, caring, and always respectful.

The girls each received a trophy and a certificate. Their names will be added to the Citizenship Honors Plaque in the school lobby.

Proctor Academy Honors

Spring Term – Day Students

• also earned Effort Honor Roll

Head's List

Kathryn Barban •	New London
Gracia Brown •	Andover
Kaedi Butterfield •	Newbury
Evan Cross •	New London
Jessica Emory •	Barnstead
Christine Frazier •	Canaan
Rebecca Freyman-Bucchieri •	New London
Kimberlee Ganley •	Andover
Hilary Goodnow •	Wilmot
Catherine Holmes	Newbury
Kelsey Hughes •	Hopkinton
Tristan Jones •	Andover
Sophie Klepper •	Andover
Rebecca O'Connor •	Elkins
Natalie Sarles •	Newport
Morgan Saunders •	Warner
Brittany Stratton •	Bradford
Kristen Tappen •	Elkins
Jennifer Wilkins •	Wilmot
Kiersten Wulff •	New London
Danielle Young •	Andover

Honor Roll

Ariel Birke	Franklin
Christopher Bishop	New London
Bryan Bott •	New London
Nicholas Brown	Warner
Erin Clayton •	New London
Tyler Erickson •	Elkins
Michael Ferguson •	New London
Kaitlin Fifield •	Warner
Georgia Freed	Wilmot
Christopher Hague	Bradford
Ashley-Marie Hanlon	Andover
Joshua Kershaw •	Springfield
Billy Kozain	New London
Elizabeth Lamb •	Andover
Anthony Montivirdi	Elkins
Ty Morris	Andover
Scott Robator •	Bedford
Robert Simpson •	Sunapee
David Stein-Cowan	Dunbarton
Stephanie Talkington	Andover
Charles Veysey	Andover
Samantha Veysey	Andover

Effort Honor Roll

Joshua Carlson	Andover
Hannah Goodnow	Wilmot
Joseph Goulart	New London
Ryan Major	Salisbury
Myles McLeod	Andover
Jamie Thompson	Andover

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