

AE/MS Eagles Soccer : Another Great Season

By Mr. Tucker
AE/MS Soccer Coach

The Andover Eagles Homecoming game on September 23 was a great success with the Eagles flying to a 5-3 win over Winnisquam. The goals were scored by Josh Bond, Katie Smith, Norbu Dickinson, and two goals by Ryan Davis. The Heart and Hustle awards go to Ryan Davis and Josh Wagner for their great effort and leadership.

On September 27 the Andover Eagles played Burnham Brook School and walked away with a victory. The offense seemed to be unstoppable, scoring nine goals. Kassie Lamper and JJ Santiago each had a goal. Henry Bendel added three goals to the total, and Norbu Dickinson capped it off with four goals. The Heart and Hustle award goes to the defense. Shawna Barton, Haley Peters, Katie O'Mara, Becca Lance, and Emily Bentley played well together to stop the offensive attack of Burnham Brook.

On September 30 the Lady Eagles soccer team hosted a game with Plainfield. The Eagles poured on an onslaught of offense in a 7-1 win. Kayla Dansereau, Kassie Lamper, Mariah Haley, Katie Smith, and Haley Peters scored one goal apiece, and Hannah Frantz capped the scoring with two goals of her own. The Heart and Hustle award goes out to Hannah Frantz and Kayla Dansereau for their strong performance on the field.

The Andover Eagles boys and girls soccer teams played home games against Kearsarge on October 3. The Andover Eagle Girls played a wonderful soccer game against the Kearsarge girls where they hustled and outscored their opponent in a 4-0 win. Hannah Frantz, Brianne Graham, Kassie Lamper, and Kayla Dansereau all scored.

The Andover Eagles Boys offense was able to score four goals against Kearsarge to gain a 4-3 victory with great leadership and hustle by Josh

Bond, Josh Wagner, and Ryan Davis. The defense, anchored by Roger Laro, Cory Wiley, and Greg Hewitt, held off the Kearsarge offense in the final 15 minutes for the win. The Heart and Hustle award for the girls game goes to Katie Smith for her strong play in the middle, and for the boys to Michael Donovan, Mika Martin, and Tyler Waine for their great effort.

The Andover Eagles were on the road on October 4 for a game with Laconia Christian. The game was end-to-end action with the first half ending tied at zero. The Eagles came out in the second half and turned up the pressure on Laconia Christian's defense and put two goals in the net. Kassie Lamper and Sophie Viandier scored the goals for the Eagles. The Heart and Hustle award goes to the team for their great effort in the second half.

The Andover Eagles soared to a 3-0 win over Franklin on October 17. Playing in the last home game of the season, the team produced a total team effort in the win. Goals were scored by Ryan Davis, Josh Wagner, and Hannah Frantz. The Heart and Hustle award goes to Cory Wiley and Roger Laro for their tough defense all night long.

The Andover Eagles soccer team traveled to Burnham Brooke School on October 18. The Eagles dominated most of the game and walked away with a 4-0 win. The Heart and Hustle award goes to the 7th graders on the team for their great effort. Emily Laro recorded her first shut-out as a starting goalie. Great job, Team!

The Andover Eagles boys and girls soccer teams traveled to Kearsarge on October 19 for their last game of the season. The Ladies walked away with a 0-1 loss and the Gentlemen's game was a 2-3 loss. Both games were filled with end-to-end action.

The coaching staff at Andover would like to thank everyone that helped give the team a great season. Most especially, a thank you to the team for always giving 110% at everything they do. The teams are wrapping up the season with the Andover Tournament on October 28 and 29. Go 7th and 8th Grade Eagles!

Big Turnout For One Wheelers' Learn-To-Ride

By Lisa F. Hanscom
Andover One Wheelers

The Learn To Ride Unicycle Program at AE/MS is off to a terrific start. Thirty-one enthusiastic students and many adult helpers fill the gymnasium on Wednesday afternoons. There are lots of giggles and groans as the students try to stay balanced on top of one wheel by holding on to hands, barrels, the stage, or folding chairs. Each week the room is alive with music and the flash of spinning wheels.

During practice several experienced Traveling Team members make the rounds of the room offering advice and a helping hand to their classmates and younger students. At the end of each session several students show their new skills and everyone claps and cheers when someone makes a successful attempt. It doesn't matter if it is a distance of one foot or several yards.

When asked about the new unicycle year, School Principal Jane Slayton said, "There clearly was excitement in the air the days leading up to the first Learn To Ride practice. School work was not the focus as students anticipated their first practice and their first step on the path to becoming a One Wheeler."

Coach Diane Adams and her students extend a big "Thank You!" to Armand Boisvert who maintains the team's unicycles. Mr. Boisvert worked nearly around the clock for two weeks getting extra unicycles ready so that each child would have one to use as their own and would not need to share. His enthusiasm for the program is greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Adams invites interested students and families to stop by a practice. Learn To Ride is free and open to all Andover students in grades kindergarten through eighth. You can contact her at the school for more information.

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for children.

What he would like his students to take away from him personally is a love of reading, writing, and just learning in general. He would like them to be life-long learners and encourages his students' parents to talk to their kids about school and to look in their backpacks everyday.

Ms. Hildebrand

Would you find a gecko, a hedgehog, or a spider in your typical second grade classroom? Probably not. But Gretchen Hildebrand is not your typical teacher. A fixture at AE/MS for the past 26 years, Gretchen is more of a legend than a teacher.

When asked to sum herself up in one word, she hesitated and asked, "Is there one word that describes energetic, genuine, and compassionate?"

Second grade in Ms. Hildebrand's classroom is about growing meal worms, making quilts to donate to ABC Quilts (a non-profit organization that donates quilts to hospitals around the world), hiking Mount Kearsarge, participating in a musical play of some sort, and reading the popular book *BFG*

by Roald Dahl.

Ms. Hildebrand is one of those teachers whose life experiences are so rich that you can't help but wonder what it's like to be seven again. You can feel the energy and excitement in her classroom just by walking down the hall.

After 29 years of teaching you can still find Gretchen in school during the summer. Whether it's teaching other teachers or taking classes herself, she continues to thrive on discovering more.

We could list all the amazing accomplishments and recognitions that Gretchen has received over the years, including finalist for the 2006 New Hampshire Teacher of the Year, but that is not the best way to sum up Gretchen.

Gretchen is passionate about what she does. She is highly respected among her peers and liked by all teachers at AE/MS. Gretchen wants only the best for our children. What would she like her students to know when they leave her classroom for third grade? Simply to love learning.

So in either second grade classroom, your child is given the opportunity to just fall in love with learning!

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