The AE/MS 2009 track and field team. Photo: Gretchen Hildebrand

AE/MS Track & Field

By Mike Silverstein
AE/MS Athletic Director

It's that time of the year again. The snow is disappearing and the days are getting longer and warmer.

The Andover track team has begun its preparation for the upcoming season. The team is full of new faces. The sixth-grade class has come out in force to see what track is all about. They will be joining a small, but dedicated group.

The eighth grade veterans (Cam Wood, Ricky Dansereau, Marissa Laro, Madison Powers, Eva Berton, Shrief Elmasry, Meaghan Reid, Ben Cox, and Jason Ashburn) are poised to lead the team through another successful season. We are also pleased to have two eighth grade newcomers, Brian Jackson and Ashley Scanlon.

A small seventh-grade contingent (Nathan French, Brooke Ellis, Monica Newton, Tucker Peters, Robyn Boisvert, and Maddie Trefethen) will round out the team.

The team will be coached by Mr. Silverstein, Mr. Tucker, and Mr. Adams. It appears we have a group of athletes who are willing to work hard, which will make for a fun and exciting season.

AE/MS Track Schedule

April 20 at Gilford, 4 PM
May 4 at Gilford, 4 PM
May 7 at Inter-Lakes, 4 PM
May 8 at Kearsarge, 4 PM
May 13 at Merrimack Valley, 4 PM
May 20 at Winnisquam, 4 PM
Championship Meet:
May 27 at Alton (Prospect Mt.), 4 PM
Come support our team!

The Andover Academy of Self Defense held testing for five students on March 7. Mark Marr and Sandy Hodgdon advanced to the rank of orange belt. Christophe Courtine and Kristina Andrewski advanced to the rank of purple belt, and Juliette Courtine advanced to the rank of orange belt, as well as moving up to the Tiger class.

Front (l-r): Christophe Courtine, Kristina Andrewski, Juliette Courtine. Back: Mark Marr, Sandy Hodgdon. Photo and caption: Heidi Terwilliger

Andover One Wheelers

By Alan Hanscom
Andover One Wheelers

The Andover One Wheelers are back in gear after a winter break. The riders of all grades returned to practice, refreshed and eager to tackle the upcoming season.

We wonder sometimes how the children will recover their unicycle skills after three months without riding, but it is just like riding a bike – only more challenging!

We have a new team this year after last June's graduation of seven eighth graders. With the addition of 10 new riders last summer and fall, the travel team stands ready to amaze spectators at parades this spring and summer.

The One Wheelers' season opener is Manchester's Saint Patrick's Day Parade on March 29. After that is the Choose Franklin Parade, the Strolling of the Heifers Parade in Brattleboro, and the Stevens Alumni Parade in Claremont.

These performances and weekly practice sessions will hone riders' skills for our special performance at Hersheypark in Pennsylvania on June 25. The team will enjoy a 30-minute display of skills and precision on walkways in a portion of the amusement park.

Earning the money for their trip to Pennsylvania for a well-deserved week of rest and recreation is part of the team's commitment. Among the planned activities is our annual Easter breakfast at AE/MS on Saturday, April 11, starting at 7:30 AM. Come out for pancakes and sausage and a visit with the Easter Bunny! The One Wheelers will perform at 10 AM.

In addition to the Easter breakfast, car washes are planned for Saturdays, April 25 and May 16, as well as the team's annual Ride-athon in June.

The One Wheelers sincerely appreciate the continued support of the townspeople of Andover. This unique school activity relies entirely on performance fees and the generous support of the Andover community. We could not do it without you!

Andover One Wheelers
EASTER BREAKFAST
Saturday, April 11 • 7:30 - 9:30
Andover Elementary/Middle School
PANCAKES • EGGS • SAUSAGE
MILK • JUICE • COFFEE • TEA
Adults: $6 • Children 4 to 12: $4
Children under 4: Free!
Bake Sale
Children's Games
Easter Egg Hunt
(grade 2 and under)
A Visit from the Easter Bunny
AOW performs at 10 AM

Andover Academy of Self Defense
Come check out a FREE class!
LITTLE TIGERS (from age 4)
Mon/Wed, 5:30 - 6:00 PM
Sat, 10:30 - 11:00 AM
TIGERS (beginners)
Mon/Wed, 6:00 - 7:00 PM
DRAGONS (advanced)
Tue/Thu, 6:00 - 7:00 PM
ALL KIDS
Sat, 11 AM - 12 PM
ADULTS
Mon/Wed, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM & 7 - 8 PM
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