



## AE/MS Long Range Plan For 2010-2015 Nearly Ready

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This year the Andover School Board and administration took on the task of updating the all-important AE/MS Long Range Plan. The process is almost complete.

The AE/MS Long Range Plan will provide a framework for educational decisions in Andover for the next five years. The plan will focus planning,

educational initiatives, and budgeting.

Dr. William Preble was hired as a consultant to assist with the revision of the AE/MS Long Range Plan. Preble and his colleagues at Main Street Academix worked with the School Board to develop a process and the tools required to update the long range plan this spring.

In early March, a community, par-

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After weeding and planting at AE/MS for SHARE Day, (l-r) Sara Tracy, Daisy Elwell, Alyson Mullett, Alex Crucetti, Noah Berry, Finn Weber, Luke Weber, Lauryn Rivet, and Shania Nichols continued their work at the Town Hall. They weeded the dirt area by the door to the Town Offices in preparation for its being seeded for lawn by Susan Schnare and the Andover Service Club.

Staff photo: Charlie Darling

## SHARE Day: A True Community Event

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Twenty-two years of SHARE Day! Once again Gisela Darling put together an incredibly full day of art, athletics, nature, and music. Gisela continues to be the driving force behind all the organizational details that result in a wonderful experience for all involved.

Many community members, parents, Proctor Academy faculty, and AE/MS faculty are involved in either offering a workshop or helping with a workshop. Some of the volunteers have been part of SHARE Day for the full 22 years. Several of the volunteers this year are SHARE Day alumni who enjoyed the day when they were in grade school and have returned as a volunteer.

Students participated in morning workshops, enjoyed lunch, and came back together for an afternoon of en-

tertainment. Kristofer Johnson and several members of the Proctor Academy Chorus put on a stunning performance. Their voices were absolutely incredible, and the songs they chose to share were simply beautiful. Our Youth Beatz group displayed their drumming and teamwork talent. Several audience members had the chance to participate.

One of the main reasons that SHARE Day continues to be such a special event is that it truly is a community effort. All of the activities, crafts, and lessons come directly from within our community. Andover is fortunate to have so many talented and generous volunteers willing to come together for this special day.

Put the date on your calendar – May 13, 2011 – and be part of SHARE DAY 2011. Plans are underway, and new volunteers are always welcome!



(L-r) Jane Slayton, Ben Yusko, Eli Shedd, Jude Shedd, Kat Darling, Ryan Murphy, Gretchen Hildebrand, Michael Miller, Brenden Miller, Jeff Miller, and Mark Yusko were among the volunteers who attended the School Garden Work Party, building raised beds in the school courtyard on May 1. AE/MS is already seeing and eating the fruits of their labor! Staff photo: Bob Bussey

## AE/MS NEWS

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As May winds down, our school community is looking forward to theatrical productions. The second graders will entertain us with *Goin' Buggy* and the fourth graders will present *Imagine*. The young thespians have been rehearsing, working on props, and creating costumes for the last couple of weeks. I was fortunate to watch a dress rehearsal today, and I was very impressed.

It is the time of year when the eighth grade class begins the countdown to graduation. High school courses have been chosen, and the eighth grade trip is scheduled for June 1 and 2. Students will depart from Andover at sunrise and be at the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island in the afternoon. The following day, after getting plenty of sleep (of course), it is off to Six Flags, and then the exhausted soon-to-be graduates head home.

Eighth grade graduation is Monday, June 14, at 6:30 PM. All are welcome to come and send off the 24 graduates. In the fall, 15 of the graduates will attend Merrimack Valley High School, eight will go across the street to Proctor Academy, and one student will attend Bishop Brady High School. All

three secondary schools will benefit from having these particular students join their freshman class.

Students and staff are traditionally on the road in late May and early June. This is when learning takes place out of the classroom in places like Harvard Museum of Natural History, Seacoast Science Center, New Hampshire State House, New Hampshire Historical Society, Andover Historical Society, the Flume, Cannon Mountain Aerial Tramway, Duck Boat tour of Boston, Fenway Park, and Charmingfare Farm. The trips are well-deserved culminating activities at the end of a school year.

### Track and Field Banquet

There is a Track and Field Banquet on Monday, June 7. The students have challenged the parents and staff members to some special track events. Adults are encouraged to lace up their sneakers and join the fun! A few of the events include water balloon toss, egg carry, and the three-legged race. Games begin at 5:30, followed by a potluck dinner and awards.

The last day of school is Tuesday, June 15. There will be field day activities, a scrumptious BBQ, a performance by the Long Tail Monkeys, rec-

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