

The AE/MS eighth graders visited the Intrepid Sea, Air, and Space Museum Complex during their field trip to New York City. Tim Frost of Andover served on the USS Intrepid and had a surprise waiting for the students when they arrived. Photo: Jim Tucker

AE/MS Eighth Grade Field Trip to New York City

September 11 Memorial, the Intrepid, and more

By Aura-Jean Howe, Betsy Abrahamson, and Luke Weber
AE/MS eighth grade

The AE/MS eighth grade will be leaving soon to go to their new schools. These schools include Merrimack Valley High School, Proctor Academy, and Bishop Brady High School. To enjoy some of their last moments together at AE/MS, the eighth grade took a trip to New York City on June 3.

The places we went to were expertly chosen by Mr. Tucker. The National September 11 Memorial and Museum; the Intrepid Sea, Air, and Space Museum Complex; and Six Flags New England were all combined with the hotel to make an awesome trip. People would think that the eighth graders would remember those places for a long time, but really the memories with their friends will last the longest.

In response to the exposure to New York City and its culture, many students had diverse opinions.

Finn Weber, 14, says, "The trip gave us a greater understanding in education of the September 11 memorial and how so many helpless citizens suffered and perished. This event will haunt us forever, but it reminds us of the courageous people who risked their lives to rescue who they could." Many others agreed with this very deep and descriptive response.

When asked about Six Flags New England, Emily Bates, 14, says, "This is my second time at Six Flags New England. I was not planning to ride any rollercoasters, but when I was finally convinced to ride one, I was intimi-

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A Big Surprise Awaited Us on the USS Intrepid

By Betsy Abrahamson, AE/MS eighth grade

During the eighth graders' trip to New York City, we visited the outstanding USS Intrepid. The Intrepid Sea, Air, and Space Museum combines both technology and history. This inspires the next generation of scientists, mathematicians, historians, and engineers. The museum complex includes an aircraft carrier, the first space shuttle, the world's fastest jets, and a Cold War era submarine.

The eighth graders knew that a surprise was coming, but they never expected this. Tim Frost, a resident of Andover, generously donated gift bags to each and every eighth grader. These bags included Intrepid pencils, erasers, Intrepid fact cards, and medallions that had real Intrepid metal in them.

Tim Frost is a veteran who served on the Intrepid in 1960 and 1961. He has also been an extreme help to the Andover community in many ways. He is currently a member of the Highland Lake Protective Association. In the past, he has been part of the Andover Lions Club, a deacon at the Andover Congregational Church, a commissioner in the East Andover Fire Department, and Trail Administrator for the Andover Snowmobile Club.

Everyone who was on the field trip would like to thank Tim Frost for his generous gift and for supporting the Andover community. Thank you!

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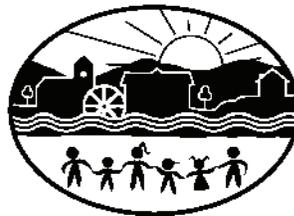
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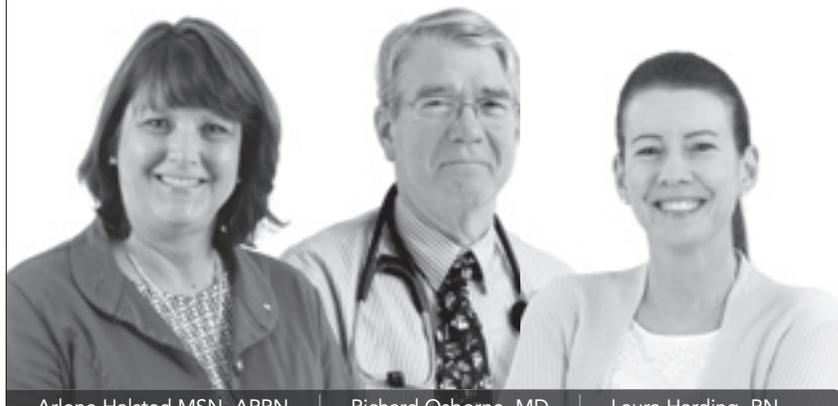


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