

## AE/MS Basketball Teams Thank Michael Jensen

### COVID made it a challenging season

The 2021-22 AE/MS Eagles boys and girls basketball teams would like to show our appreciation for Michael Jensen, who was not only the boys coach but also the Athletic Director dealing with all of the scheduling and rescheduling of teams and officials with all the COVID challenges this year.

## AE/MS Boys Basketball Played as Team Through Challenging Season

### Focused on good sportsmanship

Michael Jensen  
AE/MS Boys Basketball Coach

The 2021-22 AE/MS Boys Basketball team's season got off to a strong start in December. The boys practiced their skills, learned the offense, and developed their understanding of playing team basketball.

The team faced challenges throughout the season. COVID made practices

and games difficult, but the team carried on and had a successful season.

The team focused on good sportsmanship, playing tough, playing together as a team, and eliminating mental errors. We learned to win as a team, and to lose as a team. All the boys had a great time and the season was a success.

The boys finished with a record of 5-6. I am proud of the hard work exhibited by all of our players. Go Eagles!

## Girls Basketball Completes 11-Game Winning Season

Lauren Koron  
AE/MS Girls Basketball Coach

The 2021-22 AE/MS Girls Basketball team's season started in early December as the girls got back into gear, polishing off the rust and working on their skills. They came together as a team, coached by Lauren Koron and Katelyn Churchill.

The winter play production prevented full-court practice or any home games at the start of the season, as well as some late evening practice times. Many thanks to all the families for getting the girls to practice at all times and in all weathers and cheering them on at home and away.

We got in only one game before Christmas because of COVID cancellations, but once we were back from vacation we completed an 11-game season with a winning record; most of the

losses were very close games.

Most of these girls have played together since third or fourth grade, and it is gratifying to see how far they all have come, from jumping and skipping around the court to a hard-charging athletic force of six seventh graders and seven eighth graders.

The girls can be proud that throughout the season they were a credit to their school and community, playing hard and fair, gracious in victory and defeat, and above all, playing as a team.

We are already looking forward to next year with a core group of seventh graders who will be joined by the girls now in the sixth grade.

Thank you to Mark Cowdrey for his support of the team, including attending all of the games to do the score book for us!

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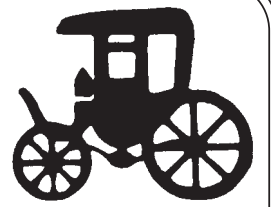
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you Mark and Kyle Tremblay, Lindsey Allenby, Lauren Koron, Shane and Leah Szilagy, Bob McNutt, and Myles McLeod. Also a big thank you to Mr. Dobe and AE/MS for allowing us to use the gym all winter.

The Andover Recreation Committee is looking for new members to help organize and run our youth sports programs in town, specifically soccer in the fall. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Alan Hanscom at Alan.Hanscom@yahoo.com.

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