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Mrs. Peter's kindergarten class costumed up for their annual Halloween parade. Photo: Stephanie Peters



Kindergartners explore the world of dinosaurs. They painted some pictures of them and were archaeologists who dug little dinosaurs out of ice. Pictured here are: Abigail Gilman, Jason McDaniel, and Mabel Brown. Photo: Stephanie Peters

AE/MS Continues Tradition of Halloween Play and Parade

Students learn that practice makes perfect

Kasey Schoch, AE/MS

This Halloween, the second grade students at AE/MS took the stage for a performance that has been a school tradition for at least two decades. Second grade teacher Gretchen Hildebrand was unsure of exactly what year this adventure began. One thing she does know is why she keeps working on this massive undertaking year after year. When asked about it she said, "It is the single most effective way to build community, confidence, engage kids in total literacy: reading, writing, listening, speaking, and have fun at the same time as experiencing major perseverance and patience!"

In addition to all of the skills that she mentioned, students need to become aware that practice, practice, practice makes progress. They work hard to read a script as they learn what it takes to make a well formed story (characters/ settings/problems / action... etc). It is truly an all encompassing academic project for these young Andover Eagles.

While the annual event is a huge undertaking for students and staff, it is one that is always anticipated and appreciated by the students, staff, and parents at AE/MS. It's not truly Halloween in Andover without the second grade play and kindergarten costume parade.



Madilyn LaRoche is all dressed up and ready to play the Spider in this year's second grade Halloween play. Photo: Gretchen Hildebrand

Mentoring at AE/MS Becomes an Annual Tradition

Goal is for kids to connect with each other

Adalyn Boucher, AE/MS

The mentoring program at AE/MS is a great experience for both younger and older students. Lisa Lane, AE/MS

school counselor, started this program about 10 years ago and she chose the eighth graders to mentor kindergarten students. Lisa picked the eighth graders because they're responsible, great role models, and the kindergartners look up to them. See Mentoring on page 30



On November 11, 2022, AE/MS hosted their traditional Veterans Day ceremony. From left to right are: Tim Heath, Ron Evans, Lloyd Perreault, Don Clendenen, Linda Varnum, Matthew Welch (back), Howard George, James Hoyt (back), Don Varnum, Jacob Gilman (back), Leighton Terwilliger, Richard Lavertu (back), and Kent Hackmann, and Jay Hubbard. Ramon Roberge attended the ceremony, but is not pictured. Caption and photo: Brenda Lance

Proctor Ski Program Gets Gold Certified Club Recognition

Proctor's identity rooted in snow sports

Scott Allenby
 Proctor Academy

Since the 1940s and 1950s when all students were required to ski during the winter months, Proctor Academy's identity has been rooted in snow sports. Today, the school is proud to announce that US Ski and Snowboard has named Proctor Academy a Gold-certified club, the highest honor granted by US Ski and Snowboard.

The process of achieving Gold level certification as a club provides an opportunity for the National Governing Body, US Ski and Snowboard, to assess a club's current situation and plan for the future. See Ski on page 29



Proctor Academy was recognized by the US Ski and Snowboard Association as a Gold Certified Club