

AE/MS GETS HOOKED ON BOOKS

By Amanda Lauster
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On March 10, Andover Elementary/Middle School had another fun-filled Reading Night. Over 110 people enjoyed getting "Hooked on Books." This was the conclusion to a super Reading Week, which took place in February, and was a resounding success.

During Reading Week, students answered daily trivia questions, participated in book challenges, and at least once during the week, classes were "caught reading" by a surprise guest fisherman.

The original Reading Night was canceled due to snow and was rescheduled for March 10. Even without the momentum of Reading Week, Andover students, with their parents, showed their support by coming out in full force.

The evening began with a delicious dinner provided by the PTO. Choices included chili, grilled cheese, and tomato soup. The meal was topped off by an extra special cupcake provided by the hard work of the AE/MS kitchen staff.

Reading Night included exhibits by Jay Fitzpatrick, who brought his mounted 14½ pound trout, as well as some interesting lures and a slide show (featuring AE/MS' own Mrs. Fitz reeling in a catch). Jon Lockwood, of Tight Lines Fishing Services, brought some fly fishing equipment and gave a demonstration on how to cast a fly rod with the help of AE/MS' own Mr. Hubbard.

There was also a book nook where families could cuddle up on a couch to read a story. Next to our book nook, guests could sit with the resident Deep-Sea Reader, Doug Boisvert in full scuba gear, as he read some fishy tales. Many students stopped at the word game table where they could do a maze, a crossword, or just color a beautiful underwater scene. Finally, nobody could pass up the chance to hook a few fish himself or herself. There was a "pond" filled with paper-clipped fish where students used magnetic fishing poles to snag their prize-winning catch. The evening ended with a reading by the Andover Eagle of "The Rainbow Fish" by Marcus Pfister, as well as the Grand Prize drawing. Kevin Barry, an AE/MS kindergarten student, won four passes to the New England Aquarium and IMAX Theater, which is currently showing *Aliens of the Deep*. Mrs. Lauster and Mrs. Jurta, of the Title I Program, would like to thank the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department and the New England Aquarium for their contributions of materials and prizes. We would also like to extend a special thank you to Jay Fitzpatrick, Jon Lockwood, Doug Boisvert, the PTO, and the entire AE/MS staff for their help in getting the children of Andover "Hooked on Books."

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Jay Hubbard and son Jacob work on a fishing lure. Photo by Carmen Bates

New AE/MS Salad Bar Is A Healthy Hit



Hannah Frantz makes some healthy choices at the new AE/MS salad bar. The salad bar, which offers a variety of regular salad items as well as fresh fruit, cheese, meat, rolls, and yogurt, opened on March 10 and has been a huge success. Photo by Carmen Bates

Parenting Advice Returns On April 12

By Heather Hill
AE/MS Health Educator

On March 15, *Active Parenting of Teens* was presented at AE/MS by Heather Hill, R.N. and AE/MS Health Educator, and Susan Schultz, M.Ed and AE/MS School Counselor. Parents were actively engaged in group activities as well as individual discussions revolving around parenting teenagers.

Setting limits, teen sexuality, music and its impact on the teenager, and parent/child trust are some of the topics that were covered. Parents shared tears and laughter as they realized they all share a common bond in parenting teenagers.

This session was such a success that the parents requested another session

during this school year. On Tuesday, April 12, from 6:30 PM to 8 PM *Active Parenting of Teens, Part Two* will be presented. This session is open to all parents of students in grades five through eight. Attendance at part one is not required.

For further information, contact Heather Hill or Susan Schultz at 735-5494.

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