



Preschool I – Front: Jack Newton, Ryan Goddardt, Lauren Sanborn, Ashlee Dukette, Keygan Sweeney, Kyle Mann. Back Row: Haley Heath, Todd Holman, Max Lacy, Aiden Cox, Gabrielle Carr. Photo by Doreen Perreault



Preschool II – Front: Claudine Caldon, Jared Frost, Emily Bates, Koby Perreault, Scout Armstrong, Alan Thompson. Back: Bret Russell, Jack Lovelien, Ethan Collette, Noah Newton, Katelyn Barton, Billy Dipre, Jacob MacDuffie. Photo by Gretchen Hildebrand

East Andover Village Preschool

By Doreen Perreault

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Well, the end has come for yet another great school year. The pencils and crayons have been packed away, and we are left with some amazing memories.

The children from Preschool I ended the year with a special day we call Step Up Day. The children invited family and friends as they “walked the path” of their growing garden and transformed from seeds to beautiful flowers.

The children proudly wore their caps and gowns, accepted their “We Are So Proud of You” certificates, and marched to our favorite song. All will be returning in September for Preschool II.

The event ended with a delicious cake (baked with love from Ms. Carmen) and punch. Though it was hard to say good-bye, we are looking forward to seeing how much everyone has grown when they return in the fall.

Congratulations to Preschool I!

Preschool II Heads To Kindergarten

Many of the Preschool II children celebrating their special day have been with us for the past two years. They are all getting ready for the exciting step into Kindergarten in September. Saying good-bye was, to say the least, tearful.

We welcomed about 130 parents, friends, siblings, and family members to share our joy in watching how much these children have grown throughout the year. We started with our own special version of *There Was An Old Woman Who Swallowed A Butterfly*. Ms. Carmen dressed in a gray wig and a very large dress as she transformed herself into a very large Old Woman. From there the children were carefully swallowed. Each child became a butterfly, a cat, a dog, a horse, a cow, and a bird.

The children looked very grown up in their royal blue caps and gowns as they were presented their “I Went to Preschool” certificates. When asked what they wanted to be when they grew up, we learned we have a future firefighter, construction worker, ballerina, tap dancer, truck driver, policeman, and several super heroes in the making.

The evening ended with cake (compliments of Louise Carey) and punch. The children took home wonderful memory books along with a special bag created with love from the staff.

Congratulations to Preschool II!

Special Thanks

I could not end the year without recognizing the many people who have

Baseball In Full Swing

By Tina Barton
For the Beacon

Last year Andover had a Minor League baseball team led by Steele Henderson take the championship. They are on fire again this season. The coaches this year – David Powers, with the help of Jeff Barton and Mike Barton – have had an awesome season.

The team this year has 15 players. Five of them are back from last year’s team: Cody Barton (pitcher), Tim Braley (short stop), Maddie Pfeifer (2nd base), Madison Powers (3rd base), and Cam Woods (catcher). Two players came to the Firebirds from last year’s Sluggers: Jason Ashburn (right field) and Brian Jackson (right field).

The other eight players are all first time minor leaguers: Jeremy Mason, Cam Doucet, Bruce Barton, Damick Kinson, Sam Barrett, Shrief Elmasry, Kyle Keller, and Kody Keller.

The players have all improved throughout the season; everyone has hit and got on base this year. The biggest challenge with a team of 15 is giving them all playing time. The players seem very happy with their accomplishments this year and work well together.

The Firebirds have played a regular season of 11 games and are undefeated, with one tie. Most of the games they played were landslides, such as 21-6, 15-2, 14-0, etc.

The one tie was 1-1. It was the toughest game they played all season.

Playoffs began Saturday, June 11. The Firebirds had a first round “bye” because of their standing, so they used Saturday as a practice day. Yes, it was hot, humid, and almost unbearable for us parents watching them practice. They literally sweated it out for two hours. These kids have determination!

Their first playoff game, on Tuesday, June 14, was against the Wilmot/Sutton Slammers. The Firebirds won 11-5. The second playoff game, on Saturday, June 18, was against the Sunapee Green Monsters. The Firebirds won 12-3, earning a shot at the championship.

On Tuesday, June 21, the Firebirds played the Grantham River Rats in the championship game at Dewey Field in Sunapee. Grantham was also undefeated and is the team that we tied during regular season. We had to play in Sunapee, so neither team had a home-field advantage.

The game was very tense. Our pitching was excellent – we had a few innings that we sat them down 1-2-3. Unfortunately, we left a few runners on base in a couple of innings. But the Firebirds took the lead from the very beginning and held onto it. They won the championship game 4-3.

Congratulations, Firebirds, on an excellent season and a job well done!



Standing: Coach David Powers, Maddie Pfeifer, Cam Woods, Jeremy Mason, Madison Powers, Cam Doucet, Cody Barton, Bruce Barton, Coach Mike Barton, Coach Jeff Barton. Sitting: Kody Keller, Damick Kinson, Kyle Keller, Shrief Elmasry, Tim Braley, Jason Ashburn, Brian Jackson, Sam Barrett. Photo by Tina Barton

helped make this year at EAVP another memorable one. First and foremost, Ms. Becky and Ms. Carmen. You are both amazing women who unselfishly give so much of your time and energy to make EAVP a wonderful place to be. I am so grateful for all you both do.

To our Advisory Board members: Michelle Carr, Sandy Miller, Donald Gould, Marlena Dipre, Brandy Collette, and Kent Armstrong. Your insight and involvement are invaluable. Thank you for looking out for our little ones.

And to the parents and families who greet us every morning with a smile and a friendly hello. You help create all that we become and all that we believe. Thank you for trusting us with your child.

We give them back reluctantly; for having spent nine months together, we have grown close, have become a part of each other, and shall always retain a little part of each other. Take care of them for they are precious and one of a kind.

Looking Toward The Future

Though we are closed for the summer, expect to see us all busy around Andover. We are always working on making a better EAVP. You may see us holding a bake sale or yard sale. We have already begun thinking of next year and thoughts of the fall are never far away.

If you have any questions regarding our programs, you can call the preschool at 735-5105. Have a wonderful summer!