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endar again this year. You will see that all the important dates for the school year have already been established. We really try to adhere to the calendar and avoid changes because we know families use it for planning purposes.

Students should begin checking mailboxes in early August as teachers will be sending postcards welcoming them to their classroom.

The most important date to know for now is the first day of school for all students in kindergarten through eighth grade is August 30. Kindergarten Orientation is August 25. The kindergarten through fourth grade Open House is September 22, and the fifth grade through eighth grade Open House is September 8.

New families are invited for ice cream and a tour on August 26 at 7 PM. Please come by and meet a few of our students and other families and become comfortable with your new school.



Chef Combo (left) and Audrey Pellegrino entertain the students while teaching them about cooking.

Photo by Doreen Perreault

Audrey Pellegrino Nominated

By Carmen Bates
Beacon staff

In honor of the thousands of teachers who serve students throughout America, the Positive Promotions catalog (which is where we bought some of the supplies for Staff Appreciation Week) announces their fourth "I Make A Difference" Annual Teacher of the Year Program.

Audrey Pellegrino was nominated this year for her dedication as the kindergarten teacher at Andover Elementary/Middle School. She has taught at the school for 14 years and is a welcoming, enthusiastic cheerleader for AE/MS. She is an amazing teacher and the children love her for years, not just for their kindergarten year!

The winners will be announced on September 8 and awarded a trophy and a donation in their name to their school PTA.

She has incorporated global experience into a creative art program. Mrs. DeMinico will continue to work closely with classroom teachers and integrate art into their studies.

Please stop in and introduce yourself to our new faculty members and help us welcome them to Andover. There will be Open Houses on September 8 and 22, and we hope to see you there!

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professional in a third grade classroom at Grantham Village School as well as substitute teaching in grades kindergarten through 12th in the Kearsage and Grantham School Districts. Ms. Wallace was a student intern in a fifth grade classroom at Towle Elementary School and in the first grade in Andover.

Mrs. Linda DeMinico has taught all over the world but will call the art room in Andover home next year. Mrs. DeMinico will teach art three days a week for students in grades one through eight.

Mrs. DeMinico taught most recently at the International School Bangkok in Thailand. She is already known to the Andover students because she was a long term substitute teacher for art classes at AE/MS last year.

Mrs. DeMinico recently helped Andover students get in touch with a school in Thailand and offer relief efforts after the tsunami disaster. Andover students sent over \$1,200 to aid in rebuilding a school in an area that was devastated.

Mrs. DeMinico has also taught in Egypt, the Netherlands, and Norway.

17 New Faces in AE/MS Kindergarten This Year

By Jane Slayton
AE/MS Principal

Seventeen five year olds in town are anxiously awaiting their first day of school. On August 30 the new kindergarten students will join the older, seasoned veteran students at Andover Elementary/Middle School. The kindergarten class will be comprised of eleven boys and six girls.

There are two kindergarten sessions: 7:45 to 10:45 and 11:45 to 2:45. Students switch sessions at the half-way point in the year. Students then have the opportunity to experience both ends of the school day and the routines associated with them. The teacher also experiences working with students as morning learners and afternoon learners. Transportation is provided to and from school.

Fortunately, the kindergarten students get an early opportunity to get in the school building and familiarize themselves with the layout. The big building can be a little overwhelming through the eyes of a five year old.

Kindergarten Orientation will be held on August 25 at 9 AM. Parents and students will spend time with Mrs. Pellegrino, the kindergarten teacher, and get a peek at some of

the routines of the kindergarten day. They will learn where the bathroom is located and where snack milks and juices can be picked up. They will learn which day they have gym class, music class, computer class, and library. They will have a story read to them by the teacher, a daily routine they will come to love over the next several months.

But most importantly, they will get to ride the school bus! That always seems to be the high point of the morning. They have watched that yellow bus pass their house for five years and now they are finally going to be able to join the older students and ride the bus. Mr. Armand Boisvert and Mrs. Joanne Jones talk to the students about school bus safety and then off they go for a ride around the community.

After having attended the Kindergarten Orientation, the first day of school is a little easier to anticipate for children (and parents). I particularly enjoy the first day of school and watching new kindergarten parents put their children on the bus at home and then race to school to take a picture of them getting off the bus. It is truly an important milestone that makes the scrapbooks.

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