

New Hours For Skateboard Park

By Vicky Mishcon
Andover School Board

The Andover Village Park, which includes the skateboard park and the basketball court, has new posted hours as of the beginning of October. The park will be open one half hour after sunrise and will close one half hour after sunset or until lights out.

A committee of community members and school officials met twice over the summer to discuss issues relating to park hours and the use of artificial lighting. The following action plan was presented to the School Board, which accepted it at its September meeting:

- No Parking signs will be installed to control parking on grass.
- No Unauthorized Motor Vehicles sign will be placed at both ends of the paved walkway from School Street to the bank on Lawrence Street.

- The Andover Police will continue routine patrol, both in cruiser and on foot, to observe park activity and act accordingly. The police will enforce any Town ordinances regarding noise, parking, driving on walkway, etc. They will be aware of any rules regarding the park put forth by the Andover School Board.

- Recommend sign hours to read: Park open ½ hour after sunrise. Park closed ½ hour after sunset or until lights out.

The artificial lighting schedule will be:

- April through May: Lights on until 8 PM
- June through August: No artificial lighting. Park hours as posted.
- September through November 1: Lights on until 8 PM.
- November 2 through March: No artificial lighting. Park hours as posted.



Savanna Donovan, Ashleigh Fife, and Meredith Cline tried out new "cone-head" hairstyles.
Photo: Jane Slayton

German Language Program At AE/MS Again This Year

By Gisela Darling
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AE/MS will again offer a German language program this year. This is an elective program that takes place during the last hour of school for beginners and after school for students who have been with the program for two or more years. Last year 24 students, kindergarten through sixth grade, participated in the program.

Originally the language program started in 1987 and offered Spanish, French, and German. Proctor faculty members, with the help of Proctor students, introduced the AE/MS students to Spanish and French. Over the years, scheduling difficulties at Proctor made

French and Spanish unavailable. So the only program left is German.

German and English both have roots in the old Germanic language, and there are many words in English that sound or look like German.

Unfortunately, in this country foreign language programs are not given priority, even though children benefit from learning a foreign language early on. In other countries foreign languages are offered early, starting often in kindergarten. In Germany, English is mandatory in the fifth grade.

Even though English is looked upon as the "world language," let's encourage our children to learn or get introduced to other languages, too.

AE/MS NEWS

By Jane Slayton
AE/MS Principal

Fall Family Math Frenzy took place in the AE/MS gym on October 26. Parents, children and staff members had a lot of fun playing a variety of math games. Human Chess and Rain Forest Math on laptops and Cardboard Engineering were among the popular stops. The Book Fair had extended hours as well and it was very crowded as families shopped for new reading selections.

Destination Imagination

Destination Imagination also had a station set up to offer information and register team members. Destination Imagination is a creative problem-solving program. Teams have challenges to solve. It is a lot of fun! If you have questions or want more information, call Rene Goodwin at 735-4209.

School Pictures

Students had school pictures taken in September. The photographer is coming back on November 14 for students who were absent or need pictures redone.

Ski Programs

If your child is interested in participating in the town ski program, now is the time to sign them up. On Friday afternoons in January and early February, students have the opportunity to go to Ragged Mountain for downhill skiing and snowboarding. Students interested in cross-country skiing can use the trails at Blackwater Ski Area. Contact Howard or Ellie George at 735-5590 for information and registration for the Ragged Mountain Ski program, or contact Don or Lorraine Cline at 648-6477 for cross-country registration information.

Student Council

The Andover Middle School Student Council will be attending the Granite State Middle School Conference on November 9 at Richmond Middle School in Hanover. The conference theme is "Making the World a Better Place: One School at a Time."

Veterans Day Celebration

Andover veterans are invited on No-

vember 8 to our annual Veteran's Day Celebration. All staff and students participate in this important event. It will be a very special day at AE/MS.

Invitations have been mailed to the 116 veterans that we are aware of in town. There will be recitations, music and refreshments. US Army Chaplain David Grover will deliver the keynote address. All veterans are welcome!

Grandparent Thanksgiving

Grandparent Thanksgiving, another favorite AE/MS tradition is November 16. Classes have already started making centerpieces and wall decorations.

Wally The Green Monster

Wally the Green Monster from the Boston Red Sox will make an appearance at our school in the afternoon on November 8. Wally is the official mascot for the Boston Red Sox and is seldom seen outside of Fenway Park. Wally will be part of an all-school Sports Assembly. Classes will have pictures taken with Wally.

Lions Vision & Hearing Screening

The Andover Lions Club completed its annual vision and hearing screening on all AE/MS students. Concerns are referred to Mrs. Hill, the school nurse, and parents are contacted.

Lions Peace Poster

The Lions International Peace Poster Contest is currently underway for sixth grade students. The purpose is to encourage students to creatively express what peace means to them. The Andover Lions Club sponsors this locally.

Holiday Wreaths

Order forms will be available soon for holiday wreaths. Once again, the AE/MS PTO will decorate wreaths. Many community members support this activity. PTO members and students will festively adorn town buildings.

Magazine Drive

Thank you to the many community members who supported the recent magazine drive. Money raised will go toward field trips, SHARE Day and playground equipment.



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