Logan Smith and Zoe Lacy . Photo: Doreen Perreault

East Andover Village Preschool

By Doreen Perreault
East Andover Village Preschool

You wouldn't know by looking outside our classroom windows, but inside, signs of spring are all around. The children have been busy pastel painting, decorating eggs, and setting a leprechaun trap. Flowers are being planted and bunnies are hopping.

This month we celebrated both St. Patrick's Day and Easter. On St. Patrick's Day children in Preschool II decorated, created, and set a trap in hopes of catching a Leprechaun. The Leprechaun was attracted to our shiny trap, but unfortunately once again this year we were unsuccessful.

Traces of a Leprechaun were all over our classroom. He left a black boot behind and a small jacket. He took our shiny gold coins, but left yummy chocolate coins for us to enjoy.

Much to our surprise, the Leprechaun made a *huge* mess in our classroom, tipping over chairs, knocking over toys, and tying yarn all over our classroom. It was an exciting morning, and after we all pitched in to clean up we enjoyed some Irish Soda, some green swirled cookies, and some delicious lime sherbet. We added green ice cubes to our drinks and watched as the color changed from clear to green. It was a great experiment.

With Easter quickly around the corner, we worked on our hopping skills on March 20 and 21. With bunny ears and pink noses, the children took turns hopping as many times as they could in one minute.

We had some amazing bunnies, many who hopped over 80 times! After receiving a Hop Certificate and a special gift, the children enjoyed a delicious treat of carrots and water.

Preschool II enjoyed another great bus ride to Hannaford's supermarket. Children had the opportunity to see many great behind-the-scene spaces.

We enjoyed making a cake in the bakery, sampling some cheese in the deli, and seeing behind the milk in the dairy department. Our most memorable moment was touching a live lobster in the seafood department.

This month we are working on a Dinosaur Open House. We will be searching for fossils, making huge dinosaur eggs, and learning about the amazing dinosaurs that lived before our time. We are looking forward to another great month!

AE/MS 2008-2009
Kindergarten Registration Information Gathering
May 7

If your child will be 5 years old on or before September 30, 2008, please call Mrs. Parenteau to schedule an appointment.
735-5494

Andover Five Alive Program

OPEN HOUSE

Please stop by the Hamp House on **Wednesday, May 7** following your visit to AE/MS for kindergarten registration to learn more about our wonderful program and to register for the 2008/2009 school year.

For more information, please call Susan Nellen at 735-6566.

UNH 4-H Summer Camps

Looking outside and seeing that we still have several inches, if not feet, of snow, one might think that summer is a long way off. But it is not too early to be thinking of enrolling in 4-H camp if you want to get the week and camp of your child's choice.

With two locations, one in Bear Brook State Park in Allenstown and the other in the White Mountain National Forest, children ages 6 to 17 from across the state have some exciting opportunities for 2008. They can choose from a variety of programs, ranging from a three-night stay up to a six-week mentoring program for teens 16 and 17.

Bear Hill Camp, in Bear Brook State Park, offers Mini Camp, Traditional Overnight, Leaders-in-Training, and Mentor, as well as the Teen Adventure Series. Teen Adventurers enjoy all the traditional camp favorites, but explore opportunities related to specific areas of interest.

Teens interested in the Teen Adventure Series may choose between the Oceanography – Cape Cod Adventure and the White Mountain Climate Adventure, Mentor, and LISTEN (Leaders In Service Training ENvironments).

Barry Conservation Camp, located in the White Mountain National Forest, is run in conjunction with the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department. Attend the Let's Go Fishing program, Hunter Safety and Certification, Walk on the Wild Side, or Shooting Sports Sampler weeks. 4-H Camps are open and available to any youth; 4-H membership is not a prerequisite.

Camperships are available to help assist Merrimack County families with the cost of camp. Deadline for campership requests is Friday, April 11. To find out more about how to apply for these funds, call Debbie Cheever at 225-5505.

To learn more or to register, visit our Web site at extension.unh.edu or call 862-2184. Both UNH 4-H camps are accredited by the American Camp Association and operated by the 4-H Youth Development program of the UNH Cooperative Extension.

The Cub Scouts held their Blue Gold Banquet on March 21. (L-r)Austin Marceau, Nicholas Terwilliger, Ethan Collette, John Maynard, Noah Newton, Ryan Gotthardt, David Reynolds, Hayden Buswell, Jack Newton, and Matthew Reynolds. Photo: Leighton Terwilliger

Wilmot Learning Place

By Jennifer Tockman
Wilmot Learning Place

Are your "Little Tykes" cluttering up your yard? Do you have children's clothing filling up even the spare bureaus? Are "Thomas the Train" and "Baby Einstein" sneaking out from everywhere? Don't just throw them under the beds! Baby and children's items are welcome now!

The Wilmot Learning Place's annual Kid's Stuff Sale is coming up on Saturday and Sunday, June 7 and 8. We are taking donations now of your gently used children and baby items from furniture, equipment, and clothes to toys. (Please no stained or broken items, no mattresses, except with crib, and no recalled items.)

We will be happy and grateful to accept your donations to sell at our fundraiser to benefit our non-profit school. The Wilmot Learning Place is a non-profit pre-kindergarten and preschool serving Wilmot and surrounding communities for over 35 years.

For information on donating, please contact Jennifer Tockman at 526-7228 or njhtockman@yahoo.com.

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