

AE/MS Parent-Teacher Organization

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AE/MS PTO

The meeting on June 9 was short and sweet as it is such a busy time of year and it was an unusually hot day!

Thank you notes from the staff members for Teacher Appreciation Week were passed around.

Nothing new is happening with the library project, but there is work being started on the best way to hang the murals on the wall. We will have a meeting over the summer to get the raffle going for this project.

Hood milk cap jugs have been made and were handed out to be placed around town. There will be one at the East Andover Marketplace, at Pizza Chef, at New Horizons, and at the school. Please save the caps over the summer and send them in come fall. Tell your family to save them also to help the school, as each cap gives money to the school.

We have not gotten our last check from Staples ink cartridge recycling, but it is in the mail. Staples has ended their send-in cartridge redemption. You can now only return three cartridges at a time to the store, and you then get a store credit.

We need to be able to return more than three at a time, and we like the cold, hard cash so another company to send the ink cartridges has been found. We will try them over the summer and

see how it goes. The name of the new company is eCycle (eCycleGroup.com) and they accept a lot of the type of cartridges that we seem to get. If anyone has any other ideas on this, we would love to hear them.

Thank you notes for Teacher Appreciation Week were sent to all of the families and businesses that donated something. The thank you was also published in the June *Beacon*. Hopefully we did not miss anyone, and if we did, *thank you!* It turned out to be a great week, and we could not have done it without all of the support that we got.

There are lots of ideas to think about for next year:

- Share Day for adults/community PTO night
- Welcome Back ideas
- Volunteer forms
- Lowe's grant
- Fall art program

With the few people at the meeting and the heat, we decided to just do an e-mail meeting sometime over the summer to get others' thoughts on these ideas.

The next meeting is Monday, September 8, at 6:30 PM in the school library.

If you have any questions or would like to help in any way, get in touch with me at CandDPlus4@comcast.net or 735-5589.

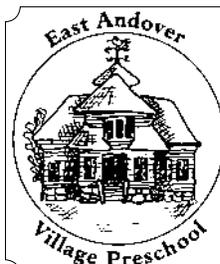


In June, AE/MS second graders had a wonderful time at the Harvard Museum of Natural History. (L-r) Alex Sargent, Tim Burchard, Aiden Cox, and Noah Newton risked an up-close look at the Kronosaurus.

Photo: Gretchen Hildebrand

Kids!

Get your parents' permission, then e-mail the *Beacon* a photo that shows how you spent your summer vacation. Write as much or as little about your vacation as you like, but be sure to tell us who took the picture. Thanks!



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Members of the Andover One Wheelers staged the musical *Annie* on wheels (above). We say goodbye to six One Wheelers who graduated this year (below, l-r): Danielle Adams, Rhianna Newton, Ashley Lamson, Megan Hanscom, Michaela Trefethen, and Elise Goodwin. Photos: Lisa Hanscom



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