



And The Beat Goes On: (L-r) Sophia Reynolds, Ronan Walsh, Morgan Chapman, and Gavin Elliott made the most of Rich Reggione's 12-week rhythm and fitness program, Youth Beatz, that began last month and will be at AE/MS Friday afternoons through May 12.

Rich told the *Beacon*, "The opportunity to share Youth Beatz with AE/MS and the Andover community has been a huge privilege. It is very clear the students have a solid appreciation for music, but more importantly they have a foundation of respect, teamwork, pride, and responsibility that makes Andover's kids very unique. I would like to thank AASP's Michelle Bengivengo and AE/MS Principal Jane Slayton for working to bring the dynamic benefits of rhythm and fitness, music in motion to Andover. AE/MS rocks!"

Staff photo: Bob Bussey

AE/MS Parent-Teacher Organization

By Carmen Bates
AE/MS PTO

Teacher and Staff Appreciation week ideas were discussed and will take place the week of May 3 through 7. We try to make this a special, original week at the school for the staff. Any suggestions or ideas are welcome. We will need lots of help and donations. Contact us if you would like to be a part of this fun week.

We made \$469.30 on box tops this year and send a special thank you to Kathy Hildebrand for sorting and counting them all and also to everyone who collected them and sent them in. Those dimes add up, so please keep saving them for next year! Also continue to save and send in old ink cartridges.

Snow cones on Beach Day were a hit again. This is a favorite treat of the students! Thank you to Becky Hazen for getting the ice and running the machine; to Kevin Goodwin for helping out that day; and to the East Andover Fire Department for lending us the machine.

The curtain for the stage is ordered and will be here at the end of March! The Andover High School alumni donated over \$1,000, and we send them a *huge Thank You* for this and to Shirley Currier for collecting the money for us!

Some questions that were asked: The track of the curtain is still in good enough condition and will not be replaced. This would have cost us a lot more money, so we are glad our track is in good condition. The disposal of the old curtain will be taken care of by the company. They usually put it in the school dumpster, but if our town has an issue with it, then he will take it with him to dispose of, and it will cost us no extra.

Stop by and see the new beautiful blue curtain!

The basketball celebration day went well, and the PTO made \$190 from sales of food. A huge thank you goes to Kevin Barry, who donated all the food and paper goods. Thank you to Becky and Shane Smart for running the hot dog machine, to the Goulds and Teri Lee for baking, and to the coaches and teams who made the day fun. We also raffled

off a basketball tote that was made and donated by Katherine Stearns, and the winner was Beth Frost. Congratulations, Beth, and thank you, Katherine!

Popcorn Fridays are going well. The kids enjoy the snack of popcorn every Friday. If you would like to help on a Friday morning by making popcorn in our machine at the school, contact us.

The PTO expo was not as exciting as last year but still informative. A few more ideas were picked up. These will be shared at the next PTO meeting.

We are looking for:

- Mrs. Gagne has asked for an artificial tree for next winter for the knitting club to use as a type of giving tree. Anyone who has one that they would like to donate, please get in touch with us or Mrs. Gagne.
- The Youth Beatz program is always looking for any donations of 13.5 gallon buckets. Let us know if you have any hanging around that you don't need.

Melissa Newton is baking a treat for the staff for March. Allison Barry is baking for April, and Bonnie Morris will do May. Would anyone like to do June? Just bring in a yummy treat for the staff any day in the month of June.

We will try to start a PTO newsletter for next year to replace the minutes and make them more fun to read – maybe involve some students in sort of a mini-paper thing that comes out once a month. Deana Crucitti is going to look into formats for this, and we will work on it over the summer to get it up and running.

Last year we had a bake sale at the annual School District Meeting and made a good profit. We overlooked it this year and will try to make sure that we do it in future years.

Thank you to Mel Gotthardt for doing the Eagle Store on March 22. This gives the kids the chance to spend the Eagles that they earn. The Eagle Store is located in the lobby of the school.

The next PTO meeting will be on Monday, April 12, at 6:30 PM in the AE/MS library. If you have any questions, contact Carmen Bates at CarmenBates@comcast.net or 344-9855.

ODD JOBS WANTED!

Two Andover boys (ages 14 and 16) are looking for odd jobs at homes in the Andover area. Willing to stack wood, mow lawns, clean up yards, walk dogs, etc.

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