



Nolan Gaudette hatches out of a huge dinosaur egg during EAVP's recent Dinosaur Open House. The colored paper-mache eggs were created by the children.  
Photo: Doreen Perreault

## East Andover Village Preschool

By Doreen Perreault  
East Andover Village Preschool

During the month of March we set our Leprechaun trap in hopes of catching this mischievous devil. Each year we eagerly set our trap, hoping to catch a bit of Irish fun.

This year the children painted our trap green, added many shiny objects, jewels, gold coins, and even a bit of aluminum foil. The trap included a dowel and some string along with a comfy doll-size bed. Our wish was to attract and trap!

Needless to say, we arrived on the 17th only to find our classroom in shambles, and though it appeared that we had caught a Leprechaun, we had not. He once again avoided our trap, but he did leave us a few shiny green chocolate coins in return. Looks like we'll need to try it again next year.

Towards the end of March and into April, the preschool became prehistoric. We explored the ice age and prehistoric times. We enjoyed a family Open House – complete with paper-mache dinosaur eggs, fossil finding, a swamp maze, and even some dinosaur tattoos. The children had the chance to chip away at an ice sculpture and find their very own dinosaur.

This prehistoric event was high-

lighted by our own erupting volcano (thanks to the Fecteau family). It was a great night to wrap up our unit on Dinosaurs.

With signs of spring in the air, we began our yearly adventure of hatching chickens. The incubator kept our eggs warm for 21 days, and we were happy to see two little chicks emerge. Though we enjoyed their peeping, we were happy to see our noisy friends head to the Carlson household. We expect to have a few more peeping friends arrive in early May.

The warmer weather has given us the chance to explore the rail trail and investigate all the changes going on as spring approaches. We enjoyed finding a few ladybugs and listening to the early morning birds chirping. With the soon-to-be-warmer weather, we are looking forward to watching the leaves reappear on the trees outside our classroom windows.

It's hard to believe as we approach May that our preschool year is coming to a close. We will begin our yearly wrap up – finish up our scrapbooks and begin preparing our graduation event. Until then we will be learning more about spring, waiting for our eggs to hatch, and enjoying our time on the hill in East Andover.



Reilly Walsh (l) and Nick Stiles, both fifth graders at AE/MS, represented Merrimack County at the Pee Wee level in the Granite State County Cup hockey tournament held in Exeter in April. Merrimack won the championship in a thrilling 5-4 overtime victory over Rockingham East. Merrimack County swept the tournament, also winning at the Mite, Squirt, and Bantam levels. Ronan Walsh, a second grader at AE/MS, and Ryan Methven, a third grader at AE/MS, also represented Merrimack County at the Mite and Squirt levels, respectively.  
Photo and caption: Becky Walsh

## Andover Recreation Soccer Seeks New Director

By Alan Hanscom  
Andover Recreation Committee

Believe it or not, the fall soccer season is not that far away! Watch for sign-ups at the AE/MS Spring Concert on Thursday, May 6, and at kindergarten and 8th grade graduations.

It is very important to get the registration process out of the way before school ends. Otherwise we are chasing down parents until September, making it a long, cumbersome effort. Let's make this the shortest registration season ever!

### New Soccer Director Needed

The Andover Recreation Commit-

tee's soccer program is looking for a new director for this summer and fall. I am stepping down after five years at the helm.

The director is responsible for coordinating the registration process, recruiting coaches, and attending about six Merrimack Valley Soccer League meetings each year. Laying out the soccer fields and keeping the lines straight and bright is another task for the director.

Any person willing to help out the soccer kids of Andover should contact Alan Hanscom at [soccercash@tds.net](mailto:soccercash@tds.net) or 735-5972 evenings.

## 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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