AE/MS recognized Earth Day with a schoolwide community meeting featuring art and music related to the environment. The following day, students and staff members fanned out through the village to clean, plant, and recycle. The school grounds, Blackwater Park, the rail trail and area all benefitted. Pictured here are eighth grade students Skyler Smith, Sam Barrett, Brittany Underhill, Nathan French, Seth Newton, and Kody Keller filling a bag with trash they have collected.

MVHS Student Of The Month Nominee

Brianna Keniston of Andover was nominated for student of the month at MVHS by faculty and staff. Winners, selected at random, must have a C or better in all classes and exhibit good character, leadership and/or service.

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ognition activities, and reflection time in the classroom as students end the school year.

Although summer officially begins for students on the 15th, there is still work to be done over the summer by staff members. This summer many classroom teachers will continue curriculum mapping work, do coursework, and attend workshops. We have been pleased with some of the initiatives put in place that have shown to be successful in improving student learning, and we have plans to increase this in 2010-2011.

The building will look a bit different when students return on Wednesday, August 25, for the new school year. In addition to the regular summer work, there will be new windows installed in the oldest section of the building facing the courtyard and on the second floor. Lead paint will no longer be an issue, and the new windows will be more energy efficient. A new bathroom will be constructed for the kindergarten classroom to meet guidelines, and a few classrooms will exchange places over the summer.

School Garden

Our school garden is already producing! We will enjoy lettuce before summer break. We encourage school families to help with weeding over the summer break. Please call the school and we'll let you know which weeks still need coverage.

Thirty-two kindergarten students have registered for the 2010-2011 school year. This is considered a large kindergarten class by our standards. This will be the second year in a row in which we have enjoyed a large kindergarten class.

There will be a kindergarten orientation in late August. The new students will be able to spend time in the kindergarten classroom with Mrs. Pellegrino and then ride around town on the school bus. Having that first ride on the school bus is a very big deal for a five year old! They have been watching the big yellow buses go by for five years, and now they finally have their chance to ride in one.

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