

East Andover Village Preschool

By Sarah Gilman

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At the East Andover Village Preschool, we slid our way through March, hopped our way through April, and now ... we're sneezing our way through May. (At least I am!) It's hard to believe that summer vacation is just a few weeks away, and the East Andover Village Preschool (EAVP) will be closed until fall.

Our daughter, Asa, completed her first official year of Preschool I. I was reflecting on how lucky we are in Andover to have EAVP as part of our community. I was reminded of a comment my husband made to me when we were researching various preschool programs. We agreed that for us, quality, convenience, and price were three primary factors to consider regarding early childhood education. His response was quick: "Pick two, because you won't get all three." Ugh.

To think about picking two out of three agreed-upon "important factors" based on our own set of morals and values seemed absurd to me. Fortunately for us, we *did* find all three, plus some, at the East Andover Village Preschool.

This time of year the children are busy, busy, busy. Some are finishing up spring projects, some starting new projects, and some are getting ready to graduate. Whether your child is in Preschool I or Preschool II or is a "full timer," they're all sharing one thing in common: They've made new friendships with one another, and they're getting ready to say good-bye to this familiar routine for the summer.

The East Andover Village Preschool has provided our children with a nurturing early childhood educational experience. Ms. Doreen and Ms. Becky have worked tirelessly to plan and implement diverse activities that generate curiosity and promote independence. They've spent hours creating open house nights and various programs for families to attend, pulling us together as a community. Additionally, they've both been there to share and listen to us parents – a blessing as we navigate the waters of parenting preschoolers!

So, from all of us parents, I want to extend a huge "Thank you!" to Ms. Doreen and Ms. Becky for everything you've done making this year a success. See you in the fall!



Kids and volunteers stand proud after cleaning up the Annex grounds.

Photo: Diane Adams

Andover After School Program

By Diane Adams

Andover After School Program and Andover Five Alive Program

The Andover After School Program and the Andover Five Alive Program are getting ready for the end of the year. We want to welcome the new students who have joined us in the past month. We are very glad to have them.

Enrollment is in full swing, and numbers are looking awesome.

We've been having a lot of fun this spring, and we are glad to see the

ground. We had a clean-up day on May 7 to make the grounds look beautiful. Thank you to all of you who helped out. We couldn't do it without great parents and volunteers.

We would like to thank the community for its ongoing support. I personally want to thank everyone for the warm welcome and positive comments. It's been a great seven months!

Have a wonderful summer. Nothing can fill your heart like the love of a child.

Football, Cheerleading Sign-Ups

Blue Storm press release

Blue Storm Sports is now taking sign-ups for fall football and cheerleading for the third- through fifth-grade team and for the sixth-grade team. The

season will begin around August 10 and run through the end of October.

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- Qualified applicants, please send cover letter, resume, transcripts, and a copy of certification to:

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Pictured at the Club's April meeting, receiving club t shirts are (l-r) Mason King, Danbury; Kendall Hoy, New London; Ryan Barton, Andover; DJ Smith, Newbury; and Samuel Williamson, Newbury.

Photo: Carla Marshall

Elkins Fish And Game Club Awards Camperships To Kids

Elkins Fish & Game Club press release

The Elkins Fish and Game Club awarded five camperships to area children for summer programs at Barry Conservation Camp located at the Berlin Fish Hatchery. Attending Camp Barry will be Ryan Barton of Andover, Mason King of Danbury; Kendall Hoy of New London, and both DJ Smith and Samuel Williamson of Newbury.

The Club has been sponsoring children since 1993, and to date has sent over 80 boys and girls to Barry Conservation Camp, which is operated by the University of New Hampshire Co-

operative Extension's 4-H Program in cooperation with the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department.

Camperships have been for week-long programs which focus on fishing, shooting sports, and hunter education. "We are now seeing young men and women we sent to camp in the early '90s joining the Elkins Fish and Game Club as adult members and utilizing the skills they learned at camp," says club board member Carla Marshall.

The Elkins Fish and Game Club meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 PM at the Wilmot Public Library.