

Energy Efficiency And Sustainability in Andover Village

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Are you interested in the possibilities for energy efficiency and sustainability in Andover? AE/MS invites you to be part of the discussion. Come with ideas or just to listen.

Jeff Dickinson, an Andover resident, has managed off-grid energy sources in order to provide modern energy services throughout Asia. Jeff has some prac-

tical and exciting ideas to share.

Can improvements to the school (like student-built solar water heaters) be used as a basis for teaching students about energy and environmental sustainability?

You are welcome to attend a meeting in the AE/MS gym on Monday, June 20, at 6:30 PM.

Call AE/MS Principal Jane Slayton for more information at 735-5400. 

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her shoes: Shopping Spree at Math Night, Holiday Shoppe, Poetry Night, ... yikes!

Ms. Fitz

Gail Fitzpatrick started out at Andover Elementary/Middle School as Gretchen Hildebrand's student intern and stayed on to teach beginning in 1987. She was a natural in the classroom and excelled especially in teaching literature and writing. After a hiatus when she taught in Hillsboro, Gail returned to Andover and soon became a middle school literacy teacher.

During her career, she attained her

masters as a Reading Specialist and completed the Summer Invitational Institute of the Plymouth Writing Project. You have missed out if you have never read her prose or poetry. She has a gift for capturing vivid description and deep emotion on paper. We will miss Gail, with her quiet determination to reach all students and her sincere commitment to self-expression.

Please join the AE/MS community on Monday, June 20, at Bluewater Farm Lodge as we celebrate Ms. Fitz and Mrs. P. Please drop in between 3:30 and 5:30 PM. Tea and snacks will be served. 

topped pen. A few students also won these prizes for their dancing skills or ability to count to 10 in Spanish.

All teachers on lunch duty, and many staff volunteers, helped to make our Cinco de Mayo lunch a festive and fun success! A big thank you to all! 

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Bamba and The Latin Hustle.

At the start of lunch, each student received a sticker with a number, and all students who got a Cinco won either a chili pepper necklace or a maraca-

involvement is coming to a close. Mrs. Keezer is ready to move on to spend more time with her family as well.

The vision for the Andover One Wheelers for the near future is to continue as a unicycle club, with Learn-To-Ride and travel team practices under Mrs. Keezer's and Stephanie Peters' guidance. Parade appearances will be limited to those occurring during the school year, and Andover's Fourth of July parade.

It has been a great ride, literally. Andover can be proud of its team on one wheel. The riders' accomplishments of some 50 miles apiece per year on a unicycle is incredible. The opportunity to travel by plane, bus, and cruise ship to locations across the US, to Canada, and to The Bahamas is priceless. Many students would never have been able to visit the Everglades, the Grand Canyon, or Washington DC. The experiences they have enjoyed and the life lessons they have learned is something that can't be taken away.

A hearty "Thank You!" to the townspeople of Andover for their incredible support through the years. We look forward to a change in the economy that could make it possible once again for the Travel Team to take major trips to exotic locations. 

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paid for their appearance at the Concord Holiday Parade last November, a loss of nearly \$1,000 to the team. This has resulted in the team going into deficit during this trip for the first time in recent memory. Continued fundraising will be needed to pay back a few debts.

The final factor is the time commitment among coaches and family. The Andover One Wheelers traveling team is a year-round commitment, which all current and former members and families can attest to. With practice and learn-to-ride through the school year, parades all summer, and trip planning through the winter, not much time is spent on other family activities.

Coach Michelle Keezer has been a leader since the Fall of 2006. Prior to that, it was Shannon Gray; Marj and Reggie Roy; and Percy and Heather Hill, the group's founders. Throughout the 20 years of the travel team, untold nights, weekends, and holidays have been spent on the One Wheelers.

Lisa and I have worked hand-in-hand with Michele for the last five years. Our older daughter Megan was line leader during her last two years at AE/MS, and our 8th grade daughter Erin is the current leader. With Erin's graduation, our



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