

AE/MS NEWS



Back (l-r): Coach Nick Fairall, Kelsey Allen, Bailey Powers, Thaddeus Bicknell, Carl Hubbard, Emma Davis, Steven Hall, Ngawang Dickinson, Austin Hawks, Eli Shedd, and Jeff Bates. Middle: Annika Johnson, Kaitlyn French, Mackenzie Donovan, Taylor Duquette, Reilly Walsh, Josiah Wagner. Front: Curtis Chamberlain, Cope Makechnie, Alicia Barry, Griffin Merriman, Noah Berry, Kevin Barry, Jared Duquette.

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- Steven Hall
- Jeff Bates
- Thaddeus Bicknell
- Austin Hawks
- Bailey Powers
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- Eli Shedd
- Josiah Wagner
- Emma Davis
- Reilly Walsh
- Kaitlyn French
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Even the weather this year, with all the rain, could not dampen the spirits of the athletes. They practiced and ran many meets in rainy, cloudy weather. Every member of the team improved in

whatever event they competed in.

This year a select few from the team were able to compete at the state level in the small-school division. The small-school division consists of 17 schools. The top 24 from schools around the state compete in their events.

AE/MS walked away from the state meet with great success. Our ladies relay team, consisting of Cope Makechnie, Alicia Barry, Bailey Powers, and Kelsey Allen, came in fifth out of 17 teams. The Eagle boys relay team placed fourth out of 17 teams. The boys team consisted of Jeff Bates, Thaddeus Bicknell, Austin Hawks, and Reilly Walsh.

The following list shows the event and our placements. It is based on 24 participants from around the state.

- Austin Hawks: 11th, long jump
- Thaddeus Bicknell: 5th, boys high jump
- Kelsey Allen: 5th, girls high jump
- Ngawang Dickinson: 6th, boys shot put
- Taylor Duquette: 7th, girls shot put
- Alicia Barry: 8th, girls 1,600 meter
- Bailey Powers: 1st, girls 200 meter
- Alicia Barry: 1st, girls 100 meter
- Jeff Bates: 1st, boys shot put
- Jeff Bates: 1st, boys discus

By Jane Slayton
Principal, AE/MS

AE/MS school nurse Christine Frost trained and certified both eighth grade classes in CPR through the American Heart Association before the school year ended. Students had received First Aid certification previously.

The kindergarten students participated in a graduation ceremony on June 13 and magically became first grade students when sprinkled with special glitter by Mrs. Pellegrino. Parents and friends were greatly entertained by the students as they performed *The Three Piggy Opera*. Cupcakes and punch were enjoyed after the ceremony.

Kindergarten teacher Mrs. Pellegrino graduated her last class from AE/MS. She has been the only kindergarten teacher that Andover Elementary students have known, as Mrs. Pellegrino was the first teacher when the school district began a public kindergarten program. AE/MS faculty members Jane Slayton, Gretchen Hildebrand, and Julie Gaudette sprinkled Mrs. Pellegrino with special glitter as part of her own graduation from AE/MS kindergarten and presented her with flowers. Mrs. Pellegrino, Mrs. Fadden, parents, and students went to Squam Lake Science Center the following day.

Thirty-two eighth grade students graduated from AE/MS on June 16.

Many of them will go in different directions for their secondary education. Staff members would agree that this was a very special group of students, and their absence will certainly be noticed. It will be interesting for us to follow their educational and career paths.

The last school day was June 17, and although outdoor field events were hampered by the rain, the day was still packed with fun, celebration, and farewells. The AE/MS PTO and our school kitchen staff put on a feast for students, staff members, and volunteers. Snow cones are always a treat, and this year ice cream cones were an added surprise!

Andover's Long Tail Monkeys once again performed to close out the school year. Logan Marcus, Max Barrett, Sam Barrett, and Tyler Holman are absolutely amazing. They are our favorite rock band! Mr. Hubert was invited to play with the band.

Andover Idol winners performed, and several students were recognized for perfect attendance. Thanks and gratitude were shared with students, staff members, and volunteers. Good-byes were said to Mrs. Pellegrino and Ms. Fitzpatrick, both of whom are retiring this year.

The AE/MS school doors will open again on Monday, August 29, to welcome a new school year!

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Students participating were Erin Hanscom, Bailey Powers, and Jacqui Morris on clarinets; Cope Makechnie on bass clarinet; Nick Terwilliger and Max Barrett on saxophones; Alicia Barry on baritone horn; Jeff Bates, Eli Shedd, Kevin Barry, and Will Cox on drums and percussion; and Logan Marcus on guitar and percussion. We were also happy to be joined on the flute by AE/MS alumna Becca Lance.

The end of the school year is always a time of joy tinged with a hint of sadness as we say goodbye to our eighth graders who are moving on to new heights in high school. The following Band/Chorus students will surely be missed: Erin

Hanscom, Bailey Powers, Alyson Mullett, Nick Terwilliger, Vincent Bolte, Alicia Barry, Jeff Bates, Eli Shedd, and Molly Comrie. Most have been a part of the AE/MS music program since fourth grade and have gone from beginners to proficiency on their instruments. We wonder where they will take it next.

Finally, Nick Terwilliger played *May the Force Be With You* at the Eighth Grade Graduation Ceremony on June 16. Nick has a knack for making good programming choices – he suggested the arrangement of *Peace Of Mind* for the Middle School Band – and I would like to join him in wishing this year's AE/MS eighth graders the best of luck and good fortune ... and "May the force be with you!"

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