

AE/MS NEWS

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If you heard the ice cream truck's bells and music you weren't imagining it. An old fashioned ice cream truck visited AE/MS on Thursday afternoon, September 1, as part of a new school year celebration. In addition to the ice cream treats there was a BBQ for students, staff members, and families. Helping to rock in the new school year was everyone's favorite band, the Long Tail Monkeys. And as if that weren't enough, there was Zumba dancing for all.

The building has had several improvements made and is ready for the new school year. The ugly, cracked linoleum ramp going to the cafeteria has been replaced with carpet. It looks really nice and is much safer. Several rooms have been painted and ceiling tiles replaced. The primary boys' bathroom has an incredible new space mural painted on the wall, thanks to Caroline Pond, a former AE/MS student. You'll have to check it out. Mrs. Parenteau has had a total office makeover. Stop in and see!

The school garden has been lush and productive all summer and is still producing. Our school lunch program will benefit. If you have extra fruits and vegetables in your gardens, we are always happy to use them in the lunch program.

The cafeteria also has a new wall painting of the recently released USDA Food Plate. The Food Plate reminds us that half our plate should be fruits and vegetables. It is a goal of ours to improve the eating habits and healthy food choices of our students. Patty Pond volunteered her talents and painted the Food Plate.

Yoda has appeared over the summer. He is painted on the wall in the school somewhere. Can you find him?

Andover Eagle soccer players have already started practicing. Be sure to catch a game this fall!

Kindergarten Orientation was August 26. Children and parents were able to visit the kindergarten classroom, tour the building, become more comfortable with the teachers, meet other kindergarten families and, of course, ride the bus!

Many important dates are scheduled for September. The 1st through 4th Grade Open House is Thursday, September 22. The 5th through 8th Grade Open House is Thursday, September 8. School pictures will be taken on Wednesday, September 14.

I enjoy the fall season and the start of a new school year. I love the fact that students and staff have an opportunity to start fresh every year. We are really looking forward to a great school year. Please stop in and visit and see some of the changes.

THE AE/MS EAGLE CODE

Always be Respectful
Everyone is Responsible
Make Good Choices
Safety: First, Last, and Always



New AE/MS kindergarten teacher Laura Witt was busy last week preparing for the arrival of 24 five year olds. She was very excited to meet her new students and their families.
Staff photo: Charlie Darling



August 23 was Freshman Orientation at MVHS. Among the Andover class of 2015 on hand were (top photo, l-r) Nicole Barton, Jessica Heath, Hannah Munson, and Shelby Perreault; (right photo) Vincent Bolte, Dustin Holmburg, Eli Shedd, Fiona White, Taylor Duquette, and (front) Beven O'Donnell.



Photo: Doreen Perreault

Watch Out For School Buses!

Please keep our students safe! Remember these important safety rules:

Stop For School Buses!

School bus yellow caution lights come on at least 100 feet before a planned stop. Watch out for students who may cross the street before the red lights start flashing.

School bus red lights mean **traffic in both directions must stop!** **Never** pass a stopped school bus on the right!

Violations Can Be Costly

Being convicted of ignoring a school bus' flashing red lights can mean up to \$1,000 in fines and suspension of your license for 30 days.

Being convicted of passing a stopped school bus on the right can cost you up to \$1,200 and up to a 120-day suspension.

And who knows how much it will cost you in increased auto insurance premiums, and for how long!



Proctor Academy Launches New School Web Page

Proctor Academy press release

Proctor Academy is excited to announce the launch of a new academic Web page that will highlight the school's academic mission and extensive curriculum. Contributions on a regular basis from students, faculty, and the communications department will allow readers

to follow the varied learning experiences, both on and off campus, available to students at Proctor Academy through blogs, pictures, video, and highlighted student/faculty spotlights. Be sure to visit ProctorAcademy.org in the coming weeks to watch as this new dynamic resource evolves.