



The AE/MS second grade held an evening Authors Tea to celebrate the wonderful job they did writing their partner fairy tales. In this photo, Damien Fuller reads his fairy tale to his grandparents, to whom he dedicated the book.

Photo: Gretchen Hildebrand

## Young AE/MS Authors Celebrate With A Tea

By Joy Annas  
AE/MS Librarian

Second graders here at AE/MS have a right to be proud of themselves as well as of their teachers, Gretchen Hildebrand and Mike Jensen. A student from one class partnered up with a student from the other class to brainstorm ideas, compose, and illustrate their own books.

This process took many weeks and cooperative effort from the second grade authors. These wonderful books

were displayed in the library prior to our Author's Tea on May 8 and 9. Parents and relatives were invited to come to the library either Monday morning or Tuesday evening to have students share and read their books.

Refreshments were offered and shared by all. It was truly a celebration, and seeing how the students beamed as they shared their books and the proud smiles on the adult faces ... priceless!



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## AE/MS NEWS

By Jane Slayton  
AE/MS Principal

May was a month for formal assessments: fourth and eighth grade students took the NECAP science test, followed by students in grades two through eight being administered NWEA testing. State testing is over now until next October.

NWEAs, which are much less time consuming than NE-CAPs, will be administered again at the start of the new school year. As a school, we find the NWEA information useful and are able to access the student data almost immediately after administration.

### College Awareness Day

AE/MS students experienced their first College Awareness Day this spring. The day started with music as the Beach Boys' *Be True to Your School* could be heard throughout the building. Staff members wore college alma mater t-shirts, sweatshirts, or pins and took a few minutes in each class period talking about what college they chose and why. A panel discussion was held for the older students.

The day ended with two of our local high school seniors, Megan Hanscom and Michaela Trefethen, both of whom are graduating from Proctor, telling the students where they would be attending college in the fall and a bit about their planned course of study.

### School Gardens

Our courtyard area went through a transformation over the last few days. Our vegetable gardens already have new green sprouts of life popping up amidst decorative flowers. Kat Darling and a few students tackled the garden beds on SHARE Day.

In addition, the eighth grade students planted annuals among the perennials bordering the stone wall. They also planted flowers around some of the trees in the courtyard.

But the biggest change occurred with Breanna Davis' senior project at Proctor. A beautiful garden is now situated in the corner of the front entrance. There are flowering bushes and perennials and it

all came together in one day.

Breanna will also be labeling the flowering plants so the students will learn both the common and scientific names for them. It is truly professional landscaping work. Many local businesses made donations toward the garden, and we are grateful for that. Stop



AE/MS fourth graders Trever Lima, Tori Braley, Chase Keyser, and Ronan Walsh rehearse *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. The play will be presented on Friday, June 8, at 1:30 and 7 PM. All are welcome.

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by and enjoy our gardens!

### Rock 'N Race

AE/MS had a large team run in the Rock N' Race in May. In addition to having a pleasurable evening, the team also raised over \$1,200 for the Payson Cancer Center in Concord. Thanks to all who participated!

The AE/MS track team just finished a successful season. A track celebration was held at the end of May which included parents and athletes. Maybe you'll get a chance to see our track superstars in the Andover Fourth of July Firecracker 5K footrace.

The AE/MS Band will be performing once again in the Wilmot Memorial Day Observance. This has become a nice tradition. The band will play in the Wilmot Community Association barn and then march to the monument. Former band members are also joining the group.

### Theater At AE/MS

Two AE/MS theatrical productions are currently in progress. The second grade classes have been working on a musical titled *The Box*, which can be seen on Monday, June 11, at 9:30 AM.

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