



AE/MS eighth graders studied the civil rights movement then created posters to express what they had learned about tolerance.

AE/MS Students Illustrate Tolerance With Posters

By Andover Middle School teachers
"Compassion and tolerance are not a sign of weakness, but a sign of strength." Tenzin Gyatso

During the second half of the second trimester, Mrs. Lemeris's eighth grade reading class was preparing to read the book *Roll Of Thunder, Hear My Cry* by Mildred D. Taylor. This Newbery Award-winning novel is about a black family living in Mississippi in the early 1930s and is narrated by the only daughter, nine-year-old Cassie. Before reading the book, the class read several non-fiction pieces about the Civil Rights Movement and the participants in this movement. They also viewed a documentary film about the era, and they discussed the importance of tolerance and how they could promote tolerance.

After completing the book, students were instructed to create a poster that made a statement about tolerance. Mrs. Lemeris asked art teacher Mrs. DeMinico for her assistance with this project.

In addition to helping students with their artwork, Mrs. DeMinico led a discussion about ethical behavior – respect, honesty, responsibility, fairness, and compassion. Both students and teachers concluded that ethical behavior leads to the next step, which is moral courage, and that a person who takes a risk of significant danger to help mankind

has moral courage. With these ideas in mind, the class began the project.

During the next week, the students designed their posters with a target audience in mind and with an understanding that the message of a poster must be clear to the viewers. Students were required to present a rough draft of their posters to the class. At that time they willingly helped each other revise and fully develop their ideas.

Mrs. DeMinico stated, "It is an important part of the process of art for students to show empathy toward each other." Mrs. DeMinico would stop in daily to check on the students' progress, critique their work, and bring in supplies for them to use.

When the posters were complete, students presented their final work to the class, explaining their target audience, the materials used, and what inspired their design. Mrs. Braley then laminated and framed the posters, and they are now ready to be shared with others.

Mrs. Lemeris and Mrs. DeMinico are very proud of these students, who embraced this "real world" experience and who demonstrated ethical behavior in their thoughtful thinking and in their collaboration with each other. They would also like to thank Mrs. Slayton and Mrs. Braley for their support in this project.

Proctor Girls Lacrosse Players Honored

Proctor Academy press release

Meaghan Sheehy of Wilmot, a sophomore attack on Proctor Academy's varsity girls lacrosse team, has been named as a 2012 Brine National High School All-American and has been selected to represent the New England Region in the 2012 Brine National Lacrosse Classic to be held in Boyds, Maryland on June 30 through July 3. The Brine National Lacrosse Classic brings the top 160 high school underclassmen lacrosse players in the country to one venue, where eight regional

teams compete to become the 2012 National Champion.

From the May 17 Concord Monitor

Proctor Academy's girls lacrosse team honored its four seniors, including Andover's Breanna Bonewald, prior to its final home game of the season, a 15-5 win over Vermont Academy. With a 9-4-1 record, Proctor heads into its final two games looking to secure the best record the team has posted in the past decade.

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Andover Student Receives Good Citizenship Award

By Chuck Will
 Proctor Academy

Michaela Trefethen, daughter of Amy and Mike Rheaume of Andover, received the Good Citizenship Award from the Mercy Hathaway White Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Presenting the award in Proctor's all-school assembly on May 3, Phil Goodnow cited the criteria of "dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism."

A high honor roll student throughout her career at Proctor, Michaela has volunteered extensively at Proctor, at Proctor's Day Care, and for local elementary school children. She offers a free summer reading program for local children, and she spent the month of May on a Senior Project teaching sign language



Phil Goodnow presented a DAR Good Citizenship Award to Michaela Trefethen. Photo: Chuck Will

to first graders at Andover Elementary/Middle School.

Congratulations, Michaela!

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