



EAVP's Harvest Fundraiser at Jake's was a big success! They sold many delicious, homemade baked goods along with pumpkins, mums, and bales of hay. The picture includes Andy Guptill (father of student), Nicole Barton (aunt of student), Sarah Gilman (mother of students and Board Member), and EB Perry (mother of student and Board Member).

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East Andover Village Preschool

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October has been a busy month at the East Andover Village Preschool (EAVP). It seems like almost every week we've been out and about in the community.

EAVP families kicked off the month with the annual Harvest Fundraiser, a bake goods and pumpkin sale at Jake's Market. Thank you to all of those who tasted some of the delicious goodies or purchased a pumpkin, as well as to all the parents who baked for and staffed the event. Your support means so much to the school.

We also would like to extend a big thank you to Peter Zak and Mary Lloyd-Evans from Highland Lake Apple Farm. After having to reschedule our trip a few times due to rain, both the Preschool I and Preschool II groups had a wonderful time.

One of our favorite parts was helping Mr. Zak make apple cider. The students were able to help add apples to the cider press and watch as the cider was being made. We also each got a taste of the freshly-made cider, and of course we all brought home a few delicious apples as well!

Because many of the preschool

students have been very interested in building and construction, we spent two weeks using construction as the focal point. We explored the many aspects of construction through our everyday learning. Some of the favorite activities included painting like a bulldozer and building with blueprints. Students also shared everything they knew about building and what they would choose to build their houses with.

From construction we moved into fire safety. Thank you to Andy Guptill and Mark Perry for showing us the East Andover Fire Department and sharing with us all of your knowledge.

To end the month, students were welcomed to dress up in their Halloween costumes and parade to a couple of locations near the school to Trick or Treat.

In November, we will once again ask families to share their favorite stories with the preschool. Last year, we really enjoyed having family members join in our morning meeting and read to us. It's always exciting to have a new face in the classroom! We are also beginning to plan our annual Grandparent Event. How exciting it will be to show all these special people around our classroom!



Andover Recreation Soccer

By Nicole Donovan
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As October 21 rolled around, so did the end of the Andover Recreation Soccer season. And what a season it has been!

Every Saturday morning, there were 20 first and second graders diligently practicing their skills at Blackwater Field with Bruce Clough. The boys and girls learned dribbling and passing skills and ended their season in a heated game against their parents. I want to thank Bruce, Chris Buswell, and all the parents who helped Bruce keep all those eager soccer players focused at nine o'clock on a Saturday morning.

The third and fourth grade boys and girls wrapped up their season on October 13. Both teams had a chance to play nine games this year, giving them quite a bit of game experience.

Before the season started, it didn't look like we were going to have a coach for the third and fourth grade girls, but Emily Furtkamp and Jen Bent volunteered to help out, which was a huge blessing for the girls team. I ran a combined practice with all the third and fourth graders after school on Thursdays, so there were quite a few boys-against-girls scrimmages and much friendly competition.

The fifth and sixth grade boys and girls participated in their season-ending tournaments on October 21. Andover had the opportunity this year to host the boys tournament for the Merrimack Valley Soccer League A Division (Andover, Penacook, Boscawen, Salisbury/Webster, and New London Royal). It was a hard-fought battle, with Salisbury/Webster taking first and Andover finishing fifth. The boys will get a second chance for redemption when they play the same teams (Loudon instead of New London) at the Merrimack Valley Cup on the 28.

The fifth and sixth grade girls traveled to Warner this year and competed against three other teams in their tournament. They all played hard, consistently beating the other team to the ball, and the girls placed first, bringing home a trophy and individual

medals. The girls will also be playing in the MV Cup and hoping to repeat their excellent performance.

I would like to thank Brian Kellogg for heading up the boys team with the help of Doug Bent and Dave Powers. They enjoyed a winning season at 7-3-1. I also want to thank Claudio Marcus for coaching the fifth and sixth grade girls. He had a small team to work with this season, but with every game, the girls came out to play and played to win.

Another important aspect to our program is the referees. We wouldn't be able to host home games without them. A special thank you goes out to Leighton Terwilliger for refereeing all but two of the fifth and sixth grade home games. Alan Hanscom filled in where needed, and Claudio Marcus did double duty again this season, coaching and refereeing. Leighton and Claudio also mentored our newest referees, Mackenzie Donovan and Hannah Munson. These ladies did a great job in their first year, and we hope to have them back again next year.

Congratulations, Andover, on a season well done!

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