



Grandparents Thanksgiving at AE/MS (clockwise from top left): Eighth grader and student council member Carl Hubbard has his picture taken with his grandparents, Stan and Bonnie Lockwood.

Curtis Chamberlin, AE/MS eighth grader, poses with his grandmother, Nancy Abbott.

Fourth grader James Clough poses with his grandfather, Frank Jurta. Ryan and Chloe Methven enjoy Grandparents Thanksgiving at AE/MS with their grandmother, Sandy Methven.

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Andover Eighth Graders To Visit MVHS

Class of '17 plans a smooth transition to high school

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On December 12, AE/MS eighth graders went on a field trip to visit Merrimack Valley High School. Rebecca Kennedy, the new 9th grade MVHS School Counselor, along with other counselors and a few teachers, greeted students in the auditorium. They explained course requirements and school policies. They also described electives and what sports are offered at MVHS as well as extracurricular clubs and organizations. Plenty of time was available for questions to be asked.

After this presentation, MVHS student council members were tour guides and showed Andover eighth graders the

9th grade wing, library, cafeteria, workout room, Wellness Center, guidance and nurse's offices, as well as going into available classrooms.

Following the tour, students returned to the auditorium, where a panel of current MVHS students from Andover answered questions provided by our eighth graders. This provided our students with the chance to ask about transitioning from a small to a large school, what they found most difficult about the transition, meeting new people from different towns, the absence and tardy policies, and the many benefits of going to MVHS.

After our time at MVHS, Andover students continued the long-held tradition with Mr. Tucker of stopping for Dunkin' Donuts before returning to AE/MS.



Too Good To Throw Away? **ANDOVER YANKEE TRADER!**



Bring your skis, friends and family and join us for an evening of skiing and celebration at Proctor's Ski Area on Saturday, February 9 from 5:00-8:30pm. You will enjoy great snow and terrain under the lights! Fires will be blazing both in and outside Yarrow's Lodge, where we'll serve you and your friends a hearty meal. Experience the trail improvements completed over the last three years. Come "ski" for yourself!

RSVP to Bonny Morris at 603-735-6267 or email events@proctornet.com.