



The AE/MS track team.

Photo: Jennifer Bent

AE/MS Track Season is Off and Running

By Andover Athletic Department

The school year seems to be flying by, which means we are gearing up to start the track season. The season began with our first practice on March 25. Grades six through eight will be representing the school at four meets this year.

Coach Nick Fairall will be returning to Andover for his fourth season with the team. With his great energy and knowledge of the sport, the athletes are sure to soar this year. Coach Fairall motivates students in a fun fashion that makes getting fit for track an enjoyable experience. The school is truly honored to have him be a part of the team.

Coach Fairall has been joined by two assistant coaches and one returning Andover alumna. Coach Virginia Clabby will be helping out for a second year.

She is a former student athlete from Merrimack Valley track. Coach Clabby continues to be a great support of skills and talent to help bring the best out of the athletes at Andover.

Coach Brian Reynolds is an avid runner who competes in many events

AE/MS Track Schedule

April 19: Bow
 May 1: Merrimack Valley
 May 6: Bow
 May 16: Belmont
 All meets start at 4 PM.

himself, including this year's Boston Marathon, and he has brought that experience to the team.

An alumna of AE/MS, Maddy Pfeifer, has given up time from her spring break help Coach Fairall prepare the team members and motivate them to set goals and reach for them.

Check the school Web site for updates of the team's success and changes in the schedule. Go, Eagles!



The AE/MS morning kindergarteners helped raise money and awareness for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

AE/MS Students Raise Over \$1,500 for Leukemia Society

Students donate their prizes to the Society, too.

By Christine Frost
 AE/MS School Nurse

Students at AE/MS collected \$1,587.70 in a three-week Pennies for Patients program for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS) is dedicated to funding blood cancer research and providing education and patient services. The mission of LLS is to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease, and myeloma; and to improve the quality of life of patients and their families.

The AE/MS Student Council coordinated this community service project. They encouraged their peers to donate spare change by hanging posters, making daily announcements, and organizing spirit days that would allow students to wear a hat in school for \$1, or use their iPod at lunch for \$2.

As a reward for fundraisers' efforts, LLS offers a pizza party to the class that raises the most money and a \$75 gift certificate to any school that raises

more than \$1,500. The students at AE/MS chose to donate the cost of the pizza party and gift certificate back to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

The following classrooms raised between \$100 and \$199 and will receive a Bronze pennant for their classroom: Kindergarten, Mrs. Bent's first grade, Ms. Hildebrand and Mr. Jensen's sec-



The AE/MS Student Council spearheaded a Pennies for Patients drive that raised over \$1,500 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

ond grades, Mrs. Peters and Mr. Hubbard's third grades, Mrs. LaRoche's fourth grade, and Mrs. Kidane's fifth grade. Mr. Murphys sixth grade class raised \$253.95 and will receive a Silver Pennant.

Congratulations to all – Every Penny Counts!

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Jessica George of Andover, Proctor '12, is now a freshman at Johnson and Wales University in Providence, where she starts at first base for the softball team. In an April 22 conference double-header, Jessica had an RBI hit in the first game and in the second game broke a 2-2 tie with a two-run homer. The Wildcat's 4-2 victory wrapped up the regular season with a 24-16 record and a berth in the conference quarterfinals.