

MVHS Honor Roll

2012-2013 • Year-End • Andover Students

2013 • High Honors

- Ethan Barton
- Kristi Perreault
- Daiquiri Przybyla

2013 • Honors

- Jason Ashburn
- Timothy Bates
- Jenna Davis
- Timothy Grover
- Brian Jackson
- Alexis King
- Mariah Lansdown
- Marissa Laro

2014 • High Honors

- Rebekah Stearns

2014 • Honors

- Katelyn Ashburn

- Brooke Ellis
- Skyler Smith

2015 • Honors

- Nicole Barton
- Vincent Bolte
- Jacob Chaplain
- Ngawang Dickinson
- Shannon Haley
- Austin Hawks
- Alyson Mullett
- Shelby Perreault
- Meghan Richardson
- Elijah Shedd

2016 • Honors

- Adrian Bolte
- Alyssa Smith
- Benjamin Yusko

AE/MS Playground Gets Updates

Gaga Ball may be coming soon

By Jane Slayton, AE/MS principal

A few improvements have been made to the AE/MS playground over the summer, and more will follow.

Students will notice right away that the zip line has been fixed! It had been frozen in one place, but Jerry Riel, AE/MS custodian, took apart the element and replaced the stuck wheels with skateboard wheels. Now it flies across!

A tether ball game has now been installed to the left of the swing set. Twenty cubic yards of playground chips have been delivered and were spread before students arrived.

A Gaga Ball pit may be the next addition. Gaga Ball is a fun and competitive game that anyone can play, regardless of age. Gaga Ball is played in an octagon or hexagon structure. The object is to hit, or slap, the ball (not throw it) into another player's leg. It must hit at the knee or below to get someone out. It is almost like dodge ball, but with boundaries and a wooden structure to bounce balls off of, adding an additional element of fun. Many AE/MS students have played it at summer camps and brought it to our attention. Check it out at TinyURL.com/Beacon-Gaga.

In August, eighth grade students

helped to inflate new balls and load up the playground cart. There are new foam discs, ring toss games, and sidewalk chalk.

Of course, imagination is still a big part of recess, and you won't find that on the playground cart. There is sand to play in, fairy houses on site, and the opportunity to just run.

Students have many original games they create and play. Traditional kickball, basketball, and soccer are always popular, depending on the season. Touch football is played by older students, and tag is always part of recess.

All students, kindergarten through eighth grade, have recess at AE/MS. It is very important to get outside, get fresh air, exercise, and play. Performance in the classroom is improved by regular exercise. It is only the rare cold, wet, or icy day that keeps students in for recess.

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Andover Recreation Soccer

60 first- through sixth-graders to play this year

By Nicole Donovan

Director, Andover Recreation Soccer

School is starting, and so is the new soccer season for 60 Andover first-through sixth-grade students. Tuesday, September 3, marks the official start, and practices and games will be played at Howard George Field in Blackwater Park through Saturday, October 19.

Heading up the first and second grade co-ed group this year is Michelle Dudek. She will have 20 eager players on the field every Saturday morning from 8:30 to 10 AM. At this level, the focus is on basic ball handling skills, including dribbling and passing. There are sure to be a few scrimmages among all the kids.

At the third and fourth grade level, soccer skills are further refined and basic strategies are introduced to create offensive and defensive plays. This year,

the league has tacked on three extra games for this age group, adding to their game time experience. This season will find us with two co-ed teams, created to give all the kids optimal playing time. The teams will be coached by Brian Kellogg and Ty Davis.

When you get to the fifth and sixth grade level, the competition increases even more. Longer kicks, improved control, game strategy, and working as a team make for a faster, more skilled game. Goalkeeping is important, and learning to stay on-side is a challenge.

This season, Claudio Marcus is coaching a co-ed team made up of 12 girls and five boys. Co-ed teams in the Merrimack Valley Soccer League play against other boys teams, so this season should prove to be an exciting one!

Games are played on Tuesday evenings, on a few Fridays, and all day on Saturdays. Check MVSL.org to see the schedules, and come out to cheer on the kids!



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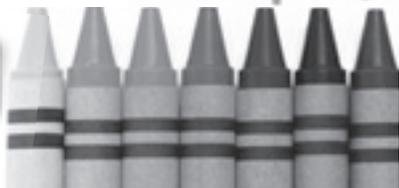
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