



Principal Jane Slayton, Ernie the Eagle, and eighth grade student Bret Russell (right) wish Nick Fairall luck as he heads off to the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi.
Photo: Jen Bent



Jake's Market can be jammed with Proctor students at lunchtime.

Photo: Chuck Will

Proctor Journalism Student Optimistic about "Town and Gown"

Residents' concern: safety crossing Main Street

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Having attended Proctor Academy for four years, I have had countless interactions with Andover townspeople. It was enrolling in journalism class that gave me the push to see what kind of reputation Proctor holds in the eyes of Andover residents and to write an article. Speaking with a handful of people at Jake's Market and Lake Sunapee

Bank, I now better understand Proctor's impact on the town of Andover.

Interviewing a few residents, three concerns kept surfacing: students crossing Route 11 safely, the crush of students in Jake's during lunch time, and the attitude a few students display when interacting with residents.

I first talked with a woman named Melissa. She's lived in Andover for 14 years and commented, "Students for the most part are very polite and respect-

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Gail Fitzpatrick, the new librarian at the Bachelder Library, read a "scary" book to the first graders. Ms. Fitzpatrick read "The Iciest, Diciest, Scariest Sled Ride Ever!" by Rebecca Rule, Andover resident Sheree Miller's sister. After hearing the story, everyone wanted to go sledding. We will be looking forward to our next visit from Ms. Fitz!
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AE/MS Throws Huge Send-Off for Nick Fairall

His trip to Sochi Olympics inspires all

Press release

Nick Fairall of Andover, winner of the US Olympic ski jumping trials and a member of the 2014 US Olympic ski jumping team, was celebrated at Andover Elementary/Middle School on January 17. Students in kindergarten through grade eight all had a role in the grand celebration.

Olympic music played in the background as the gym filled up with excited students, all wanting to share the morning with Nick and send him on his way to the Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia. The walls and doors were covered with posters, signs, and Olympic rings, all of which were colored and constructed by students.

Principal Jane Slayton welcomed Nick and shared that Nick sets a great

example for students as he diligently works toward his dream. "Nick, know that we will all be watching and cheering for you," Ms Slayton said. "We are your biggest fans. We will be with you at the top of the jump. We will be holding our breath as you soar through the air, and we will be cheering, screaming, dancing, and celebrating as you land."

The fourth grade students shared personal letters of inspiration with Nick and talked about how Nick has inspired them to work hard and follow their goals. Students in grade three talked about the qualities of an Olympian (all of which Nick has).

Seventh grade students presented Nick with a stack of "Good Luck" cards to pack and bring with him to Sochi. Second graders gave Nick a very creative travel guide, so that Nick would know about all that Sochi has to offer.

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Harlem Wizards Face Mr. Tucker in Benefit Basketball Game

Wednesday, February 5 at MVHS

Press release

The Harlem Wizards are coming to Merrimack Valley High School on Wednesday, February 5, at 7 PM to play in a trick basketball game with teachers from local schools. Teachers from Boscawen, Penacook, Webster, Salisbury, and Loudon, as well as Andover Elementary/Middle School's own athletic director, Jim Tucker, will play in the game.

Beyond the basketball court, the slam dunks, the fancy ball handling, and entertaining antics of the Harlem Wizards, there will be a meaningful outpouring of community support for a teenager who is battling cancer. All proceeds from the game will benefit the family of Haley Roy, a 16-year-old sophomore at Merrimack Valley High School who was recently diagnosed with lymphoma. The proceeds will help assist the family financially, as hospital

bills, weekly travels to Boston, overnight stays during chemo treatments in Boston, and unpaid time off from work are all beginning to take their toll on this amazingly strong family.

The Harlem Wizards have a unique mission: to create awe-inspiring events throughout the country. At a Harlem Wizards' game, fans will witness amazing basketball talent combined with hilarious comedy. It is a unique family event, where students, parents, teachers and the community can all laugh together.

The game includes an audience participation half-time show and a free autograph session at the end of the game. Harlem Wizard souvenirs and refreshments will be sold. Tickets are \$10 for students and \$12 for adults in advance, and will be \$2 additional at the door. Buy tickets at Alan's Restaurant, Capital Sporting Goods, or online at HarlemWizards.com. For more information contact Sue Gorham at SGorham@mv.k12.nh.us

