



Ari Perry and her dad Mark pedal their way to school together on Bike to School Day at AE/MS. Photo: Gretchen Hildebrand

Field Trips and Graduations Wrap Up the School Year at AE/MS

Gov. invited to speak at kindergarten graduation

By Jane Slayton, AE/MS Principal

The 2013-14 school year is winding down, and planning is underway for the 2014-15 school year. Field trips and

schedule will allow it.

Our eighth grade students will graduate the following evening on Thursday, June 19. The 18 students will move on to Merrimack Valley High School, Proctor Academy, and Bishop Brady High School. We will miss not having them part of day-to-day life at AE/MS because their presence has always been positive, helpful, and encouraging to the younger students.

At the same time, it will be enjoyable for us to watch and see what their presence at their new schools will look like, as they have the potential to go places and accomplish a lot. Their graduation is at 6:30 PM on the 19th, and a special graduation speaker is coming.

Another successful SHARE Day is in the books. We appreciate Gisela Darling and the many volunteers brought together for an enriching and fun day every spring for our students. AE/MS is fortunate.

The AE/MS Bike to School event has no age limits! Sadie Gilman, the very youngest Bike to School participant, enjoys a fruit snack upon arrival at AE/MS.

graduations are scheduled for June.

Our first-ever full-day kindergarten class will graduate on Wednesday, June 18. This will certainly be a big event! Governor Maggie Hassen has been invited to speak. We are hopeful that her

Big news – it did not rain on Bike To School Day this year! Over 100 students rode their bikes to school on May 7. Lots of bicycle traffic, fun, and excitement could be seen on both ends of the Rail Trail. Students reached their destination, parked their bikes, and came into the gym to enjoy music, fruit, and water See AE/MS on page 36



Jim Clough and Colin Coolidge were fascinated to learn the process of crafting Civil War figures on SHARE Day. Don Gould assisted Richard Brewster in the process. Mr. Brewster has an extensive collection that he is always willing to share. Photo: Heidi Unger

Wide Variety of Workshops Engage Students on SHARE Day

From Art through Zumba, it's tough to choose

By Jane Slayton, AE/MS Principal

AE/MS students enjoyed another wonderful SHARE (See How Arts Enrich Education) Day on March 16. Several new workshops were added for choices among the traditional favorites. Students spent the morning participating in engaging workshops. After lunch, the students came together for a presentation by the TIGER group from Plymouth State University.

SHARE Day would not be possible without the vast amount of support from the community. Gisela Darling has been the organizational genius behind SHARE Day for over 20 years. She gathers lots of help and support from within

the community.

The workshops for students in grades three through eight each last for two hours, although golf and fly fishing



One of over 100 photos that Mary Clough, Bruce Clough, and Garrett Niemyer took for the Beacon on SHARE Day. Photo: Mary Clough

are each double workshops. Students participate in two workshops.

Some of the offerings included: Bread Baking, Cake and Cupcake Dec- See SHARE Day on page 36



The AE/MS eighth grade students and their parents have done a lot of interesting fundraising over the years, but duct taping a teacher to the wall is a first. Mr. Jim "Good Sport" Tucker agreed to be adhered to the gym wall. Students, parents, and staff members bought strips of duct tape and worked together. The duct tape was all donated, so it was all profit and lots of fun! Front: Aiden Cox, Tiffany Poulin, Emily Bates, Katelyn Barton, Betsy Abrahamson, Finn Weber. Back: Collin O'Donnell, Chloe Methven, Scout Armstrong, Mr. Tucker, Alex Crucitti, Luke Weber, Noah Newton, Alan Thompson. Photo and caption: Jane Slayton