

Local Proctor Students Recognized for Many Achievements

Music, history, science,
drama, athletics ...

By Chuck Will, Proctor Academy

Five local students received honorary awards at Proctor's Commencement on May 31.

Already inducted into the National Honor Society, Sam Barrett received the Music Award for Outstanding Instrumental Contribution to Music Ensembles; the Charles A. Jones Outstanding Athlete Award; and the Citizenship Award.

Also a member of the National Honor Society, Nathan French received the Stanley V. Wright Award for Excellence

in History.

The Milligan Award for Excellence in Outdoor Science was presented to Jake Hubbard.

A member of both the National Honor Society and the National Art Honor Society, Emi Morison received the award for Excellence in Science, the Doc Howard Award for Sportsmanship, and the Robert Livingston Community Service Award.

Tucker Peters, formerly from Andover and now a resident of Danbury, received the Academy Theater Award for Excellence in Dramatic Performance.

Congratulations to all!



The AE/MS third grade successfully hatched four baby chicks, to the delight of the whole school.

MVHS Program Helps Students Transition to Adulthood

Gain work experience
and self-confidence

Press release

Representatives of local businesses and area agencies that host work sites for students in transition attended an appreciation event at Merrimack Valley High School. Students transitioning into adulthood gain valuable work experience, self-confidence, and life skills at these work sites. Tia Hoyt and Kodiak Rickards of Andover were each involved in the program.

Students, parents, educators, and work site hosts met one another at the event, and MVHS expressed appreciation for the sites involved.

The following locations have provided work sites for MVHS students this

school year:

- Friends of Forgotten Children
- Hannaford Supermarkets, Concord
- Havenwood-Heritage Heights
- Merrimack County Nursing Home
- Murray's Farms Greenhouses
- MVHS Food Service
- New Hampshire Audubon McLane Center
- Osborne's Agway, Concord
- Painted Blessings Ranch
- Pleasant View Center
- Pope Memorial SPCA
- Robert's Greenhouses

They are all greatly appreciated!

Please contact Elizabeth Jewell at 753-1427 or EJewell@MV.k12.nh.us, if you have any questions or are interested in hosting a work site in the future.



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AE/MS Third Graders Hatch Chicks in Research Project

Learn responsibility and
cooperation along the way

By the AE/MS third graders

Have you ever seen a chick hatching out of an egg? Well, read this article and you'll find out how AE/MS third graders did!

Mr. Hubbard's and Mrs. Peters' third grade classes have hatched baby chickens in Mr. Hubbard's third grade classroom. We hatched these eggs to gain responsibility. We had to make sure they were safe, which meant checking on them daily. We needed to do research, and we needed to cooperate. We ended our research at the end of April and started putting eggs in the incubator on May 14.

Research is hard, but fun. We think it is cool. First, we picked our groups, read the research, and took two-column notes. After that, we made PowerPoint presentations on our research and presented them to the classes. We learned how to research. We had a lot of fun doing it.

Getting prepared for the long road to success was hard work. We set up the forced air incubator and set it to the right temperature. The temperature should be 99.5 degrees. That's what it was, or something close to that.

It could've been bad, because we thought the incubator was a still air incubator, but it wasn't. The reason that it would've been bad is because all of the chicks would've died.

Thankfully, we figured out we had a

forced air incubator. We put in the eggs. We couldn't wait for them to hatch!

In the classroom, a chick is hatching. We heard peeping, then we saw a hole in one of the eggs.

When the chick gets out of its egg, it flops and trips a lot. Six hatched; four lived, and two died.

It takes three weeks for a chicken to fully develop. It takes about a day for a chick to get out of its egg shell. Watching chicks hatch is exciting.

The chickens have a new home – the brooder. In the brooder, we can see them clearly as glass because the roof is made of chicken wire.

The chickens have been eating and drinking. It's good, because they're going to grow up to be healthy egg layers or roosters.

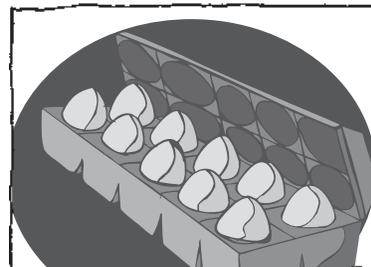
The principal said on the intercom, "The third grade chickens have hatched!" Because of that, the third grade has gotten a lot of student visitors to look at the chickens. It's fun to have chickens in the classroom; it makes us excited to come to school each day.

Working together to hatch chicks was a lot of fun, because in the end, it all went well. It may have been fun, but it was hard work, too. We had to do lots of research and editing. Our teacher had never hatched eggs before, so we taught our teacher.

In the end, we saw a little crack, and it turned into a little chick. Our research paid off.

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