



## 17 AE/MS Students Had Perfect Attendance

Healthy, hard-working kids set the pace

By Jane Slayton, AE/MS principal

The following students all have at least one thing in common: Damien Jenifer (kindergarten), Kaden Fanny (first grade), Brandon Dukette (third), Olivia Glines (third), Kalee Keyser (third), Shannen O'Donnell (fourth), Aaron Weeks (fourth), Colin Coolidge (fifth), Kyleigh Fanny (fifth), Hannah Asbury (sixth), Madalyn Goodwin (sixth), Ryelle Jenifer (sixth), Camden Donovan (seventh), Ezra Jenifer (seventh), DJ Rankins (seventh), Collin O'Donnell (eighth), and Alan Thompson (eighth). These 17 students did not miss one single day of school for the 2013-14 school year. In fact, several of the students have not missed a school day for several years!

They are also students who are active in sports, the spring play, and other activities beyond their school day. The students in the play were here several nights a week until 5 or 6 PM. Several of the students played sports both in our community and outside as part of travel teams.

It is pretty amazing when you know that they have been exposed to all the same germs and illnesses as everyone else. They are a healthy bunch! I especially want to learn some healthy tips from the Jenifer and Fanny families. It is pretty impressive that all of the chil-

dren in the family never missed a day. I guess the same could be said for Olivia, Aaron, Colin, Madalyn, DJ, and Alan.

Brandon Dukette hasn't missed a school day since he started kindergarten, and he is now going into the fourth grade! Kyleigh Fanny has also had four years of perfect attendance. Kaden Fanny, now entering second grade, has never missed a day of school since he started kindergarten.

Eighth grade students Collin O'Donnell and Alan Thompson both finished with perfect attendance this year. I wonder if they will continue that pattern through their Merrimack Valley High School years? Both of the graduates participated in numerous extracurricular sports and activities in addition to their academic load, and balanced it all. Collin has not missed a day of school since he started at AE/MS in the sixth grade.

This is an impressive number of students to have perfect attendance – 17! I have talked with other school principals who find this fascinating, because they don't see it at their schools.

The students were presented gift certificates to Pizza Chef. They were also invited to ring the bell during the Fourth of July festivities, which is quite an honor.

Congratulations to the 17 healthy, hard-working students! I hope they each enjoy a well-deserved summer break.



In June, Tori Braley, Ryelle Jenifer, and Hannah Asbury threw themselves into the final music project for the AE/MS sixth grade, which was to create a music video. The completed videos were very entertaining and enjoyed by the other students.  
Photo: Molly Kidane



A crowd of several hundred, including Proctor students, Andover Fire department volunteers, and a news crew from WMUR, gathered in Proctor's Farrell Field House to celebrate Andover's first annual St. Baldrick's Day event on March 29. Participants raised over \$30,000 to fight childhood cancers by having their heads shaved.

## Final Tally: St. Baldrick's Event Topped \$30,000!

March event benefits fight against childhood cancers

Press release

A student group from Proctor Academy, led by head athletic trainer Chris Young, organized Andover's first annual St. Baldrick's Day event in March as part of Proctor's Project Period week. Recently, the final fundraising tally for the event came in and totaled \$30,271!

While Proctor organized the event, it

was through the efforts of the Andover Fire Department, the Andover branch of Lake Sunapee Bank, and countless others in town (like the *Beacon's* Charlie Darling) that such a significant amount of money was raised to support childhood cancer research. There's video of the event at [TinyURL.com/qxzzanb](http://TinyURL.com/qxzzanb).

Thank you to everyone who helped make the event so meaningful, and we hope you start thinking about being a part of the event next year!



(Above) Brandon Babbitt, a rising sophomore from Andover at MVHS, drives a carpet-cleaning machine while David McCarthy of Salisbury minds the cord. Brandon has volunteered at AE/MS during the summer to fulfill the MV community service requirement. David, an '08 graduate of MVHS currently enrolled at Granite State College, is a classroom aide during the school year at AE/MS and helps out with special education.

(Below) Mike W. Langlois of Andover ripped out carpet and installed tile in five classrooms at AE/MS this summer. He's shown here filling a 2.5' sag in the floor before prepping it to receive the new tiles.

The project was especially meaningful for Mike because his daughter, Desiree Langlois, and his grandsons, Anthony and Dylan Hammond, all attend AE/MS.  
Photos: Charlie Darling

