



Gail Parenteau, administrative assistant at AE/MS, was honored as an All-Star Educator by the New Hampshire Lottery and the New Hampshire Motor Speedway. Photo: Charlie Darling

Gail Parenteau Recognized in All-Star Educator Award Contest

Educator hero at AE/MS since 1985

Press release

Gail Parenteau recently received runner-up recognition for the 2014 New Hampshire Lottery and New Hampshire Motor Speedway (NHMS) All-Star Educator Award Contest. Gail was nominated by Principal Jane Slayton because she knew Gail was deserving of such an honor.

In an effort to recognize schools' unsung heroes, the New Hampshire Lottery and NHMS asked school principals across New Hampshire in August

to nominate "All-Star Educators" who make a difference in the lives of students, staff, and family members.

There are many staff members at Andover Elementary/Middle School (AE/MS) whom Jane could have nominated for the "All Star" award, but she felt that there was one person above all who holds the school together and positively impacts all teachers, students, parents, and the community.

Gail Parenteau has been the "educator hero" at AE/MS since 1985. Things have changed within education and within AE/MS, but the one constant has
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AE/MS students enjoyed a celebration party for their participation in the Paws to Read Challenge over the summer months. Third and fourth grade students filled out an animal paw with the titles of books they read over the summer, and they were rewarded upon returning to school with a party including ice cream sundaes and games outside. Photo: Kristine Lane

AE/MS Students Get Free Flu Shots on October 9

Parents must return signed consent

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The flu season is upon us, and the best way to protect your family is with the annual flu vaccine. It is recommended everyone six months of age and older get the seasonal flu vaccine every year.

The flu can spread very quickly in schools, and young children and children with medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes can have serious problems if they get the flu. This year, AE/MS will be hosting its fourth an-

nual flu clinic, where students can get their flu vaccine at no cost on Thursday, October 9.

Parents must return a signed consent form to the school if their children are to be given the vaccine. At the clinic, children will be given the vaccine by trained medical professionals. Children will miss much less class time attending this clinic than if they came down with the flu and had to miss days of school.

It is disruptive when your children and teachers are out sick. We can all work together to keep our school healthy
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The new ga-ga pit at AE/MS, built by Belletetes and volunteers as part of the annual We Build It Forward event, is a huge hit with the kids. Ga-ga ("touch-touch" in Israeli) is a form of dodgeball played in a large octagonal or hexagonal corral, or ga-ga pit. Photo: Mike Wiley

New School Year Off to a Busy Start at AE/MS

First meeting of PTO is October 20

Jane Slayton, AE/MS Principal

It is Open House season! The Open House for families of fifth through eighth grade students was held on September 11 and was well attended. Families spent an hour in the classrooms, talking with teachers, learning about curriculum expectations, and ending the evening by winning fabulous prizes.

The Open House for families with children in kindergarten through grade

four was held on September 25. The elementary Open House is always an exciting night, as students enthusiastically and proudly "tour" their parents throughout the building and share their learning experiences. The elementary Open House ends with milk and cookies.

AE/MS Reads!

Many of our students participated in summer reading programs through the school and met their reading goals. I was also told that there was an increase
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Ms. Hildebrand's second graders had a great Luau Day. Back: Churchill Salathe, Jacob Demers, Cody Provost, Liam Murphy, Al Dudek, Garrett Barton, Ben Kelly, Wyatt Carleton. Front: Paige Makechnie, Julianna Champagne, Abby James Bentzler, Emma Chadbourne, Madison Hersey, Olivia James Bentzler. Photo: Gretchen Hildebrand