



Mike Wiley was one of 26 AE/MS staff and 103 students immunized against this year's flu bugs at AE/MS on October 9 (for the students) and October 16 (for the staff). Photo: Christine Frost

Students and Staff Get Flu Shots at AE/MS

Nearly 130 shots were given

Christine Frost, AE/MS nurse

Andover Elementary/Middle School held its fifth annual school-based flu clinic on October 9 for the students. From 9 to 10:30 AM, 103 students from kindergarten through eighth grade were immunized against the flu.

On October 16, 26 AE/MS staff members were vaccinated at the staff flu clinic.

The success of the school-based clinics comes from the convenience of it being held during regular school hours, eliminating missed class time for students and missed work time for parents and staff. Thank you to the New Hamp-

shire immunization program and the Capital Area Public Health Network for their assistance in making this program available to the children of AE/MS.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends a yearly flu vaccine as the first and most important step in protecting against flu viruses. The CDC also suggests that vaccination should begin soon after flu vaccine becomes available, ideally by October, to ensure that as many people as possible are protected before flu season begins.

Other defenses against the flu include good hand-washing, proper cough etiquette, as well as staying home when sick. Additional information on the 2014-2015 flu season can be found at CDC.gov/flu.

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and compared them to the attack on Pearl Harbor. The students engaged in a class discussion followed by the students creating an electronic slideshow.

The topic this year was "Why should these two dates never be forgotten?" The students formed great connections and presented a lot of great information.

Once again we had the great support

of Bill Leber, who donated four caps to the creators of selected stand-out presentations. This year it was extremely challenging to choose just four.

The following students won the honor of becoming owners of the remembrance caps:

- Kyleigh Fanny, sixth grade
- Garrett Munson, seventh grade
- Samantha Parkman, eighth grade
- Matt Bent, eighth grade

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ation Committee ski program available and affordable to Andover families. Sue Norris and Jen Hauser are managing the program this year. The first ski day is Friday, January 9, and it will run for five Fridays, weather permitting.

Students have the opportunity to ski or snowboard at Ragged Mountain Resort in Danbury. The Town provides bus transportation. Rental equipment is made available through Ragged Mountain Resort. Participating students will be dismissed from school early on Friday afternoons to participate in the Town program. Volunteers transport ski and snowboard equipment to the mountain and back to school again.

I can't imagine how many Andover

residents have learned to ski through this program over the years!

Soccer, cross country running, football, Andover Fire Station visits, Walk-to-School-Day, Annie auditions, incredible science activities, thoughtful writing, a Halloween play, Math Night, Book Fair, flu shots, art projects, publishing, music, and lots of reading and math work are just some of what AE/MS students have been enjoying this fall. AE/MS continues to be a very busy place!

VOTE

AE/MS • Nov 4

8AM - 7PM



A sure sign of fall is seeing the Andover Lions Club members at AE/MS conducting their annual vision and hearing screening. In this photo, Lions Club member Linda Kennedy administers hearing tests to second graders Logan Welch and Jacob Demers. Photo and caption: Jane Slayton



On October 15, AE/MS students and staff took advantage of the Northern Rail Trail right behind the school to participate in the international Walk to School Day. In this photo, third grade students Delaney Young, Chloe Colby, and Jason Koziel lead the group of third, fourth, and fifth grade students back to the school after walking from Potter Place. Awaiting them was fresh fruit, water, friends, and fun music. Photo: Robbie Schwendler, AE/MS student

HOLIDAY WREATHS - 2014

Andover Elementary / Middle School PTO will be selling holiday wreaths. Profits will go toward decorating all the town buildings and K-8 field trips.

If you would like to order a wreath, please fill out the form below and return it to the school before the Thanksgiving break. Wreaths can be picked up at the school on December 6 between the hours of noon and 3 PM. Orders can also be picked up anytime during the school week of December 8.

All wreaths are double-faced with an outside diameter between 22 and 25 inches. Decorated wreaths have red bows, holly berries, and pinecones.

Wreaths can be paid for when ordering or when you pick up. Checks can be written to Andover Elementary / Middle School.

If you have any questions, please call Jane Slayton at 735-5400.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Quantity

_____ 24" Wreath, plain - \$14

_____ 24" Wreath, decorated - \$16

_____ Total wreaths ordered _____ Total amount due

I'll pick up my order: _____ on Saturday, December 6, noon to 3 PM.
_____ during the school week of December 8.