



Brianna Keniston and Shawna Barton are displaying our Thanksgiving cornucopia. Their helpers are Declan Bison, Wyatt Barton, Isaac Norris, Fenn Davis, and Kyleigh Fanny. Photo: Diane Adams

Selina Jacobs Joins Andover Afterschool Staff

Diane Adams
Andover Afterschool Program

Happy Holidays everyone! We here at the Andover Afterschool Program want to thank everyone who participated in our fundraiser and donated to the food drive for the Andover Food Pantry. Every year we use the fundraiser money to replace broken or lost toys, games, and puzzles. We also replenish our outdoor toys and sleds. This was a big help.

We also had a group of older children accompany a staff member to the food pantry. This was a big treat, and they were all glad to help out families in need.

In November we made lots of turkeys, and a huge cornucopia was our

snack room display. Brianna Keniston and Shawna Barton were in charge of this one. The kids had fun coloring the fruits and vegetables for the cornucopia. We also read a lot of books on the meaning of Thanksgiving during read aloud time. The kids also had fun making pilgrim people for the display in the library.

The Andover Afterschool Program is proud to welcome Selina Jacobs to our staff. She has been an employee of AE/MS for two years and has gladly accepted a couple of afterschool days. The children all know her and are excited to have her with us.

Have a safe and prosperous holiday season. See you all next year. 

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cal, and other community volunteers.

Heather could not stress enough the need for these help organizations to work together to provide supplemental personnel for existing public health and emergency response teams.

Heather is also a member of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). This team educates people about disaster preparedness and trains them to help in all situations to the utmost of their ability.

Heather's smile lets you know personally her sense of pride in her community and her joy in working with the other volunteers. For her, the community would be non-existent without the volunteers who provide so many services.

"Volunteerism is 90% of the vital life force of our community, without

which our community would crumble into piles of chaotic bits," Heather told the Beacon the day after receiving her award.

Heather urges people to volunteer in whatever capacity they can. Every little bit helps, from the people sitting at the table checking you in as you come to vote, to the EMTs, police, and firefighters who run to the rescue in the middle of the night whenever called.

Oh, by the way – our interview ended when she received a call as an EMT for the Andover EMS. I am not sure how that call turned out, but with Heather on the call, I am sure it went very well, and everything that could be done to help, was.

Well done, Heather Makechnie. Without people like you, our community would be left wanting. Thank you for all the things you do, both large and small. 

East Andover Village Preschool, December 2014

Elizabeth Janvrin, EAVP

It is hard to believe we are headed into the holiday season of 2014 already.

East Andover Village Preschool kicked off the holiday season by inviting our grandparents for our annual Grandparent Gingerbread event. All of the houses looked delicious, and it is always special to spend that time with members of our family. Thank you for taking the time to come visit with us!

As the months of November and December, along with the holiday season, get underway, the children and families have been invited to share their special traditions with us. We are excited to learn and hear about all of the special things each family does to celebrate the holidays.

Before heading on winter holiday, our class will be participating in our own special annual tradition of having the special town Santa join us for our holiday event. It is always so wonderful to see the children's faces when he walks in the door!

In the month of November, we invited all of our families into the school for a special family event. The classroom had many prompts and invitations for the families to engage with the materials, as our children do. The children really seemed to enjoy "teaching" their family members.

As we have been discussing and exploring recycling in our classroom, we have brought in some other items labeled as "beautiful stuff" to use in sorting, investigating, and creating with. The materials have included bits of wire, buttons, yogurt containers, and many more" beautiful" items. Each child has had the opportunity to create a decoration individually or as a group, and these have been used as table decorations at our annual Spaghetti/Raffle Dinner.

Thank you to all who joined us at the event! We hope that you had a great time, as much as we did!

EAVP would like to wish our families and the Andover community a happy and healthy holiday season! 

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