



Sixth graders love learning about molecules, especially when they can use technology to learn in a game format. Students test their molecular knowledge while moving their team vehicles closer to the finish line in Mr. Murphy's science class. Pictured are Gavin Elliott, Jim Clough, Lilly Furtkamp, Colin Coolidge, and Emily Abrahamson. Photo: Jane Slayton

Proctor Donates \$10,000 to AE/MS

In appreciation of the school's fine work

Proctor Academy press release

The relationship between Proctor Academy and Andover Elementary/Middle School is one that consistently benefits both schools. Through both formal and informal interactions, students and teachers from both schools enhance the educational experience of the other.

Whether those interactions come during AE/MS Math Night, where Proctor's Math Department hosts a table of puzzles and problems, or through AE/MS' annual SHARE Day, classroom visits to teach world languages, or week-long engagement of Proctor students during Proctor's Project Period each March, the two schools thoroughly enjoy a mutually beneficial relationship.

As an acknowledgement of the tremendous work being done at Andover Elementary/Middle School by teachers and administration, Proctor presented AE/MS Principal Jane Slayton with a check for \$10,000 to use at the school's

discretion. The gift is a reflection of both Proctor's appreciation of the fine work of AE/MS, and its relationship with Andover and the town community.

Principal Slayton expresses gratitude for the gift: "This is the second extremely generous donation Proctor Academy has given to Andover Elementary/Middle School in recent years. Like the first donation, it will be directed toward technology.

"The first donation was used to replace all the desktop computers in the computer lab. While this donation will also be earmarked for technology, the focus will be on classroom technology," Slayton adds. "Technology has become foundational to education. AE/MS teachers use technology to make their best practices even better. It enhances teaching concepts and connects our students to the world. All classrooms, kindergarten through eighth grade, utilize technology to strengthen and extend their curriculum. This generous gift will be put to good use, and we appreciate the generosity of our neighboring school."



Ms. Hildebrand's second grade students presented *The Evil Payback – A Halloween Thriller* to AE/MS students, staff, and family. The students wrote the play themselves. They also made lots of spooky props with the help of Mrs. Emeny. In back is Wyatt Carleton (a skeleton). In front are Jacob Demers (a goblin), Olivia James Bentzler (a ghost), Al Dudek (the evil scientist), and Ben Kelly (a moose). Photo: Gretchen Hildebrand

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Madison and Jacob Hersey enjoy Grandparents Thanksgiving lunch at AE/MS with their grandmother Kelly Hersey. Photo: Gretchen Hildebrand

AE/MS News

A very busy November and December

Jane Slayton, AE/MS principal

As we reflect upon and count our blessings at Thanksgiving time, I am truly appreciative for our school community – students, parents, staff members, and our town. I feel fortunate to be part of this amazing and supportive community, where education is valued and collaboration and commitment is the norm.

In November, we hosted Andover's veterans, closely followed by sharing Thanksgiving with our AE/MS grandparents. It is a pleasure and a gratifying experience for our students and staff to offer these days. Both events are favorite days for our students and staff members.

Our students, young and old, learn so much through the AE/MS Veterans Day assemblies. As a school community, we are fortunate to have so many

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AE/MS second grade scientists Paige Makechnie, Olivia James Bentzler, Harley Ordway, Shelby Barton, Al Dudek, and Julianna Champagne believe there are dinosaur fossils waiting to be unearthed on our school grounds. Enthusiastic excavation efforts took place before the snow fell. Several worms were caught by surprise, and some interesting artifacts were discovered. Jim Clough, sixth grade student and local dinosaur expert, shared fascinating dinosaur facts while supervising the excavation efforts. Photo and caption: Jane Slayton