



Carsyn Perkins, Ben Kelly, and Paige Makechnie are hard at work on a visual to accompany their Power of One presentation. At the all-school assembly, the second graders shared Nick Vujicic with the rest of the school. Nick is an incredible and amazing example of perseverance.

Photo and caption: Jane Slayton

AE/MS Students Inspired by the Power of One

Celebrating the difference one person can make

Jane Slayton, AE/MS principal

January might be bitter cold outside, but inside AE/MS the warmth and energy coming from classrooms is evident and motivating. All students have tackled the theme "Power of One" and excitement builds as they research, write, and use technology to share their ideas with the rest of the school.

At a school-wide assembly on January 19, Civil Rights Day, the classes took turns making presentations. Some classes used technology to express their ideas, while others made signs and banners, and others prepared speeches.

Regardless of the means, it was an inspirational morning.

"I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do." ~ Edward Everett Hale

The assembly was not the culmina-

tion of the students' work but more of a starting point opening up all of our minds to the idea that one person can make a difference. When the assembly ended, students walked out with ideas and examples of who, how, when, and where.

It is important for our students to never underestimate the power one individual can have, whether it is standing up to bullying or curing disease. This theme can be related to our everyday interactions with others.

Some classes chose to research children who have made a difference in the world and shared facts about Alex Scott, Malala Yousafzai, or Jacob Barnett.

Some classes shared well-known individuals such as Stephen Hawking, Amelia Earhart, or Martin Luther King, Jr. There are musicians such as Michael Franti, who uses his music to help others. There are athletes such as Jackie Robinson, who changed the

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Share Your Talents and Interests at SHARE Day

Gisela Darling
SHARE Day Coordinator

SHARE Day (See How Arts Reach Everyone) will take place on Friday, May 15, at AE/MS this year. This special day brings artists, craftspeople, and musicians from Andover and surrounding communities into classrooms to offer workshops to the students at the school.

As it has since 1989, the school would like to invite community members to share their talents by offering a

workshop in crafts or arts-related hobbies. Past workshops have ranged from basket making to weaving to sports.

Volunteers are also needed to assist the workshop leaders or help the lower grades with their activities.

Please call Gisela Darling, workshop coordinator, at 735-5681 or Principal Jane Slayton at 735-5494 before April 1 if you need more information or would like to help.



Last year's St Baldrick event in the Proctor Academy gym was a huge success - raising over \$30,000 to fight childhood cancer - plus a whole lot of fun. Join the fun this year on Saturday, March 28.

Proctor To Host Second St Baldrick's Day Event on March 28

Last year's event raised
\$30,272 to fight cancer

Chris Young, Proctor Academy

A Proctor student group led by head athletic trainer Chris Young will host Proctor's second annual St. Baldrick's Day event on Saturday, March 28. The St. Baldrick's Foundation is a volunteer-driven charity committed to funding the most promising research to find cures for childhood cancers. The foundation is known for its head-shaving events, where volunteers shave their heads bald to stand in solidarity with children fighting cancer and to raise money to support childhood cancer research.

Last year Proctor hosted an event and raised \$30,272 from 70 "shavees" which included eight teams of shavees joining together for a great cause. We had 16 amazing barbers and hair stylists enjoying coloring, shaving shapes, and getting all the shavees bald.

Last year we honored two area children who have been battling cancer: Adrianna Riggot from Newport, diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia on June 19, 2013, and Aybel Martin from Goffstown, diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia on April 5, 2013. As part of the event we also hosted a Be The Match bone marrow drive and were able to get 19 participants who donated to become a match.

We hope this year that we surpass the amount raised last year and bring in more people to the bone marrow drive.

This year's event is scheduled for Saturday, March 28, from 3 to 5 PM at Proctor Academy Fieldhouse. It will be a family-friendly event with games and fun activities for children and for adults.

Sign up now to shave your head and raise money for childhood cancer research, or donate money to your favorite "shavee" at StBaldricks.org/events/ProctorAcademy2015.



On January 16, the eighth grade sponsored a Decade Dance for sixth through eighth graders at AE/MS. Students came dressed to represent their favorite decade: the '60s, '70s, '80s, etc. Spotted at the dance were Napoleon Dynamite, the Fresh Prince of Belair, Marty McFly, and many more. There was lots of neon, tie dye, tube socks, and more. Everyone had a wonderful time. In this photo, DJ Rankins, Chase Davis, Matt Bent, Ezra Jenifer, Hannah Asbury, Sofia Weber, Ryan Methven, Myles Powers, and Ronan Walsh pose for a minute before the Decade Dance starts. Proceeds from the dance will go to the eighth graders' New York class trip in the spring.

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