

AE/MS Honor Roll, Second Trimester 2014-2015

5th Grade High Honors

- Maura Kelly
- Sasha MacKenzie
- Brynne Makechnie
- Lilly Menard
- Sophia Reynolds

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- Julianna Baptiste
- Morganne Budgett
- Bryson Cate
- Anthony Hammond
- Wesley Koziol
- Garrett Niemyer
- Jesse Niemyer
- River Turnbull

6th Grade High Honors

- Kyleigh Fanny
- Cedar Kiedaisch
- Jaimes Southworth

6th Grade Honors

- Emily Abrahamson
- Liam Donovan

7th Grade High Honors

- Hannah Asbury
- Ryelle Jenifer
- Riley Keezer
- Vienna Marcus

7th Grade Honors

- Tori Braley

- Will Furtkamp
- Madalyn Goodwin
- Hunter Hawks
- Dillan Reed
- Robert Schwendler

8th Grade High Honors

- Camden Donovan
- Savannah Drewry
- Lexi Emeny
- Aidan Kellogg
- Jack Newton
- Samantha Parkman
- DJ Rankins
- Julia Royal
- Sofia Weber

8th Grade Honors

- Matthew Bent
- Alexis Cate
- Hannah French
- Teigan Friedrich
- Ryan Gotthardt
- Ezra Jenifer
- Britta Johnson
- Nelson Makechnie
- Ryan Methven
- Matt Reynolds
- Zachary Shipley
- Jordyn Southworth
- Jesse Wagner

AE/MS News, April 2015

Bike to School Day on Wednesday, May 6

Press release

Pump up those tires, dust off those helmets, and get ready to ride for Bike to School Day. Join the fun and festivities as everyone rides in to school on Wednesday, May 6. It is always such fun and a great way to start the day! We encourage parents to bike with their children on the Rail Trail.

Upon arrival, the cyclists will enjoy fresh fruit, music, and water in the gym. Please consider joining the fun! Several staff members are already planning to bike in. If Ernie the Eagle finds a helmet to fit, he will join us on the trail. Otherwise, he'll be ready to greet the cyclists at the school.

Groups will be organized to ride in from the East Andover Fire Station, from the Potter Place train station, and from Plains Road. Adults will provide safe crossings on Franklin Highway. The rain date will be the following Wednesday.

Now that the snow has finally left the courtyard, we are seeing much damage to our raised garden beds and plantings. Some weathered the winter better than others. We are looking at building and replacing in a different manner and reclaiming some of the lawn area. A couple of SHARE Day workshops have been designed with this in mind.

SHARE Day is Friday, May 15. Please consider helping out in a general manner to be part of the fun. This is a real community event that involves

many Andover residents, Proctor Academy teachers, AE/MS teachers, and students. Give me or Gisela Darling a call for more information. Consider joining us for a spirited and productive community day.

Thank you to our community for supporting all the eighth grade fundraisers! We are down to the wire now. Our iPad raffle was quite successful. There is a scrumptious Mother's Day breakfast (on Saturday, May 9) which will hopefully be the last big fundraiser before the trip.

The breakfast is going to be amazing! It is being coordinated by chef extraordinaire Laura Powers. The breakfast will run from 7 to 9 AM and coincides nicely with Baseball Opening Day in town. The much-anticipated drawings for the 19 baskets will take place at the end of breakfast.

Andover seniors attending Merrimack Valley High School have been invited to share their Senior Projects at AE/MS on the morning of Tuesday, May 12. It is helpful for our middle school students to learn the scope and expectations of the senior project, and it is a perfect opportunity for AE/MS staff members to reconnect with the MVHS seniors before they graduate and go in different directions.

The dates have been set for June graduations. The kindergarten has their "moving up to Grade 1" ceremony on Tuesday, June 16, in the evening. Our eighth grade students will graduate on Wednesday evening, June 17. Both are big events!

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framework and guidelines for designing curriculum and educating our students. The testing is intended for students in grades three through eight and for those in high school who are in grade 11. The students at AE/MS began in March, and the goal is to have the testing completed by the spring break in April. Each week has been dedicated to a specific grade level.

There are different components that are given as Summative Assessments. The students begin with Computer Adaptive Testing, participate in a class discussion involving a specific topic, and then complete a Performance Task that relates to that classroom activity.

The questions are not "objective" (multiple choice, etc.) but encourage higher level, critical thinking and problem solving skills and are completed in essay form. The students are challenged to provide responses and reactions to everyday, real-world applications centering around a certain theme. They need to demonstrate reading, writing, and research capabilities along with both language-based and calculation-related mathematical skills.

Both students and staff were involved in an extensive amount of logistical preparation. Fortunately, the students are quite knowledgeable with their technology skills and are comfortable navigating the tools and options. They have familiarity with computer-

based testing, since they had taken the Northwest Evaluation of Academic Progress (NWEA) in previous years.

Teachers participated in online training and were provided with several professional development resources to prepare for administration of the tests. There were practice tests which were taken at school and were also accessible to the parents to be given at home for those who chose to have a preview.

Schedules had to be created for the use of the computer lab, and some classes needed to be shifted. Some students who were designated to receive separate accommodations according to IEPs and 504 Plans were moved to a different classroom. Everyone at AE/MS has been affected and has persevered with patience and flexibility.

According to the Smarter Balanced Web site at SmarterBalanced.org, "Smarter Balanced is committed to ensuring that assessment and instruction embody the Common Core State Standards and that all students, regardless of disability, language, or subgroup status, have the opportunity to learn this valued content and show what they know and can do." This data will assist in driving instruction, guide us in interventions, and provide a direction for teachers regarding professional development to enhance their techniques and practices.

The timeline for the receipt of results for this year's testing is to be determined.



Come one, come all and enjoy a Mother's Day Breakfast (on Saturday)

to support the Eighth Grade NYC Trip

Featuring Local Chef Extraordinaire,
Laura Powers, of Extraordinary Taste Catering,
and with the assistance of the AE/MS Class of 2015!

WHEN: Saturday, May 9, 2015

WHERE: Andover Elementary / Middle School
20 School Street, Andover, NH

TIME: 7 – 9 AM

COST: \$8/adults, \$5/kids, 5 & under FREE,
Family/\$20

MENU

- Baked french toast
- Scrambled eggs, bacon & cheese
- Spinach, mushroom & tomato strata
- Sausage links
- Steel cut oats with brown sugar, apples & cinnamon
- Fruit kabobs
- Coffee, tea, apple & orange juices, milk

RAFFLES
for several themed baskets
full of goodies! Drawing will take
place during the breakfast

Reserve your tickets by calling AEMS Principal, Jane Slayton, at 603-735-5400 or by emailing Christine Frost at cfrost@aemseagles.org . Tickets will also be available at the door.

We look forward to seeing you there!