



Jill Jones Grotnes (right), a member of "Team Rebecca - Fight Like a Girl," shaved her head in honor of Rebecca S. of Boscawen, age 9, who is fighting Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. Rebecca inspired Jill to shave and to fundraise a total of \$2,369 (so far), making Jill the current top participant for the 2015 St. Baldrick's event at Proctor Academy. Jill is shown here with her son Ollie, who decided that he, too, would be a shavee. Great work, Jill. You are an inspiration!
Photo and caption: Meghan Barton

St. Baldrick Event Raises \$26,123 to Fight Childhood Cancer

Andover Fire and EMS team is top fundraiser

Press release

The St. Baldrick's event hosted at Proctor Academy on March 28 had great success again in 2015. The St. Baldrick's Foundation is a volunteer-powered charity committed to funding the most promising research to find cures for childhood cancers and give survivors long and healthy lives.

Two Proctor faculty members, Chris Young and Alan McIntyre, worked together with many students and a slew of volunteers to raise a total of \$26,123 by close to 60 "shavees" in an effort to fight childhood cancer.

During the event, a top team award (the Brave To Shave Award) was given to last year's top fundraising team, the Andover Fire Department. The award, a leather fire helmet with the St. Bal-

drick's logo on the front, was donated by Garrison Fire and Safety from Palenville, New York.

The top team from this year will receive another prize at next year's event. So far, the standings of the top four teams are as follows:

Andover Fire and EMS: \$5,740
Bald Eagles: \$5,015
Team Rebecca - Fight Like a Girl: \$3,384

Lake Sunapee Bank Beauties: \$3,043
You can still donate online to a team, individual, or to the event until the end of the year. Just go to StBaldricks.org/events/proctoracademy2015 and search for your favorite team or individual.

Over the past two years, this popular community event has raised \$56,395 to help fund childhood cancer research, and we hope that we can raise more each and every year.



The new Proctor Dining Commons will be built in front of the Farrell Field House. It will look across Main Street and Carr Field to the Proctor Ski Area.

Proctor to Break Ground on New Dining Commons

New dormitory, renovations to follow

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

Each year, Proctor's physical plant evolves a bit further. A \$30 million capital campaign has kicked off plans to add a new dining commons, new dormitory, and renovations to existing facilities. This fall, Proctor will break ground on the first of these projects with construction for the new Proctor Dining Commons, a 16,000 square foot dining facility located in front of the existing Farrell Field House overlooking Carr Field and the Proctor Ski Area.

In 1977, Proctor's Cary House burned to the ground. Cary House was

home to twenty-six students, four faculty, and the school's dining facilities for more than a half century. The untimely fire forced Proctor to create a temporary kitchen and dining hall in the Farrell Field House, which continues to serve Proctor today, despite a student body that has grown by more than 50% since the time of the fire.

The new Dining Commons presents an opportunity for Proctor to further its health and wellness initiatives, and provide valuable meeting space for the entire community to gather at one time. Learn more about this project and future campaign projects at ProctorAcademy.org/Page/Giving/The-Campaign-for-Proctor.

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Vic Stewart, head custodian at AE/MS, and part-time custodians Cathy Fogg and Walt Scott pose in front of cases of toilet paper, paper towels, and garbage bags that arrived recently in anticipation of the coming school year. The team is also busy painting, polishing floors, and setting up classrooms throughout the building.
Photo: Charlie Darling

AE/MS Building and Teachers Busy All Summer

Ready for a bright, shiny new school year

Jane Slayton, AE/MS Principal

The AE/MS building is a busy place, even in the summer! Summer School has been in session for three weeks. Students are only here in the morning, and teachers carefully balance a bit of fun into the lessons. Last week the students took a field trip to the New London Barn Playhouse to watch *The Sound of Music*. All ages enjoyed the performance!

There is also deep cleaning taking place within the building. Vic Stewart, Cathy Fogg, and Walter Scott have been able to give their full attention to a well-worn yet well-loved building. Floor wax has been stripped and touch-up

painting has been done. Grounds have been fertilized and mowed regularly. The grass in the courtyard has had an opportunity to flourish. Supplies have arrived, and furniture is being repaired. New desks are being put together for the fourth grade classes.

Courtney Minnehan, our new art teacher, has been in the building and is very excited to meet students, staff members, and families. "Ms. M" brings an abundance of energy, enthusiasm, and talent to the position.

Teachers use the summer to take courses, attend workshops, read, and revise curriculum. Several teachers have been taking summer courses at New England College and will share what they've learned with students and

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Proctor Welcomes 130 New Students for 2015-2016 School Year

Applications to Proctor up more than 40%

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

After a record setting admissions year, Proctor prepares to welcome 130 new students to campus this fall for the 2015-2016 school year. Applications to Proctor surged over the past year, jumping more than 40% over the previous five year average, as the school's academic, athletic, art, and off-campus programs continue to set the school's

educational model apart from other independent schools in New England. Learn more about Proctor's programs by visiting proctoracademy.org.

The 2015-2016 edition of Proctor welcomes students from 19 states and 15 countries, including 24 Andover students and 90 day students overall. New students will arrive on campus September 8, to take part in Proctor's 44th Wilderness Orientation in the White Mountains before starting classes the following week.