



The Andover Afterschool Program's Friday crew enjoyed recess on a beautiful fall day. Front: Seth Spaulding, Brody Hawk, Ada Grotnes, Shelby Barton, Lily Luicha, Damien Jenifer, Mychal Reynolds, Cilla Abrahamson, Liam Murphy. Middle: Ben Kelly, Colin Murphy, Samantha Upton, Ethan Dukette, Anna Warzocha. Back: Mrs. Jacobs, Logan Welch, Ollie Grotnes, Liberty Spaulding, Mrs. Adams, Brandon Dukette.



Pre-schoolers at EAVP Emma Watkins, Azalea Morgan, Chloe Miller, and Leo Jones created colored leaves to add to the classroom's trees.

Happy Thanksgiving from the Andover Afterschool Program!

Please help them collect Labels for Education

kins, bat wind socks, and candy corn out of tissue paper.

We also had our traditional Halloween pumpkin hunt. Once a child found their pumpkin, they exchanged it for a goody bag. We also had special snacks and homemade ice cream sandwiches.

We would like to thank everyone who participated in our Midland fundraiser. We sold holiday gift wrap and miscellaneous items for Christmas. I would also like to thank Charlie Darling for meeting us at the Andover Food Pantry so we could remove some of the canned food labels, as we are participating in the Labels for Education Program. If anyone has any labels to donate, we have a bucket for them in our building.

We here at the Annex wish you all a safe and happy Thanksgiving. Thanks for all your support.

Diane Adams, AASP

Happy Thanksgiving everyone! It's hard to believe we are already into November.

October was filled with autumn and Halloween fun. We hunted for leaves and pine cones and searched for acorns. We made bird feeders out of the pinecones and counted the acorns and had a friendly competition. The buckets were placed outside where we could observe the squirrels and chipmunks. Whichever group had their bucket emptied first won the competition.

We followed up by making squirrels to hang up around the Annex house and took some pictures. The kids really enjoyed this. We had fun making pump-

Workshop in Boscawen: It's Time to Put the Gardens to Bed

Workshop on preparing for next spring

what you need to do this fall to put your garden to bed for the winter and steps to take for an even better garden next year.

This talk will cover pruning, mulching, cover crops, soil amendments, composting, harvesting late crops, selecting seeds for next year, integrated pest management (IPM), and clean-up in and around the garden.

To register for this free talk, please contact the Boscawen Agricultural Commission at 753-9188 x301 or Agriculture03303@gmail.com.

Press release

A free talk on putting the gardens to bed for the year will be held on Monday, November 2, at 6:30 PM at the Boscawen Municipal Complex (adjacent to Alan's Restaurant) on 116 North Main Street on the fourth floor (handicap accessible) in Boscawen.

University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Ann LaCroix will discuss

Board Members Wanted

The **Andover After-School Program** has an immediate opening for a board member. You do not need a child in the program to be on the board. Please contact **Candi Spaulding** at clmspaulding@hotmail.com or **848-5484**.

We are recruiting for next year's board as well.

TOO GOOD NOT TO REPEAT

“You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give.”

- Winston Churchill

Special story-telling program on December 12

Lawre Goodnow

The changing seasons of New Hampshire are not lost on our young preschoolers at East Andover Village Preschool. They notice the changing colors of the leaves and the cool mornings that require them to wear coats. More closely, they continue to discover changes in our playground garden. They notice that the tall sunflowers are now droopy.

The flowers are gone, and we watch a bird feasting on a seed head. The perennial plants are dropping their flowers. The children gather the flowers from the ground to use for decorations for their pretend cupcake shop. The leaves of the squash plants are now brown. The last of the squash is lying in the dirt, ready to be gathered and made into some delicious snacks.

We enjoyed our fall visit to Highland Lake Apple Farm, where we helped pick up apples off the ground to be pressed into cider. We picked an apple for ourselves and three more besides to bring back to school for more cooking projects.

We are very grateful for our community apple growers, Mary Lloyd-Evans and Peter Zak, at the farm. We especially enjoyed hearing the story of the famous orchard cat named Willy, who has his own book. He made a personal appearance during our visit to remind us who was in charge around the farm. We are also thankful for our family helpers joining us for the field trip.

We have enjoyed watching milk-

weed seeds fly with their gentle parachutes. This experience reminded us of our monarch butterflies from September. We have enjoyed revisiting our book about the experience called *Rainbow Monarch*.

The children have continued their interest in storytelling. They make their own books. They create pictures and stories, and some write important words. Our next book project will be to create our own version of *Leaf Man* by Lois Ehlert. The children will create pictures with collected leaves and other nature items.

Oral storytelling is another way that the children enjoy stories. They especially enjoy when the teachers make up stories starring them. One of their favorites is called *Chloe's Lost Shoe*. The children enjoy providing ideas for the story. What did happen to Chloe's shoe? Did a bird really fly away with it, as one of the children suggested? We may never know.

We are excited to share with the community that East Andover Village Preschool has teamed up with the Andover libraries to bring a storyteller named Michael Caduto to the East Andover library on Saturday, December 12, at 4:15 PM. The free program will be an hour long, interactive, and best suited for preschool through grade three.

Michael will tell a variety of Native American stories about the Earth. Check out his Web site at P-e-a-c-e.net, which stands for Programs in Environmental Awareness and Cultural Exchange.

Prior to the program, EAVP children and families will be invited to enjoy a back-to-school celebration from 3 to 4 PM called “Stories from the Classroom” showcasing the experiences and learning of the children.

In the meantime, the teachers and students will prepare to put the garden to bed until spring and consider what the seasons have to share and to inspire us with in the colder months ahead.