



AE/MS students Dillan Reed, Chase Keyser (back), and Ronan Walsh (front) all played on the Merrimack Valley Middle School varsity team in the Granite State Football League this year. At the end of the season, Chase and Ronan were each selected for the league's "First Team" honor as the top two players of the MVMS team. This season, Ronan scored 22 touchdowns, including three receiving and two passing touchdowns in a single game. Chase had 10 touchdown passes and two rushing touchdowns for the season. Dillan also scored multiple times and had a fumble recovery. Photo: Becky Walsh

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my ears hurting.

"I got a good look at the corals that were growing and the fish around them. We hung around the reefs and dove about investigating the various fish and life on the bottom. We thoroughly investigated the reef trees and decided to head back towards shore.

"I dove down a few more times on the way back, and as I was swimming along I saw a sea turtle! I followed it around for a few minutes, investigating the pattern of it, and quickly realized I'd meandered far away from the group.

"I made my way back to the shallower water, enjoying the small fish and various critters as I went. What a magical experience!"

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MVHS freshman and AE/MS graduate Hayden Buswell brought his donkey Gunner to a soccer game at Blackwater Park in October. AE/MS first grade teacher Mrs. Bent spoke to Hayden about his unique pet and told him that he should write a children's story starring Gunner.

Well, he did it!

At the beginning of November, Hayden surprised the AE/MS first graders with a children's book he had written entitled *Gunner the Donkey*. The story fascinated the first grade students and was full of beautiful photographs of the donkey.

At the end of the book, Gunner says, "Come outside and tell me how Hayden did." When the students walked out of the front door, there was Gunner! In this photo, Hayden and Gunner meet Talia Hardie.

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