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This year's event saw record numbers of community families in attendance! Despite little snow this winter, conditions were excellent thanks to the hard work of Garry George and his talented crew at the ski area.

Thank you to all in the local community who came out to celebrate this one-of-a-kind ski venue that our small town is lucky to have!

**Reilly Walsh Joins National Team**

Andover's Reilly Walsh '17, a member of Proctor Academy's boys varsity hockey team, traveled to Plymouth, Michigan in mid-February to represent the Under-17 USA Hockey Team in the Five Nations Tournament. This is the second time Walsh has been called up by Team USA to represent his country, the first time in a Four Nations Tournament in Slovakia in December, where he led the team in +/-, an impressive feat.

In this tournament, Reilly tallied two goals as a defenseman in the team's game against Russia and played well throughout the tournament before re-

turning to his Proctor team as they prepare for a playoff run.

Congratulations, Reilly, and thank you for representing Proctor, the town of Andover, and the United States so well!

**St. Baldrick's on March 26**

Proctor Academy will be hosting a St. Baldrick's head-shaving event in the Farrell Field House on Saturday, March 26, from 3 to 5 PM. Proctor students and faculty will spend their Project Period planning the event, learning about childhood cancer research and how St. Baldrick's Foundation helps support the research that provides better treatment options, prevention, and recognition of cancer.

Over the past two years, the Andover community has helped raise over \$50,000 through this event, and we hope everyone in the community joins us this year as we join together and raise awareness of the great work St. Baldrick's Foundation is doing!

To get involved with this year's event as a volunteer, shavee, or donor, visit [St-Baldricks.org/events/proctoracademy2016](http://St-Baldricks.org/events/proctoracademy2016).



**T**he AE/MS girls basketball team began each game with a team cheer, led by the extremely loud Katie Bent. On February 10, at the end-of-season sports banquet, the girls, along with Coach Keezer and Coach Tiede, shared their final cheer with parents. Photo and caption: Jen Bent

**Service Club is a Good Neighbor to AE/MS**

Thrift Shop, scholarships, and much more

**Jane Slayton, AE/MS principal**

Andover Elementary/Middle School has an ideal location in the center of town. The school is also fortunate to have kind, supportive, and community-minded neighbors.

The Andover Thrift Shop, run by the Andover Service Club, shares our parking lot. This makes it very easy for the last-minute rush to find a white shirt for a student for a Christmas concert or an interesting hat for a drama production. The ladies in the Thrift Shop also have our best interests at heart, and when warm mittens, hats, and scarves come into their shop, they usually find their way over to our school for students.

Families are often helped by the Andover Service Club. Many Easter and Christmas dinners have been provided to families who need and welcome this support.

The Andover Service Club has been supporting the educational needs of our secondary students for over 57 years through their merit scholarship program. Countless students have been helped through this program.

Rebecca Lance, recent Emmanuel College graduate and Andover resident, noted, "I am honored to have received the Andover Service Club merit scholarship twice, in my freshman year and in my senior year. I think the Andover Service Club merit scholarship is especially great because you can apply no matter what year of college you are in, while most other scholarships are only available to freshmen. I really appreciated the merit scholarship!"

It is for these reasons and many more that we value the Andover Service Club and are proud to call them our good neighbor. Our community, and especially our students, benefit from these civic-minded volunteers who give selflessly of their time and talent.

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be entertained by the talented Andover Players!

One of our best evenings at AE/MS is coming up on Thursday, April 14 – Poetry Night! Students in grades one through eight choose poetry that appeals to them, within the guidelines for their grade, and then work on memorizing their poem to prepare for recitations. All students benefit from this experience.

Our library has an abundance of poetry books, so students have a wide variety of choices. Poetry is a big part of the curriculum in all grades, and it is nice to have this annual opportunity to celebrate it together. Maybe a future Poet Laureate is sitting in a classroom at AE/MS working on a poem right now!

SHARE Day is May 13. Please consider offering a workshop or 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, and AE/MS teachers and students. Give Gisela Dar-

ling a call for more information, or stop by the school. Consider joining us for a spirited and productive community day.

Once again we are appreciative to the town of Andover, Proctor Academy, and lots and lots of volunteers for making skiing, snowboarding, and skating available to our students. Another great winter activity season has ended.

Keep those Box Tops for Education coming in! We collect Box Tops year round – we never stop! All money raised will go toward playground equipment and further development of the park area.

The annual School District Meeting is Tuesday, March 1, at 7 PM in the school gym. It is at this meeting that the budget is voted upon for the 2016-17 school year. You must be present to vote. Babysitting is provided at the school, and staff members are helping entertain children for the evening.

Incredible art work is displayed throughout our building. When you are here for School District Meeting or Town Meeting, please enjoy the artistic displays.



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discovered on Sunday afternoon when Principal Jane Slayton was working in the building. Within hours, ServePro had taken out the water and set up dozens of powerful fans and huge dehumidifiers. Testing has been conducted to be sure the building is safe for students and staff members to return.

Although outside temperatures were below zero at the time, this unfortunate event was not related to the cold weather. The 2006 propane water heater malfunctioned, and Head Custodian Vic Stewart and Principal Slayton were told that it was pretty incredible to get the number of years from it that they did.



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Across America. This display is on the "What's Up?" bulletin board.

Ski Fridays were also a huge success and went smoothly. The children who decided not to ski enjoyed popcorn, hot cocoa, and a movie.

For February we made valentines, a heart plant for our display, and some heart projects. We also had some sweets and a special snack the week before Valentine's Day.

We have a couple of part-time student openings available. We are also looking for substitute teachers. If you have any questions, contact us at [AndoverKids@gmail.com](mailto:AndoverKids@gmail.com) or 735-6566.



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