



**M**VHS' freshman boys basketball team had a very successful season, going 14-3 under the direction of Coach Kevin O'Brien. The team included three Andover students: Zack Cronin, third from the right in back; Camden Donovan, second from the left in front; and Teigan Friedrich, third from the left in front. Photo: Art Swenson Photography

## Proctor Theater Department Performs *Harvey* This Weekend

Plus more news of Proctor people and events

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

On Friday and Saturday, February 26 and 27, at 7 PM, Proctor Academy's theater department performs its winter play, *Harvey*, before a packed house in the Norris Family Theater. Through four months of hard work, rehearsals, and guidance from the performing arts faculty, Proctor's students have built an elaborate set and planned a great show.

Andover's Jacqui Morris '17 plays

the role of Betty Chumley, and Andover's Curtis Chamberlin '17 runs the soundboard and helped organize costumes for the production.

**Annual Ski Area Event**

On February 6, Proctor Academy hosted the annual Proctor Ski Area Celebration. Hundreds of local skiers and snowboarders joined Proctor students, faculty, and staff at the Proctor Ski Area for an evening of free skiing, food, and fun capped off by the annual torchlight parade.

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**T**he AE/MS first graders celebrated Valentine's Day with a tea party on February 12, enjoying tea and cocoa and goodies. In this photo, Anya Chadbourne, Adayn Boucher and Paige Orcutt casually sip tea ... Blueberry and English with a bit of honey. Photo: Jen Bent

## SHARE Day is Coming to AE/MS on May 13

Volunteers needed for this annual community event

Gisela Darling, coordinator

Planning is under way for this year's SHARE Day, which will take place at the Andover Elementary/Middle School on Friday, May 13. Students in the lower grades will have several activities planned for them, and students in grades three through eight will attend two different two-hour-long workshops during the morning followed by an assembly.

The information about the workshops will go home with the students on April 15. Students usually can choose from 35 different workshops, ranging from Bookmaking to Zumba. We are calling on all community members who have an art or craft to share to consider offering a workshop to our students. Sign-up forms for workshop leaders and other volunteers are available at the school, and on Town Meeting day in the lobby from 5 until 7:30 PM, or contact me at 735-5681 or SDarling@tds.net for more information.

## AE/MS Presents *Seussical The Musical* on March 24 and 25

Calendar set for 2016-2017 school year

Jane Slayton, AE/MS principal

The 2016-2017 school calendar has been set. The first day of school for AE/MS students is August 29. Next year's February and April vacations match both the Merrimack Valley School District and the Kearsarge School District.

Town, state, and national elections will take place in the school gym on September 13, November 8, and March 14. Those three dates will be Teacher Workshop days, and the students will not be in school. If all goes according to plan, the last school day for students

next year will be June 16.

Speaking of next year ... we are looking for members of the 2016-17 kindergarten class. If you know of Andover children who will be five years old on or before September 30, 2016, please send them our way. Parents should call AE/MS for registration information.

Second graders ran a successful and delicious Healthy Heart breakfast in February. The AE/MS diners enjoyed the meal, and a large donation was made to the Franklin Animal Shelter.

*Seussical the Musical* will be performed on Thursday and Friday, March 24 and 25. Plan to come to AE/MS and See AE/MS on page 39



This old water heater at AE/MS chose the coldest weekend of the year to fail, flooding the kindergarten classrooms and closing the school for two days. Photo: Jane Slayton

## Failed Water Heater Shuts Down AE/MS for Two Days

It wasn't sub-zero temperatures that did it

Press release

Andover Elementary/Middle School had two unplanned days off from school on February 15 and 16. The propane water heater malfunctioned, and the lower level of the school building ended up with over two inches of hot water on the tile floors. It was like a sauna!

The water heater has since been replaced, and ServePro did an amazingly thorough job cleaning up the water-damaged areas. Most of the damage was limited to the kindergarten classrooms, the hall, the teacher workroom, the library, and the two supply closets. Many tiles lifted due to the hot water, and new flooring will be installed.

The underwater classrooms were

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