



On October 5, the AE/MS school community walked to school together! International Walk to School Day is a global event that involves communities from more than 40 countries walking to school on the same day. This event has become part of a movement for year-round safe routes to school and a celebration – with record-breaking participation – each October. Thousands of schools across America, from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, participated this October.

AE/MS students all agree that it is an energizing and fun way to start the school day. Students stay on the Rail Trail all the way to school and upon arrival are greeted with orange slices, water, and lively music. And of course, no celebration is complete without Ernie the Eagle!

Pictured from front to back are: Ryker Gregoire, Kyle Hammond, Eviana Hosmer, Seth Spaulding, Paytin Drew, Marianna Shedd, Bentley Poulin, Bria Tremblay, Audrey Leith, Ember Morgan, Alaina Budgett, Brody Hawks, Ada Grotnes, Kaitlyn Stetson, Will Churchill, Sam Booth, Patch Armstrong, Kevin Grunewald, Caleb Nelson, Zachary Hattan, Cameron Boucher, Billyjack Braley, Sydney Pory, Raelyn Drouin, Ava Eltzroth, Sofia Johnson, Sophia Croteau, Farren Hughes, Ariana Johnson, Emma McNutt, Tenaya Richards.

## Fire Safety Week at AE/MS

Everyone learned something new

**Meghan Barton, AFD**

Each October, Fire Safety Week brings so much to share with our students next door at Andover Elementary/Middle School. This year we were lucky enough to teach something to each of the nine grades at AE/MS.

We taught the younger children about smoke detectors, emergency planning in the event of a fire, as well as fire and first aid safety. They got to step into the ambulance and talk about what EMTs do, plus more lessons of “when to call 911” as well as “what you can do to help in the event of a medical emergency.”

A homework assignment was given to those who didn’t know their address. Knowing your address is important if you are the only one who can talk to the 911 dispatcher. Kindergarten and first and second graders got to see what a fireman looks like “on air.”

The older students get a little more hands-on with some real-life situations. The seventh graders were role playing a forestry situation and learned how to cut a fire line into the wooded

area out behind the fire station.

The eighth grade finished up our day. AE/MS teacher Ryan Murphy played the role of an accident victim trapped in a vehicle. Student crews worked with Fireman Carter Atwood and Fireman Jeff Miller to extricate him



We really enjoy teaching our younger generation about fire and first aid safety and look forward to it each year! Thank you to Jeff and Diane Miller, Carter Atwood, Andy Guptill, and John Kinney for spending their day with AE/MS!

Caption: Meghan Barton. Photo: Andy Guptill while another learned about patient care from EMT John Kinney. Both groups worked together to remove Mr. Murphy from the vehicle safely.



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