

## Eight Students Earn Perfect Attendance

Jane Slayton, AE/MS Principal

Eight students did not miss a single day of school this year! The following students were honored with Perfect Attendance Pizza certificates on the last day of school: Grade 1 Kyle Hammond and Sydney Pourby; Grade 2 Colin Murphy; Grade 4 Kaden Fanny; Grade 5 Enrico Mori; Grade 7 Fenn Davis; Grade 8 Liam Donovan and Kyleigh Fanny.

These students are active in sports, the spring play, and other activities beyond their school day. The students in the play were here several nights a week until 5 or 6 at night from

October until April. Several of the students played sports, both in our community and outside, as part of travel teams.

The students were presented gift certificates to Pizza Chef. They were also invited to ring the town bell during the Fourth of July festivities. Thank you to Scott Allenby for coordinating the bell ringing. It is both an honor and fun for the students!

Congratulations to the eight healthy, hard working students! I hope they enjoy a well-deserved summer break.



Farrell Field House renovations at Proctor Academy are underway, with the first phase of the project focused on overhauling the gymnasium.

## AE/MS Summer News

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It may be the middle of July but AE/MS is a very busy place these days as preparation for the 2017-2018 school year is the priority. When the year ends all classroom materials are boxed and labeled and the classrooms are emptied. Some classrooms are painted, all are scrubbed clean, and all have carpets cleaned or floors waxed to a bright shine. Cleaning has been complicated this year as the lift is not in service. It has been a challenge to get heavy supplies and cleaning equipment from one floor to another. We are ahead of schedule and the building is looking good!

Speaking of the lift, it will be replaced early this fall. While this is a large (and expensive) undertaking the bulk of the work will occur before the students return.

As we get closer and closer to our building project much prep work is taking place. Architects and engineers are on site measuring, testing, and planning. Many meetings have taken place as we move forward. Construction will begin in April and then go full force when students are dismissed for the summer vacation. This is very exciting!

Summer School is nearing an end. Students attending have ranged from first grade to eighth grade. Mrs. Kim Tilton and Mrs. Deana Crucitti provided a challenging work day but also allowed some time for fun. They will end their week by enjoying "Stuart Little" at the New London Barn Playhouse.

Our school hosted One Light Theatre's Performing Arts Summer Camp in July. Several AE/MS students participated in the camp. It was wonderful having the arts energy in the building

and it was especially nice for our students to have this local opportunity.

The 2017-18 school year will include new faculty members. Alex Ager will be teaching the K-8 music classes, leading the bands, directing the chorus and providing musical instrument lessons. His enthusiasm and energy for AE/MS music education will be contagious! He brings his experience from the Kearsarge School District.

Megan Philbrook will be teaching middle school social studies classes. Mrs. Philbrook comes to us from Southside Middle School in Manchester. She brings strong skills, creativity, energy and enthusiasm. She has lots of new ideas for her social studies classes. Students will also notice new social studies materials in K-8. Most classes have a combined model of a text and a web-based program.

Kindergarten Orientation is Monday morning, August 28, at 9:00 A.M.. The new kindergarten students and their parents will have the building to themselves as they explore where they will spend the next nine years. The families will also have the opportunity to ride the school bus around the village to get a feel of what to expect as a bus rider. We are excited to welcome this new class!

The first day of school for all students is Tuesday, August 29. Students will have a three-day school week followed by a four-day school week as they transition back into the academic routine.

Stay tuned for details regarding a back-to-school picnic – all are invited. At AE/MS we celebrate both the end and the beginning of our school year!



## Building Initiatives Continue in The Campaign for Proctor

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

Proctor's brand new, net-zero ready dining facility, the Brown Dining Commons, opened its doors in September 2016, followed by a new dormitory on the west end of campus in December. These buildings represent the first two completed projects in a \$30 million capital campaign to address Proctor's aging infrastructure and learning spaces. Earlier this summer, Proctor shifted its attention to the aging Farrell Field House where a complete renovation of the building will overhaul the gymnasium, fitness center, and former dining hall into a facility focused on the health and

well-being of Proctor's students, faculty, and staff. New classrooms and wellness studios will reside on the southern end of the building, while a new fitness center, athletic training room, and office spaces will overlook a refinished gymnasium on one side and the Farrell Field turf field complex on the other.

This phased project is underway, with Phase 1 (new gym floor) scheduled to be ready in September, and Phase 2 (new fitness center, athletic training room, office spaces) scheduled for completion in December 2017. Stay tuned for more updates as this project continues!



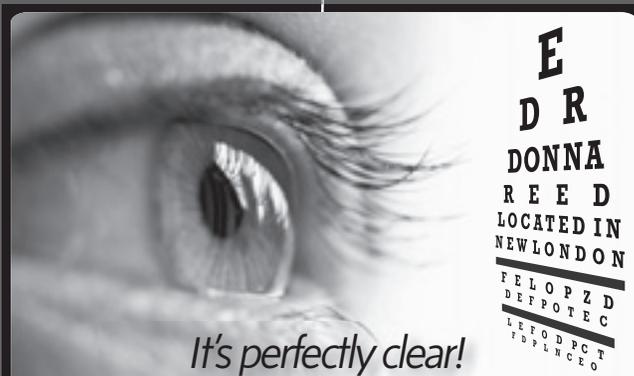


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