



Helen Armstrong singing the National Anthem as the kindergarten students stand beside her during the annual AE/MS Veterans Day Ceremony.

## AE/MS Shows Annual Appreciation for Veterans

Jane Slayton, AE/MS Principal

Once again the students and staff worked together to provide a tribute to local veterans. The assembly was very well

of Veterans Day. Whether the student is five years old reciting the Pledge of Allegiance or an eighth grader serving coffee and muffins, the day is treasured by the entire school community.



Oliver Andrews playing "Amazing Grace" in front of the poppy field art work painted by sixth grade students.

The day not only gives students a chance to honor local veterans, but it also helps students learn the importance

Helen Armstrong, an eighth grade student, sang the National Anthem after members of the Crosby-Gilbert American Legion Post #101 paraded the colors. Following Helen's incredible rendition came a very special Pledge of Allegiance. Our kindergarten students recited the Pledge of Allegiance while our third grade classes 'spoke' it with sign language. This was a great opportunity for the third grade students to share their knowledge of ASL. It was impressive!

Principal Jane Slayton welcomed the veterans and their families and spoke about the importance of the day for the students and staff members of AE/MS.

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This fall, second graders could sign up to take a beginning Mandarin class taught by Proctor Academy senior, Lauren Ho. Despite the difficulty of learning to write and pronounce the language, they began to understand how it 'works' and could recite their own names! Lauren has been a wonderful presence at AE/MS for several trimesters. She is dedicated to both young children and their learning.

We at AE/MS are already sad that this is Lauren's last year to share herself with our school community. We are grateful for her volunteerism and generous heart.

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The entire 8th grade class at AE/MS poses in front of many of the projects that they presented at the AE/MS Community Action Fair on November 5.

## AE/MS Eighth Grade Takes on Community Action Projects

Brings The Classroom Into The Community

Kasey Schoch, AE/MS

The 8th grade class at Andover Elementary Middle School is currently working on community action projects.

This project was assigned in September by their English teacher, Kasey Schoch. Students have been working on their own individual projects such as helping at local preschools, holding bake sales for cancer research, starting a food pan-

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Five Andover seniors (L to R: Nelson Makechnie 8, DJ Rankins Goalie, Ryan Methven 3, Myles Powers 9, Jack Newton 5) contributed to Proctor Academy's varsity soccer team securing its best record in over 25 years at 11-4.

## Proctor Athletics: Local Players Shine in a Successful Fall Season

Boys Soccer posts best school record in 25 years

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

The fall trimester at Proctor saw local students thrive on the athletic fields for the Hornets. With thirty-four

Andover residents enrolled at Proctor, 17 of these students competed at the varsity level during the fall season.

Proctor's boys' varsity soccer team remained a bastion of local talent with 11 of its 19 members as day students, See Athletics on page 29



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