



Top: Third-grader Audrey shares her invention - a heated grate that her family claims has made winter much easier. Left: Bentley shows off his Snow Cycle - a bike with skis. Billyjack presents his Artist's Glove, equipped with every tool an artist could ask for. Photos: Courtesy AE/MS

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AE/MS 8th grade students visited WMUR as a culminating activity to their media unit. Students enjoyed the tour and learning more about WMUR and the news process. The students also had lots of fun with the green screen.

Invention Convention: Students Learn They Can Change the World

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Invention Convention is an empowering opportunity for young students across the United States as this educational program challenges students to find a problem in the world around them... and then, find a way to solve the problem. Students develop an invention by following a step-by-step process. The invention process involves research, writing, planning, and reflecting - on top of actually building the model or prototype. The expectations are high. Invention Convention gives students the chance to discover what they are capable of achieving.

On Thursday, February 21, Andover Elementary/Middle School hosted its annual Invention Convention. The third-grade students in Mr. Hubbard's class and Mrs. Peters' class shared the learning and work they'd been doing for the three to four weeks leading up to that day. Behind the students and their inventions, trifolds displayed pictures of the students designing and building - along with the writing they completed while they worked on their invention. Students

explained to judges, families, teachers, and visitors the problem their invention solves - and how their invention solves the problem.

Students found a variety of ways to improve their world. Some students wanted to make their own lives at school and home easier and more organized. Others wanted to empower themselves through emotional or physical difficulties. At least 2 students were inspired by the helmet safety assembly our school held earlier in the year, which showed students how important it is to keep our heads safe. Rather than continue to accept these problems, students began to work toward a solution.

To find a completely unique solution to a problem, a solution that makes sense and works, students needed to apply critical thinking, creativity, and some intense problem-solving skills. These third-grade students also needed to work within the time limits and with the materials that were available to them.

In their writing, the students were asked to describe the process of com-

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Dannicka Dlubac, Harvey Best & Wyatt Carleton assemble tool boxes at last year's SHARE Day. Photo: Bob Norander

30th SHARE Day – Volunteers & Workers Needed

Share Day is May 10 at AE/MS

Press release

SHARE Day will be happening at the Andover Elementary/Middle School on Friday, May 10.

We are looking for workshop leaders and volunteers to help continue this

wonderful tradition.

Please contact: Gisela Darling at 735-5681 or the school at 735-5494 by April 5th concerning additional information about how you could participate on this the special day.

Help us make our 30th anniversary a special milestone for our school and community.



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