



Trinity Delaney, Violet Kraft-Lund, and Ashley Neuberger are proud to represent Andover Elementary/Middle School as the first Eagle Eye Reporters for *The Andover Beacon*.
Caption and photo: Kasey Schoch



Eagle Eyes Come to AE/MS

Students report for *The Andover Beacon*

Kasey Schoch, AE/MS

This year, several students from Andover Elementary/Middle School will be the Eagle Eyes of *The Andover Beacon*. Students will be gathering photos and writing captions for events and activities that are going on at AE/MS. They will also be writing articles about student activities and accomplishments.

This idea came to fruition when remembering my time in middle school. We had a school paper full of pictures, stories, superlatives, and advertisements. When I look back on it today, I think of that time as full of community

involvement and friendship with the other student reporters.

I want to bring that experience to the students and AE/MS, and there were a good number of students who expressed an interest in being involved. Since our school isn't large enough for a full-sized school newspaper, I decided to join the interested students with *The Andover Beacon* and create their own section in the town paper.

Students will be able to join the Eagle Eyes at any point in the year so that it will work around their extra-curricular activities. While it is a small group now, hopefully it will grow to a larger club in years to come. Keep an eye out for pictures and stories written by local students each month.



Twenty-eight AE/MS students in grades five through eight participated in the January 11 spelling bee.
Caption and photo: Amanda Lauster

Spelling Bee Competition Heats Up at AE/MS

2020 champion is eighth grader Enrico Mori

Amanda Lauster, AE/MS

On January 11, 2020, 28 AE/MS students in grades 5-8 participated in the school spelling bee. This year's bee was one of the most competitive yet. Our AE/MS 2020 Spelling Bee Champion is 8th grader, Enrico Mori. The runner

up is 8th grader, Oliver Andrews. Last year, Oliver was the winner and Enrico was the runner up. This year, the two of them were in a head to head battle from round 9 until round 43 when Enrico correctly spelled diplopia to win the bee.

Enrico's name will be placed on a plaque in the lobby alongside three time
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Representatives of the Andover Lions Club pose with AE/MS Art Teacher Courtney Minnehan and Peace Project first place winner Asa Gilman
Photo: Jen Bent

World Peace Portrayed Through Art at AE/MS

Peace poster project organized by Lions Club

Ashley Neuberger

Andover Elementary Middle School has been doing the Peace Posters for a few years now. The Peace Poster is

an art project opened up to grades six through eight. Each year, there is a different peace theme. For example, this year was The Journey of Peace. The Lions Club organizes the Peace Poster project. Courtney Minnehan (AE/MS' *See World Peace on page 35*

AE/MS Eighth Grade Takes Action in Local Community

Community Action projects engage students

Trinity Delaney

Mrs. Schoch's eighth grade ELA classes at Andover Elementary Middle School have been working hard on their community action projects that were presented on November 19, at their second annual Community Action Fair. Each student has come up with their own unique project that will help their community. Some of the projects that the students are working on are:

- A "Toys for Tots" toy drive
- A community garden
- Working with the PTO on improving the school playground
- Helping with school dances
- Cleaning up the Rail Trail
- A CPR certification class

• Raising money for animal shelters
• Painting a new mural in the school
These are just a few of the projects that are being worked on. In the next few months, you can expect to see 8th graders working on their projects all around the community. The overall favorite project (as voted on by students, staff, parents, and community members) was helping a local animal shelter (Delaney Young), followed by a vaping awareness program (Jason Koziol), and painting inspirational quotes on the middle school bathroom stalls (Ella Noyes). Every one of these projects is unique and helpful in its own way.

The eighth grade will also be raising funds for the Franklin Animal Shelter by holding a Valentine's Day Dance, initiating Penny Wars in school, and collecting supplies for the shelter.

TOGETHER WE ARE COMMUNITY!

