



Proctor students helped out with play practice at AE/MS. Standing: William Feist, James Tepper, Casten Crosby, Nate Hallenbeck. Sitting/kneeling: Nadia Nevells, Bella Forrest, Lily Menard, Ezra Taylor, Ada Gardner, Ashley Fletcher, Lauren Anzalone

Proctor Students Help with AE/MS Play Practice

Students produce *The Wizard of Oz* for spring

Violet Kraft-Lund Marley
AE/MS student

“There is no place like home,” and there is nothing like the tradition of going to see the annual musical production at Andover Elementary/Middle School.

This year everyone has the pleasure of watching *The Wizard of Oz*.

Adapted from the beloved classic 1939 musical, this presentation of *The Wizard of Oz* is specifically designed for performance by middle and elementary school students. Dorothy Gale, (played by Violet Kraft-Lund Marley), The Cowardly Lion

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Proctor Gift to AE/MS for Drug Prevention and Mental Health

\$15,000 funds counseling and other initiatives

Jane Slayton, AE/MS Principal

Andover Elementary/Middle School recently received a generous gift from Proctor Academy. The \$15,000 gift is earmarked for drug prevention programming and mental health counseling and initiatives. AE/MS has received this financial support on a regular basis over the years and is very appreciative. The money has been well spent at AE/MS and students have benefited greatly.

This funding has made it possible for the school to maintain an annual contract for services through Second Start’s

Student Assistance Program (SAP). This offers school-based alcohol and other drug prevention programming to all of our middle school students. Services rendered by Second Start have followed recommendations set by Project SUCCESS. Its evidentiary strength has been established, and it has been approved as a model program by the SAMHSA National Registry of Evidence-Based Programs and Practices.

The majority of the program focus is based on classroom-based prevention education. However, students may refer themselves to SAP, or they can be referred by a peer, staff member, parent,

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SHARE Day Returns to AE/MS for 31st Year

Volunteers needed for workshops, other roles

Gisela Darling
AE/MS SHARE Day Coordinator

This year’s See How the Arts Reaches Everyone (SHARE) Day will take place on Friday, May 8.

This special day, which has been celebrated at the Andover Elementary/Middle School since 1989, brings artists, craftspeople, and musicians from Andover and surrounding communities into the classrooms to offer workshops to the students at the school.

The school would like to invite community members to share their talents by offering a workshop in a craft or arts-related hobby. Workshops in the

past have ranged from basketmaking to weaving. Different sports workshops also have been offered to the students

Volunteers are needed to assist the workshop leaders or to help the lower grades with their activities.

Sign-up forms will be available at School District Meeting on Monday, March 2, and at Town Meeting on Tuesday, March 10, or at the school anytime.

Please contact Gisela Darling, workshop coordinator, at 735-5681 or Darling-Gitds.net or Jane Slayton, principal, at 735-5494 if you need more information or would like to help. All workshops need to be in place at the beginning of April to allow time for the information to be sent home and students to make their choices before April vacation.

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Billy Caron, Ella LaBrie, Adalyn Boucher, and Aysiah French of the “Andover Barn Events Venue” team play tough defense during a game against the “Granite State Glass” Team. The Andover team went on to win the game.
Photo: Brendaen Makechnie

EAVP Registration is Under Way; Open House on March 7

Cash calendar instead of spaghetti dinner

Amy Jenkins, EAVP

Just when it seemed we were getting an early spring, winter returned, and we couldn’t be happier! We spend a big chunk of our day outside, and the snow makes it much more fun. We celebrated winter with a preschool family skating party at Proctor Academy... some of our alumni even attended! It’s always fun to see our past students!

Our small, nonprofit preschool relies on fundraising to meet our operating budget. This year instead of our annual spaghetti dinner, we decided to change it up and have a cash calendar fundraiser instead. All preschool families will be selling calendars throughout the month of March. They are \$10 each and a prize, such as gift cards, tickets, gift baskets, etc. will be raffled each day for the entire month of April.

If you are interested in supporting our little school by purchasing a prize calendar, contact a preschool family or email

us at EAVPtds.net.

Registration for the 2020-21 school year is underway! We will be holding an open house for prospective families on Saturday morning, March 7 from 9 to 11 AM. Come by and see our school!

We are busily preparing for our upcoming art show. The public is invited to view our work at the Bachelder Library in East Andover throughout the month of May. We hope you enjoy it!



Charlotte Sanborn and Keagan Wheeler paint the snow.
Photo: Elise Goodearl

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