



Lawn signs celebrating AE/MS' extraordinary Class of 2020 were distributed in May. Photo: Jane Slayton

AE/MS Class of '20 Graduates in School Parking Lot on June 11

“Drive-in movie”-style event with a 32' screen

Jane Slayton, AE/MS principal

It's time to celebrate the AE/MS Class of 2020! The lawn signs for graduates have arrived and will be distributed in May.

Our 30 AE/MS eighth grade students will graduate on Thursday, June 11, at 8:30 PM. The AE/MS parking lot will be transformed into a drive-in movie theatre. There will be a 32' screen, and the audio will be broadcast through an FM channel on the car radio.

We have 60 parking spaces – two per graduate family. The presentation will be filmed and compiled ahead of time. There may be some live presentations included. There will also be a celebratory parade during the event.

The rain date is June 16 at 8:30 PM. We are very excited to celebrate our students!

AE/MS Principal Jane Slayton to Retire After 23 Years of Service

Also: Gail Parenteau, four other long-time employees

Shelley Geoghegan, *Beacon* staff

This year has turned out to be a year of major changes for Andover, not the least of which was the announcement of a number of retirements of long-serving employees of the Andover Elementary/Middle School. Principal Jane Slayton, Administrative Assistant Gail Parenteau, and classroom teachers Holly Gagne, Lynn Tiede, and Michelle Stanhope are all leaving as of June.

Victor Stewart, who passed away recently, was also planning to retire this year. Another long-term employee who is scheduled to retire in June is Robin Heins, Business Administrator for the Superintendent's Office.

None of the prospective retirees could have imagined under what circumstances they would end their final year of service in the Andover School District. As with graduating eighth graders, these professionals were cheated out of all the final interpersonal interactions and special events that would have normally marked the end of their

time at the school.

The following narratives are based on answers to questions posed to each retiree. Jane Slayton also wrote a special tribute to Vic Stewart.



Jane Slayton, Principal, 23 years

Jane describes herself as having been the “proud principal” at AE/MS, as in proud to have been trusted with the very big job of running the school. She feels she was there to “support, nurture, cultivate, guide, teach, laugh, See Retirements on page 26



Proctor Academy's campus will remain quiet throughout the summer as Gordon Research has canceled its 10 weeks of conferences normally held on Proctor's campus during June, July, and August.

Caption: Scott Allenby. Photo: Lindsey Allenby

Proctor Moves Its 172nd Commencement Exercises Online

Planning begins for possible return-to-school

Scott Allenby
Proctor Academy

On May 30, Proctor will host its 172nd Commencement exercises online, recognizing the 103 members

of the Class of 2020 (including six Andover natives). Like everything this spring, our first ever virtual Commencement will be different; not bad, just different.

Awards will be granted, diplomas granted, and musical performances re-line, recognizing the 103 members See Proctor on page 25

Vehicle Parade to Honor Five AE/MS Retirees on June 12

Vic Stewart will also be honored posthumously

Jen Bent, AE/MS teacher

On Friday, June 12, there will be a vehicle parade honoring five beloved professionals who are retiring from Andover Elementary/Middle School at the end of this term.

All vehicles will assemble at Proctor Academy's dining hall (Field House/Hockey Rink) parking lot between 5:30 and 5:55 PM. We encourage you to decorate your vehicle; honking horns and megaphones are appreciated. *But please stay in your vehicle at all times!*

At 6 PM sharp, the parade will go

down Main Street and around the AE/MS building. Ms. Slayton, Mrs. Parenteau, Mrs. Stanhope, Mrs. Tiede, and Mrs. Gagne will be standing (six feet apart) with memory buckets near them. As cars pass by, one person from each vehicle can step out if they have a picture, card, written memory, gift, etc. to put into the bucket.

There will also be a separate bucket in honor of Mr. Stewart, our beloved janitor who passed away unexpectedly several months before his retirement. These donations will be used to plant a tree in his honor.

Rain date for the parade will be Friday, June 19.