



Middle school students at AE/MS eagerly await their outdoor movie on October 29. This was their first social event at school since February 14, 2020. Photo: Kasey Schoch

## Movie Night Much Anticipated by AE/MS Students

Teachers brainstormed the outdoor event

Kasey Schoch, AE/MS

Students in the middle school at AE/MS have been crying out for a social event since COVID pandemic began. Their last event was a dance on Valentine's Day of 2020, and only the class of 2022 was old enough to attend that event when it was held. Unfortunately, the situation has not changed enough that a traditional school dance seemed like a viable option.

A couple of weeks before Halloween, the teachers in the middle school came up with a solution to this much needed social event: an outdoor movie night. Students were told to dress warmly and bring chairs and blankets for the October 29 viewing of *The Nightmare Before Christmas*. As they arrived, they were served pizza and drinks before spreading out on the baseball field to watch the film.

Students cheered as the movie began, and the energy on the field could be felt by everyone. This was definitely a much needed social event for this group.

During the movie, each grade also had an opportunity to go on a "spooky

walk" through the woods with science teacher Ryan Murphy. AE/MS graduates were in the woods waiting to help



Sixth grader Maddie O'Neil has some fun at the October 29 AE/MS movie night in her dinosaur costume. Photo: Kasey Schoch

scare up a little fun.

The staff was overjoyed to be able to bring this event to students, and it was so well received that it may become a more frequent occurrence for years to come.

## AE/MS Students Exceed Goal of 1,000 Items for Food Drive

Twin Rivers Food Pantry benefits from drive

Cheryl Swenson

Twin Rivers Interfaith Food Pantry

The Andover Elementary/Middle School set a goal to collect 1,000 food items for the Twin Rivers Interfaith Food Pantry during the month of November. The students and their families not only exceeded their goal within the first week, but went well beyond it by collecting a grand total of 2,076 items!

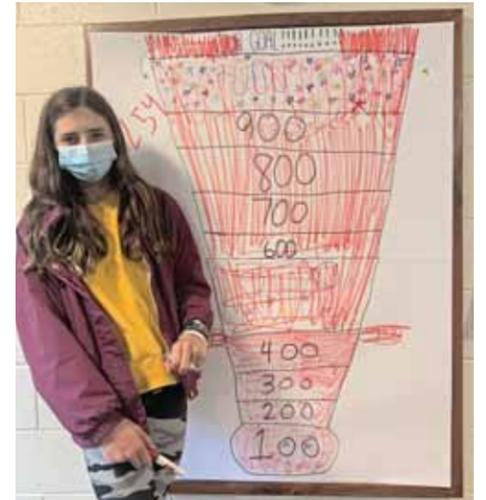
Wow and double Wow!

The food drive was organized by School Nurse Christine Frost, who also volunteers at the Pantry. She made the rounds of the school, stopping by each classroom to collect items with the help of several volunteer students. "When we are done, we are going to need a big truck to deliver all this food and all these household items," she commented.

The generosity of the Andover community is very much appreciated, as we are seeing rising numbers of families utilizing our facility. Food insecurity is a very real part of many people's lives.

We are open to all who need as-

sistance feeding their families. People may visit as often as needed. Twin Rivers Interfaith Food Pantry is located at 2 Central Street, across from Benson's Auto, in the lower level. We are open



Talia Hardie, AE/MS grade seven, stands next to the chart showing the progress of food collected during the food drive to benefit the Twin Rivers Interfaith Food Pantry during November. Photo: Christine Frost

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 to 11 AM, and Wednesdays from 5 to 7 PM.

Thank you, Andover Elementary/Middle School!



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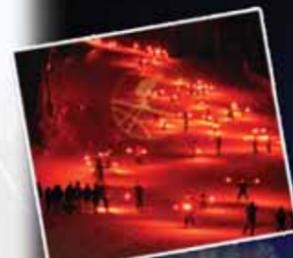
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