



Sixth Grader Ember Morgan Earns First Place Award for Peace Poster

Lions Club sponsors Peace Poster contest

Ella Rodgers
AE/MS Eighth Grade Student

Andover Elementary/Middle School has hosted its annual Peace Poster contest for grades six through eight. Every year there is a different prompt, with this year's being "How we are all connected." The Andover Lions Club sponsored and organized the event, but

Courtney Minnehan, AE/MS art teacher, is credited for working with the students during school hours as one of this year's enrichment clubs.

This year's Peace Poster contest was a huge success, and for the second year in a row sixth graders were invited to enter the contest. Students were asked to show people how they feel about the idea that the whole world is connected.

The winner of this year's Peace Poster contest was sixth grader Ember Morgan. Her project has already been sent to the state contest judges for review. Second and third place went to Ella Rodgers (a two-time second place winner in the eighth grade) and Victoria Koron (seventh grade).

The Peace Poster contest was definitely something AE/MS needed, to show people that through the rough times there's still peace and hope. All of the posters took hours of time to show that we still have that. All of the posters were phenomenal, and the Peace Poster contest is sure to continue as a favorite activity for students to participate in for years to come.



AE/MS Art Teacher Courtney Minnehan presents sixth grader Ember Morgan with first place for her Peace Poster. Photo: Kasey Schoch



In the spirit of the holiday season, AE/MS students collected toys for a Toys for Tots event. Our very own local New Hampshire State Trooper, Erin Frost, herself an AE/MS graduate, made her cruiser available to stuff with new, unwrapped toys on December 13.

Caption and photo: Christine Frost, AE/MS School Nurse



Sixth grader Bria Tremblay, left, performs her spellbinding solo, *Over the Rainbow*, in the long-awaited AE/MS performance of *The Wizard of Oz*. Later, seventh grader Ben Simard as the lion wows the crowd with his song about being the king of the forest. Caption: Kasey Schoch. Photo: Jennifer Bent



The Wizard of Oz Finally Makes Its Return to AE/MS

Play had been put on hold due to COVID

Aubrey Simard, AE/MS 8th grader and Kasey Schoch, AE/MS ELA teacher

Two years ago, when COVID-19 shut down schools, *The Wizard of Oz* was less than two weeks away from opening night. Sadly, the perfor-

mance that the cast worked so hard on was never able to be presented to the community.

Finally, the show did go on! Since most of the roles were held by students that had moved on to high school, all of the parts had to be recast with new performers. Students as young as third grade were given the opportunity to be

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At AE/MS, Greater Normalcy Despite COVID Challenges

Masks required indoors, but no distancing

Dennis Dobe, AE/MS Principal

It has been a very busy and productive fall and winter here at AE/MS. Despite the many challenges and complications presented by the pandemic (the greatest of which is the disruption caused by COVID-related student and staff absences), I am pleased to announce that we are doing very well at AE/MS. Amazingly, we find ourselves half way through the current school

year, so it is a good time to reflect on our school's progress since August.

Since the beginning of this school year, AE/MS students and staff must wear a mask at all times while indoors (no masking requirements outdoors), but do not need to maintain physical distance or maintain cohorts (where kids stay in small, separate groups which do not interact with others).

This means that school is much more "normal" for our students this year. We hope that AE/MS will return to even

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Proctor's Mountain Classroom program explores the American Southwest. Andover's Ani McIntyre '23 (second from right), Phoenix Verite '23 (third from right), and Wesley Koziol '22 (fourth from left) are taking part in this winter's program. Photo: Proctor Academy

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