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Twins" gather for fourth grade Twin Day at AE/MS, held during Spirit Week, the week before February vacation, when students get to dress up for a new theme each day, ending with AE/MS Eagle gear on Friday. Other days include Superhero Day, Crazy Hat Day, and Crazy Hair day. In the past it has ended with a Winter Carnival fun day, which we hope to bring back next year. Back row: Adalyn Tremblay, Charlie Welch, Hayden Page, Mason Hewitt, Ian Szilagyi, Candice Goodwin, Azalea Morgan. Front row: Emmett Peterson, Titus Bison, Ava Strahan-Howe, Lydia Buteau, Aleigha Charles.
Caption: Kasey Schoch. Photo: Michelle Horbert



Construction of the internal timber framing of the Proctor Academy Woodlands Center was completed by Steeplechase Timberframing.

Caption and photo: Scott Allenby

Woodlands Center Poised to Transform Life Sciences at Proctor

Contractors make progress through winter

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

The Proctor Woodlands Center is a project that has been three years in the making. Through the support of generous donors who understand Proctor's deep connection to the natural world and surrounding woodlands, this build-

starting next fall.

When designing this new science building, architects and members of the internal design committee sought to incorporate the very woodlands to which the building would serve as a gateway. Jack and Jake Bronnenberg, longtime partners in managing and harvesting Proctor's woodlands, identified a stand of trees near Elbow Pond that could be milled and used for the timber frame construction. Jack and Jake harvested these trees in the late summer and sent them to Tamworth, New Hampshire where they were milled and prepared for framing. In December, the timbers arrived back on campus ready for construction.



Jack and Jake Bronnenberg have harvested and managed Proctor Academy woodlands in partnership with the school for over a decade. This past fall, they harvested timbers to serve as the timber frame for the new Proctor Woodlands Center.

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ing will transform the life sciences at Proctor. With an estimated completion of July 2022, the Proctor Woodlands Center will be open for science classes

Throughout January's frigid and February's volatile weather, contractors have continued to make progress on the exterior of the building, allowing us to see roughly what the finished space will look like. A few weeks ago, while drilling a channel for plumbing lines and conduits for wiring, excavators hit the dreaded ledge that runs under much of See Woodlands on page 31

Spring Book Fair and Art Show are Back at AE/MS

April 18 to April 22; Family Night is on April 21

Kasey Schoch, AE/MS

Come celebrate reading! The Andover Elementary/Middle School will be having its Spring Book Fair from Monday, April 18, through Friday, April 22. The book fair is a wonderful way to help children get excited about summer reading.

On Family Night on Thursday, April 21, the book fair will have extended hours. It will be a great time for families to spend a fun evening at AE/MS.

The AE/MS Annual Interactive Art Show will also be part of Family Night. We will have all K-8 student self-portraits on display, along with fun art stations for families to do art activities with their children. Stations will include activities like painting a giant group mural, participating in an art Jeopardy game, and even creating your own self-portraits.

There will also be several musical showcases presented by middle schoolers throughout the night.

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Boys & Girls K - 8

www.mvbluestormsports.com



A sign on the front lawn of the Andover Town Hall announces that registration is now open for Merrimack Valley Blue Storm sports. According to their website, "Blue Storm Sports serves youth within the Merrimack Valley Middle School and High School communities," including Andover. Visit MVBlueStormSports.com for schedules and registration information.

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