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EAVP graduates 11 preschoolers in June. The five shown here are: Briar, a child who wishes not to be named, Finn, Elijah, and Jason.

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EAVP Says Goodbye to 11 Preschoolers in June

Looking forward to summer camp activities

Stephanie D'Amour
East Andover Village Preschool

May has been a busy month, and preschoolers are excited for the planting season. We have started our seeds inside, watching the little sprouts break through the soil. We have a variety of vegetables, fruits, and herbs that we will soon transfer to our garden outside on the playground. A big shout out to Garden Life for donating soil and to J&B Landscaping for delivering it!

During our April vacation, a group of Proctor students came to refresh our playground for Earth Day, doing some spring clean-up and spreading out our new soil. We are hoping this will help our garden thrive this year. We are looking forward to summer camp so we can tend our garden daily.

Also in May we celebrated our wonderful mothers, hosted our annual 5K fundraiser, and welcomed a few new students.

With only a couple weeks left in our school year, we are trying to squeeze in preparation for our end-of-year celebration, Father's Day gifts, and as much time outside as we can get.

On June 17 we will say good-bye to 11 preschoolers as they move on to kindergarten. This year we send our EAVP graduates to Andover, Danbury, Frank-



Four other preschoolers who are about to graduate to kindergarten are: Jolene, Callister, Avery, and Lauralei.

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lin, Salisbury, Sanbornton, and Wilmot.

There will be an Open House on Saturday, June 4, from 9 until 10:30 AM. Come see the school and meet the teachers! Enrollment is now available for the 2022-2023 school year.



On Cinco de Mayo (no connection intended), AE/MS second graders presented their research on Earth Changes to the first and third graders. Everyone met in the library, and the whole space was abuzz with tornadoes, earthquakes, tsunamis, wildfires, land and marine sinkholes, waterspouts, landslides, avalanches, land and underwater volcanoes, floods, glaciers, erosion, the ring of fire, hurricanes, and sand and dust storms! It was fun to see the students listen, ask questions, and learn from each other – a bit of normalcy after the trials of COVID, thankfully! In this photo, AE/MS second grader Caspian Wright explains about the Pacific Ring of Fire to Mariah Hewitt.

Caption and photo: Gretchen Hildebrand

Butterfly Project Takes Flight Through AE/MS Eighth Graders

Honors children lost during the Holocaust

Kasey Schoch, AE/MS

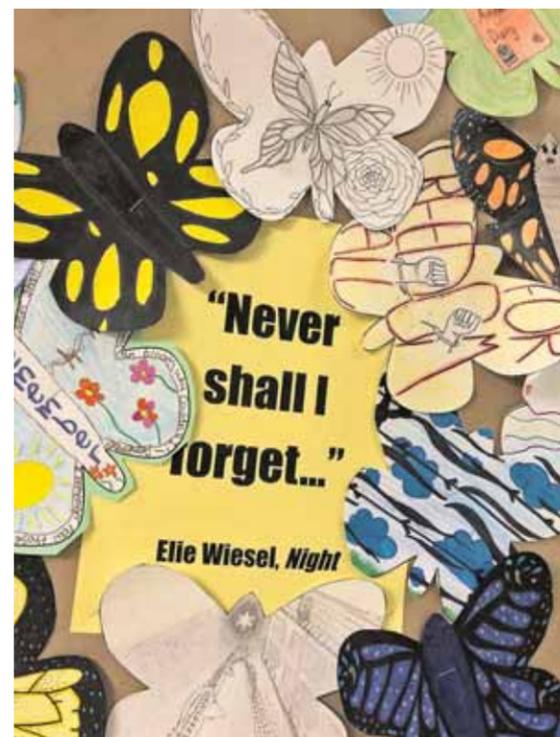
For the fourth year now, eighth graders at AE/MS have been taking part in a national project called "The Butterfly Project." Schools and museums all over the world create beautifully uplifting butterflies in honor of the the children lost during The Holocaust.

"More than 75 years after the young Czech poet Pavel Friedmann famously penned a farewell poem to 'the very last' butterfly at the Terezin Concentration Camp, the children of the world have answered Friedmann with the largest migration of butterflies ever seen. The United Nations will host an exhibit of handmade butterflies made by children from six continents over the last two decades to memorialize the 1.5 million mostly Jewish children who perished in the Holocaust," according to the Holocaust Museum of Houston website.

This year, the eighth graders at AE/MS created about 150 butterflies for the project. The artwork was inspired from poetry, children's stories, non-fiction pieces, and a play adaptation reading of *The Diary of Anne Frank*. The unit not only helped educate students about this event in history, it also allowed them to show their comprehension in a creative way. Also included were butterflies from the class of 2020,

which never were able to be displayed due to the school closure at the end of the year.

The butterflies were hung in the



AE/MS eighth graders participated in a national butterfly project, in remembrance of all the children lost during the Holocaust, by creating 150 paper butterflies of all colors and designs.

Photo: Kasey Schoch

middle school hallway on April 27, the start of Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Day. This day of memorial began at sundown on the 27th and continued through April 28. The display (which was placed side-by-side with a bulletin board collection of book covers that were inspired by the Holocaust and the events of World War II) remained for the students to observe upon their return to school on May 2, following their April vacation.

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