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A New Year Brings New Opportunities at AE/MS

Return of traditional events; new teachers

Kasey Schoch, AE/MS

There is a lot to be excited about at the start of a typical school year. Many of us remember our first day of school as being full of nervous excitement. It was a clean slate; a fresh start.

This year at AE/MS promises to be all that and more. With the worst of COVID appearing to be in the rearview mirror, the staff at AE/MS will be able to offer new and valuable opportunities for the students, from programming to new staff members and more.

Stephanie Peters will be taking on the role of kindergarten teacher once again.

In order to ensure that students and parents were ready for the first day of school on Wednesday, August 31, she held a kindergarten preview event on Tuesday, August 30 for both students and parents to see the room and ask questions.

At the end of the event, the kids were able to go on a short bus ride to get acclimated with the rules and the feeling of riding a bus. This helped the new students get over some of their first-day jitters ahead of time.

Elementary students will be working with a new literacy program thanks to reading specialist Anna Kate Hatten. The new program will help our younger students build skills, fluency, and confidence.

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Fourteen Proctor Academy students and three faculty leaders spent a week in July serving in the Rosebud, South Dakota community.

Photo: Peter Southworth

Proctor Students Enjoy Summer Work Trip to Rosebud Reservation

Nature, tradition, country life, and hard work

Peter Southworth, Proctor Academy

All relationships need nurturing, and Proctor's 2022 South Dakota Summer Service Trip strengthened our Rosebud connections. Fourteen students and three of us as faculty leaders learned much through painting and sprucing up a community center in brutal heat, jostling in the back of pickup trucks in search of a buffalo herd, working at an

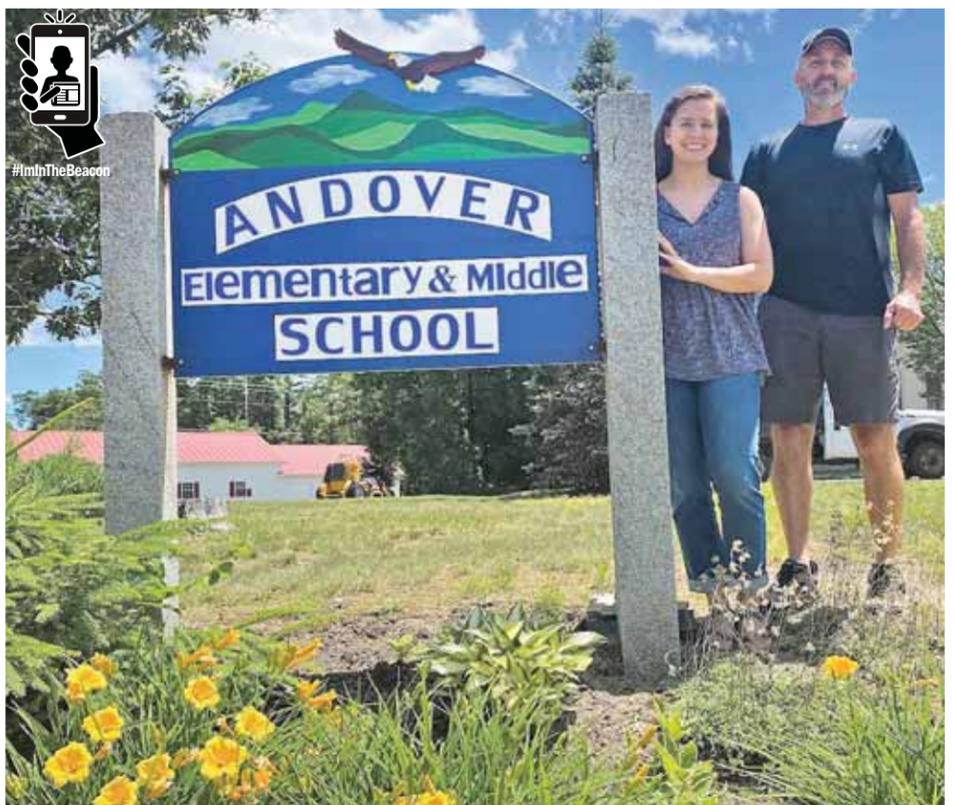
equine therapy ranch and riding horses, and sharing cool evening meals in our campsite.

We all came away with a better understanding of ourselves and our country through observing life on the Rosebud Reservation. Below are some of our experiences.

Tree of Life Mission

We met Linda, a relative of the White Hat family, who graced us with her energy, positivity, and gratitude

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Staff members Courtney Minnehan and Dennis Audet proudly present the new AE/MS sign that they, along with Alex Bramley, recreated from the original sign. Photo: Kasey Schoch

Resourceful Staff Uses Skills to Update AE/MS Entrance Sign

School's 3D software and machines put to use

Kasey Schoch, AE/MS

You may have noticed something new at the corner of Main and School Streets. The AE/MS sign has been updated, thanks to the skills and resources of AE/MS art teacher Courtney Minnehan, technology teacher Alex Bramley, and property manager Dennis Audet.

Mr. Audet started by cutting wood to the same shape and size as the original sign. He also skillfully cut out the wooden eagle, then came up with a new design to build the letters into the sign

using the school's 3D printing machine.

It was then that Alex Bramley used Mr. Audet's vision for the lettering and designed and created the letters using the school's 3D software and machines.

Knowing they needed an artist to complete the project, Courtney Minnehan joined the team to paint the background and eagle. Ms. Minnehan wanted to replicate the painting on the original sign to honor that iconic piece, while adding her own style to give it a fresh twist.

Next time you drive by, take a look at the bright new creation that this team has created for the community.

Proctor Academy Welcomes New Faculty and Staff

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

As Proctor prepares to welcome new and returning students to campus for the start of the academic year, our community also welcomes new faculty and staff to Andover. This group of educators has been working hard to get to know Proctor over the past few weeks. Please welcome these new faculty and staff members to Andover and learn more about them below!

- Matt Braley '17, Maintenance - Painter
- Alyssa Costa, Performing Arts Department, Plymouth State University
- Benjamin Cox '13, Information Services Helpdesk Technician
- Brian Didier, History Department, Stanford University and University of Cambridge
- Kelli Downes, Housekeeping
- Marc Flaherty, History Department, Salem State University
- Kiara Hakins-Tullar, Housekeeping

- Caroline Koziol, History Department, Colby-Sawyer College
- Eula Kozma, Executive Assistant to the Head of School and Board of Trustees
- Jessica Lavolpicelo, Cook
- Tina Nussbaum Wagler, Science Department, Goshen College
- Mamie Phelan, Eastern Alpine Ski Coach
- Christine Piquette, Assistant to Academic Dean and Dean of Faculty
- Lisa Powell, Housekeeping
- John Powell, Maintenance Technician/Plumber
- Josie Sanchez, MALS Fellow - Dartmouth, Merrimack College
- Charley Stern '09, Performing Arts Department, Communications, Bates College
- George "Geordie" Sousa, III, Eastern Alpine Ski Coach
- Joe Theis, Maintenance Technician
- Jill Trempe, Dishwasher
- Seval Vincevis, Housekeeping

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