

All Around AES

The (mostly) weekly newsletter from AES

Our mission: Exceptional instruction without exception

October 21, 2015

Calendar

Oct 21	PRT Early Dismissal 1:00 pm no afternoon Pre-K
Oct 30	AES Costume Parade – 9:00 am
Nov 2	Gr 3 walking trip to Amesbury Senior Center 9:15 – 12:00
Nov 3	No School – Election Day – Parent conferences grades 1, 2, 3, & 4
Nov 11	No School – Veteran’s Day
Nov 12	Gr 3 to Plymouth Plantation
Nov 18	Picture Retakes



Principally Speaking

This Friday I will be attending a breakfast meeting at City Hall in support of the City of Amesbury’s annual **Be a Buddy, Not a Bully** campaign. Held in October to match up with the national Bullying Prevention Month, this program is designed to give children the power to stand up for friends and become heroes in anti-bullying efforts. Standing by silently when you see a friend being harassed or made fun of can add to the problem and it is our hope that our children can have the strength to speak up for a friend. By focusing on themes such as Respect and Teamwork we hope to provide students with skills they can use in our bullying prevention efforts. Today your child had the opportunity to sign their name on a huge pledge sheet in which they promise to Be a Buddy. All students who signed were given a Be a Buddy bracelet!

All the News

Rebecca Reese and her first graders ventured up the AES Nature Trail, all the way to the summit of Po Hill to make some autumn nature observations. Armed with boundless energy and a pair of binoculars, they set out in the late fall sun, noticing changes in the forest floor, canopy and along the meadow as they made their way to the top. The view that unfolded below was spectacular...with Cider Hill Farm, and fields of Salisbury Plains below, and the Atlantic Ocean in the distance, the day proved perfect for the hike.

Sheila Harney’s fourth graders has been learning how to calculate area, and doing so by measuring spaces around our school. Following their activity, they had an amazing writing moment on Friday, when they brainstormed ways to thank Home Depot for the measuring tapes they donated for measuring our playground. Next, they created their rough drafts and then completed their genuine, personal responses all in an hour! What this demonstrated was both their budding writing ability but also that they truly understood the generosity in the gift from Home Depot that made their measurement of our playground.