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Head Start children enjoy visit from MAINE*i*acs

Lewiston, ME (December 6, 2010) - Androscoggin Head Start and Child Care's B Street Center received a visit recently from members of the Lewiston MAINE*i*acs hockey organization. Goalie Andrey Makarov and left wing Kirill Kabanov, both from Russia, visited with the children before a practice, signing autographs and taking photos. Head Coach Jean-Francois Houle read "Chicka Chicka Boom Boom" to an excited audience of 30 children, ages three to five. Coach Houle answered questions that the children asked, most of which were not hockey related.

Also visiting from the MAINE*i*acs were Bill Schurman, Managing Consultant and Governor, Darren Rumble, Associate Coach, Tim Schurman, Assistant General Manager, and Amanda Flint, Community Relations Coordinator. Androscoggin County Commissioner and Chair of Androscoggin Head Start and Child Care's Board of Directors Elaine Makas arranged the visit.

Estelle Rubinstein, Executive Director of Androscoggin Head Start and Child Care, said, "Every year, MAINE*i*acs players visit our classrooms to read and the children enjoy it immensely. These young men are so far from home, and yet they connect with our children as role models. We are so pleased to have the MAINE*i*acs in our community, and are so thankful that they believe in the importance of teaching children at an early age that books and reading can be just as fun as hockey!"

The Lewiston MAINE*i*acs Hockey Club is the only American based team in the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League. The MAINE*i*acs are currently in their eighth season, and is proud to provide quality entertainment to the Lewiston-Auburn area. For more information on the Lewiston MAINE*i*acs, please visit www.lewistonhockey.com.

Androscoggin Head Start and Child Care has provided quality early care and educational services to pregnant women, families, and children for over forty-four years. Program options include Full Day Head Start pre-kindergarten and child care, Half Day Head Start pre-kindergarten, Home Based, Family Child Care, Infant and Toddler Early Head Start, and the Child and Adult Care Food Program. Services through these programs are provided annually to over four hundred children and families throughout Androscoggin County.

Applications for all programs are accepted at any time. Please call (207) 795-4040 ext. 325 for more information. Please visit our website at www.androscogginheadstart.org. Androscoggin Head Start and Child Care is a United Way funded and Lewiston and Auburn CDBG supported agency.

Photo Attachment: (left to right) 3 year old Joshua sits on MAINEiac Goalie Andrey Makarov, while Kirill Kabanov holds 3 year old Ayisha at Androscoggin Head Start and Child Care's B Street Center.



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