

The Jackson Ski Touring Foundation has for many years provided the school children at the Jackson Grammar School with 10 weeks of free rentals to encourage outdoor activity in the winter months. On March 11, the Jackson Grammar School combined that outdoor activity with a fund-raiser. For several years the elementary school has done a ski-athon at the end of the ski season. This year the children skied 661 cross country laps, with Pearse Jacob Benson and Elizabeth Duffy top in the school for total laps. A portion of the money raised is donated to help children in need. In the past, the donations have gone to other countries with major economic barriers that affect families and children. This year the children voted to donate locally to the White Mountain Community Health Center. On behalf of the health center, Shawn Rogers, the pediatric nurse practitioner, and Kristy Lavertue, the pediatric nurse, visited the school and explained the health center's mission of providing health care to anyone who needs it regardless of their ability to pay for these services, and to accept the generous donation of \$1,000.