

**CAWLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL  
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT  
"Make a Mark, Make A Difference"  
2017 Middle School of the Year**

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**June 2017**

**2017 Middle School of the Year**

Cawley Middle School was named the 2017 Middle School of the Year for the state of New Hampshire. Students, staff, parents, school and district administration and school board members will be honored for their collaborative roles in making Cawley great on June 10 at the New Hampshire Excellence in Education awards banquet.

**Last Day of School**

The last day of school, June 21 is an early release day. All students will be dismissed at 12:00 pm.

**Report Cards**

Report cards will be distributed to all students the last day of school. If a student is absent on the last day, the report card will be held in the office for two weeks for pick up.

**Eighth Grade Recognition Evening**

The eighth grade recognition evening ceremony and dance is June 20. The ceremony recognizing eighth grade students will begin at 6:00 pm. The dinner and dance will be from 7:00 – 10:00 pm.

**PTO Barbeque**

The annual Cawley PTO barbeque will be on Friday, June 2. Hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, popsicles, and water will be served during all lunches for students and staff.

**Fifth to Sixth Grade Orientation**

Incoming fifth graders will be touring Cawley Middle School on Wednesday, June 7. Students will be introduced to their homeroom teachers and administration. That evening, starting at 6:00 pm and ending at 7:30 pm there will be a dance for current fifth and sixth grade students. There will be a parent orientation in the Cawley Media Center from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm. This presentation will provide an overview of the academic and extra curricular programs offered for all students.

**Camp Mi Te Na**

Eighth grade students will be attending Camp Mi Te Na on June 7, 8, 9 in Alton, New Hampshire. Students will have the opportunity to swim, sail, use a ropes course and participate in other team games. Camp Mi Te Na is an overnight camp.

### **Sky Watch**

All students, families and community members are invited to Cawley Middle School on Friday June 16, at dusk to view the stars. There will be amateur astronomers that will set up telescopes for a closer look at the stars, moon and any visible planets. This is a beginner-friendly viewing to the stars and each telescope will have an expert that will guide participants. The event will take place in the back parking lot of the school. Please bring flashlights, as the streetlights will be turned off. If there is CLOUD COVER or RAIN, the event will be CANCELED. Each school will post the cancellation on their individual website. Advanced Learning Program teacher Donna Tremblay is coordinating this wonderful event for the Hooksett Community.

### **Builders Club, Building Leaders**

Builders Club held a snack and refreshment fundraiser to benefit a local child in need of a wheelchair and van. Four hundred dollars was raised to help the family with their medical costs. Using the money raised at the lip-sync contest the Builders Club continues to distribute "Happy Bags" to local children with medical needs. The bags contain bedside activities and homemade cards with kind messages of support. Nine of these bags will be personally transported to a children's hospital by one of our members and her family.

In early June members will be volunteering at the Mother/Son Event at Hooksett Memorial. Students are also selling tickets for the Kiwanis Fishercats Night at Delta Dental Stadium. Members will also be babysitting at the 2nd to 3rd grade Orientation Evening at Hooksett Memorial School. A volunteer squad will be helping to build cardboard village pieces to help decorate for the Hooksett Public Library's summer reading program.

The outgoing executive board will be recognized and the newly elected board will be inducted at a special ceremony in the Media Center on June 6 at 7:15 am.

### **National Junior Honor Society**

The NJHS ended the school year on a successful note raising \$1,200 for the Hooksett Food Pantry from the annual Cawley talent show. In addition, the pancake breakfast raised nearly \$700, which was donated to Becky's Gift. The elections for next year's officers will be held at the last meeting in June.

### **Cawley Wins Fishercats Reading Challenge**

We are excited to announce that out of 140 schools in New Hampshire, Cawley Middle School was one of the top three participating schools in the Fishercats Reading Challenge. The language arts and reading teachers plan to share the \$500 prize to improve their classroom libraries

### **Summer Reading Lists**

The summer reading lists at Cawley are getting a makeover. This summer there is one list for the entire school that is broken down into categories/themes. There will be a unique assembly to celebrate summer reading in October. Each category/theme

will be a nominee for our first ever Student Choice Awards. The summer reading list will be posted on the school's website on July 1 and also be mailed home in August. The books on the list will be available at the Hooksett Library. In the mailing students will receive an invitation, which includes how to earn VIP status at the assembly in the fall.

### **Unified Sports**

The 2017 spring Unified Sports team will join Mountain View Middle School of Goffstown and Rundlett Middle School of Concord at Livingston Park on June 7 for a day of cooperative games and hiking. This year's teams did a great job developing skills and broadening their understanding of strategies and sport specific rules.

### **Athletics**

The spring season is quickly coming to a close. Boys and girls lacrosse concluded Cawley's inaugural season with a lot of success. The girls showed tremendous growth throughout the season and the boys finished with a 7-3 record. Track and field concluded on May 30 with their state championship meet at Sanborn Regional High School. Softball advanced to the quarterfinal round and played Raymond. The baseball team earned the #2 seed and won their quarterfinal game and will play Weare in the semi-finals on June 1. The golf team continues to improve and is preparing for their championship match on June 6.

### **Performing Arts**

Students in the performing arts program have been very busy. They had a very successful spring concert on May 11, with music ranging from popular movie scores, to easy listening favorites like "Sittin' on the Dock of the Bay", to a collaboration between the chorus and the jazz band with "Diggin' on James Brown". Eighth grade musicians were also recognized for their dedication to the program at this event.

The band participated in the Great East Festival playing "John Williams at the Movies", "The Lion King", and "African Dreams". The music was exceptionally hard, pushing the limits of the student's musicianship. The band earned a silver level rating. They also took the streets with "Grand Old Flag" as they honored our nation's Veterans during the Hooksett Memorial Day parade on Sunday, May 28.

The chorus received a gold level award for their performances of "Four White Horses", "Lightning" and "Into the Woods Opening Part 1" with a score of 89 out of 100. "Lightning" and "Into the Woods" focused on complex meter changes and rapidly changing dynamic markings, which forced the students to dig into musicality and vocal control. It was incredible to see their growth in these two pieces since the concert on May 11.

The Hooksett Music Festival will be held on Monday June 5, at Cawley and the chorus students are busily preparing for that day's outdoor events, creating themed snacks and rehearsing "Man in the Mirror" a new song to be performed alongside the HMS chorus.

**Upcoming Dates to Note at Cawley:**

- June 2: PTSA BBQ
- June 4: Hooksett Music Festival, 4:00 pm – 7:45 pm
- June 6: Builders Club Recognition Ceremony, 7:15 am
- June 7 – 9 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to Camp Mi Te Na
- June 10: Edies Awards Dinner, 3:00 pm
- June 13: Hooksetites Come to Cawley, 1:15 pm
- June 15: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Carnival, 2:45 pm – 4:45 pm
- June 16: Skywatch, 8:30 pm – 10:00 pm
- June 20: Recognition Evening, 6:00 pm
- June 21: Last Day of School, Dismissal 12:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Matthew Benson, Principal