

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



November 2017

Report Cards

First quarter report cards will be distributed to students on November 17.

Parent Conferences

Parent conferences will be on November 14. Parents will have the opportunity to meet with all of their child's teachers to discuss academic and social progress.

NH School of Excellence Wall of Fame Ceremony

Cawley Middle School will once again be recognized for being named the 2017 Middle School of the Year. On November 7 at 4:00 pm, Assistant Principal, Brad Largy will represent the school at the EDies Wall of Fame Ceremony in Concord.

National Geographic Spotlight

Eighth grade and now seventh grade science teacher Kelly Blais was recognized and spotlighted in the National Geographic Education Blog in October. National Geographic wrote about a lesson Kelly developed and implemented in 8th grade that challenged students to design a bird adapted to a specific biome, considering environmental pressures that could threaten the bird's survival. Kelly strives to help her students develop a global perspective and a sense of ownership of their learning. She is also a National Geographic Educator Certification Ambassador. Check out the link. <https://blog.education.nationalgeographic.com/2017/10/17/educator-spotlight-building-a-birds-eye-view-of-the-world/>

Washington D.C.

One hundred-twenty three eighth grade students will be going to Washington D.C. November 6 - 10. Students will cruise the Potomac River, take a picture in front of the White House, tour Ford's Theatre, visit National Arlington Cemetery, the Newsuem, the Lincoln Memorial, the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial, World War II and Korean War Memorials, and Smithsonian Museums.

Arlington National Cemetery

On Wednesday, November 8 Brady Santin, Alexis Gagnon, Agrima Gurung and Emma Gardner will have the honor of placing a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington Cemetery as part of the 8th grade trip to Washington D.C. These students were chosen randomly through a raffle. The students and staff of Cawley Middle School are humbled to be chosen to participate in this ongoing memorializing of all those who served and made the ultimate sacrifice defending our freedom.

Geography Bee

Cawley is participating in the National Geographic Bee again this year. This is a national competition open to all middle school students. The intent of the bee sponsored in part by the National Geographic Society is to promote geographic literacy. The 2017 - 2018 bee began the week of October 30 with the classroom level of the competition. All students participated in this level of the bee in their social studies classes. The top thirty students from the classroom level will be invited to take part in the school level of the bee. The school bee will be held on December 4. The school champion will then take a qualification exam for the state bee to be held in the spring. State champions are invited to Washington, D.C. to compete in the national bee.

National Junior Honor Society

The National Junior Honor Society will induct 36 new members on November 2 at the 17th NJHS Induction Ceremony. After the new members are inducted the membership will be 54 students.

The new inductees:

Kylie Barnhart	Nicholas DiMaggio	Isabella Landry	Tyler Peltak
Katie Boudreau	Andrew Downer	Makenna Lord	Chloe Record
Haleigh Bowler	Ian Dresser	William Louiselle	Sarah Rousseau
James Bridges	Mya Gaspie	Faith Mamos	Elise Saab
Teaghan Casey	Madison Gehris	Kaitlyn McHugh	Julia Salvas
Gabriella Crockwell	Elijah Gosselin	Isabelle Nelson	Makenna True
Samuel Danforth	Stephanie Gosselin	Camden Normand	Jordan Wheaton
Briana Danis	Aidan Gravina	Sean O'Mara	Autumn Wood
Reiley DeVall	Nicholas Kafkoulas	Wendy Parcel	Kaley Wood

Red Ribbon Week

This year Red Ribbon Week is being celebrated across the country October 23 - October 31. Cawley students and staff will participate in a week full of activities that will bring awareness to the benefits of making healthy lifestyle choices and remaining drug-free. The week will focus on the Cawley Community taking a school-wide stance against drugs.

The national theme for the week is "Your Future is Key, So Stay Drug Free." Students received themed red ribbons to display their commitment to remaining drug-free.

Each day a teacher, former Cawley student or community member will read an announcement that promotes healthy living and provides facts and information about drug awareness. Posters were displayed throughout the school to promote a healthy lifestyle, including a bulletin board in the main entrance. Miss Lander's 6th grade FLEX class created posters that were hung throughout the building. The seventh grade health class is involved in a drug awareness unit as part of the health curriculum. On Monday, October 30, Captain Joseph Stalker of the Hooksett Fire Department discussed his involvement in drug prevention to seventh grade health classes.

On Wednesday of the week the Cawley Middle School Counselors were in the cafeteria during lunch periods encouraging students to make the commitment to a substance free lifestyle. Students had the opportunity to put their "mark," in the form of a themed sticker, on a school banner to symbolize their pledge to be drug free.

On Friday, October 27 students and staff participated in a RED OUT, in which all members of our Cawley community wore wear red as a symbol of the entire school's commitment to raise awareness regarding the short and long term effects of drug use.

Athletics

The cross-country team competed at the tri-county cross-country state meet at Mines Falls in October. Eighth grader Olivia Welch finished third overall and 8th grader Retta Hatin finished fourth overall out of 55 runners. The top boy runner was Logan Huard who finished 15th out of 62 runners. Boys and girls soccer teams finished the regular season with the boys team earning the number six seed and the girls team earning the number one seed. The playoffs began on October 20 with the finals taking place on October 27. Field hockey improved tremendously throughout the season and the girls were commended by several teams for their outstanding sportsmanship.

Winter sports tryouts:

Boys and Girls basketball tryouts will begin Monday, October 30 and cheer tryouts will start Monday, November 13.

Performing Arts

The second annual coffee house was a great success. It was a fun talent filled night and incredible opportunity for the Performing Arts program students to showcase their individual music interests.

Hawk-Apella and Jazz Band have been studiously rehearsing their parts for their upcoming concerts. Students have been working hard at improving their singing and instrumental techniques. The band has been learning about how to play in major and minor in a variety of ways and the chorus is really digging into rhythmic and melodic sight singing.

Upcoming Key Dates to Note at Cawley:

November 2: National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony, 6:30 pm
November 6: 1st Quarter Ends
November 6 – 9: 8th Grade Trip to Washington D.C.
November 7: 2nd Quarter Begins
November 10: No School, Veterans Day
November 13 – 24: Student Council Magazine Drive
November 14: No School, Parent Teacher Conferences
November 18: Robotics State Competition
November 22 – 24 No School, Thanksgiving Break

Respectfully Submitted,



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