

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



December 2018

National Geographic Certification Program

For the past two years, 7th grade science teacher Kelly Blais has been working in National Geographic's Educator Certification Program as a mentor to new educators looking to complete their certification. As a result of the work she has completed in the program and in the classroom, National Geographic has invited Kelly to speak at their official launch party on November 30. Kelly will address the president and CEO, of National Geographic and other educators. Kelly will represent Cawley Middle School and speak about how she has incorporated the National Geographic frameworks into the summer STEM program offered at Cawley. One of the core attributes of the National Geographic Frameworks is the "Human Journey." Kelly has incorporated this into the summer STEM curriculum by inviting a number of professionals to come into the classroom and discuss with students their journey to successful careers in science. This past summer Cawley hosted a number of scientists, including engineers from BAE Systems, a geneticist working in marine conservation, a chemist working on providing clean drinking water, a nutritionist who works with local athletes and a research scuba diver who spoke with students about diving in Antarctica.

Robotics

Cawley has two robotics teams this year. Congratulations to the Cawley Space Hawks for receiving the Core Values award at the FIRST Lego League robotics qualifying tournament in Manchester. The Core Values award is given to the team that demonstrates exceptional respect, inclusion, team spirit and willingness to help others. This means that in addition to being good robot programmers and project researchers, the students are also quality individuals. The Space Hawks will be competing in the NH State Championship meet on Dec 2, at Windham High School.

Team Warriors, competed at the FIRST Lego League qualifying tournament held at Bishop Guertin High School. The number one goal of the day was to have fun. Overall the team had a great day, doing a terrific job on their project and robot design presentations and making it to the semifinal round in the robot games.

Career Day at Cawley Middle School

Career Day has been scheduled for April 18, 2019. School counselors, Lea Maguire and Anne Mulligan along with Advanced Learning Program teacher, Donna Tremblay are in the process of coordinating the day. Speakers from a wide variety of professions will be contacted after the new year. This directly relates to the Hooksett School Board's goal of "exploring to bring back career day."

School Security

The Hooksett principals will be meeting with the president of HYAA, Mark Chagnon on December 7 to address the Hooksett School Board's goal of "reviewing safety procedures for evening, vacation and summer access to schools." Each principal will be meeting separately with program coordinators that utilize their schools in December. For example; Underhill (New Morning), Cawley (Jack's Driving School).

For evening hours the main entrance doors and doors that connect to the main hallways will be locked. During the summer, should there be an emergency when students and staff are in the building, the emergency operation plan (EOP) will be fully implemented. This includes all emergency management drills and accountability of students and staff.

Hooksett School Safety and Wellness Forum

The Hooksett School District is hosting the first Safety and Wellness Forum on January 16, 2019 at 6:30pm in the Cawley Middle School cafeteria. School administrators and local and state agencies will provide an overview of safety plans, procedures and technology that are in place for the safety of students, staff and community members. Former Chief Justice, John T. Broderick, will be the keynote speaker. He will be speaking about the five signs of mental illness. Other speakers will be Chris Connors who represents the Shooter Detection System and representatives from the Department of Homeland Security. This is a Hooksett School Board goal, "to plan a mid-year safety night for parents and the community."

Girls INC.

The Girls Incorporated of New Hampshire's Young Women's Leadership is meeting for seven weeks with several girls at Cawley during their lunches on Mondays. The Young Women's Leadership Group will focus on the uniqueness of girls and build on their strengths including assertiveness, friendship and creativity along with building a sense of community through hands on activities and discussions. The meetings will take place through the middle of January.

Bell Ringing

There are many different organizations, clubs, staff members and students at Cawley who will be ringing the Salvation Army bells in Hooksett in December. The Cawley community has always volunteered to support others in Hooksett. Principal, Matthew Benson and 8th grade students, Andrew Downer, Declan Ryan, Julia Salvas and Autumn Wood, will be ringing bells at Shaws in Hooksett on December 7.

Builders Club

The Builders Club is proud to announce that through the sale of "Hoppy Grams," members will be presenting Barb Brennan, from the Hooksett Food Pantry, a check for \$200.00. Barb will be coming to the next general meeting to speak to the Builders Club about the Food Pantry and to accept the donation. In addition, a few members collected change while out Trick or Treating for the Unicef Foundation in the amount of \$34.00. On November 15, four members, along with Mrs. Kahn and Mrs. Williams,

traveled to the Nashua Armory to participate in Operation Care for Troops. Members helped sort foods and candies that were packed and sent to the troops for the holidays.

Athletics

The winter season is off and running with the boys and girls basketball teams both starting league play after the Thanksgiving break. The cheer team is finishing getting the squad picked and should be showing off their talent at upcoming home basketball games. Co-ed volleyball will start up the first week February after basketball season is complete. Volleyball is a non-cut sport open for all students.

Performing Arts

December is a very busy month for the Fine Arts Department. The Jazz Band, Hawkapella, Band, and Chorus will perform at Hooksett Memorial on December 11 at 1:00 pm. The other performances will be at Cawley on December 12 at 9:15 am and 6:30 pm for the Hooksett community. Members of the Select Chorus are performing at the Hooksett Tree Lighting ceremony on December 7.

This year's 8th grade musical will be, "Disney's Beauty and the Beast Jr." The musical will be performed in April. Auditions will take place on December 16 and 17 with the cast being announced at the start of winter break.

Upcoming Key Dates to Note at Cawley:

December 3: 2nd Trimester Begins
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December 10 – 21: Dream Catchers Food Drive
December 11: Fine Arts Department Performs at HMS 1:00 pm
December 12: Winter Concert, 9:15 am, 6:30 pm, Cawley Gymnasium
December 17-21: 2nd Quarter Progress Checks
December 21- Jan. 1 Winter Vacation

Respectfully Submitted,



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