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



January 2019 Geography Bee

Congratulations to 8th grade student George Kalampalikas for winning the school Geography Bee on December 3. George will now be competing in the state tournament in the upcoming months.

Safety and Well Being Forum

The Hooksett School District will host a Safety and Well-Being Forum on January 16 from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm 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 NH Chief Justice John T. Broderick will be the keynote speaker. He will be speaking about the five signs of mental illness. Representatives from the Hooksett School District, Hooksett Fire, Hooksett Police, Shooter Detection Systems LLC and the Department of Homeland Security will provide an overview of their roles and responsibilities in preventing an emergency situation and when an emergency situation occurs.

NWEA Testing

All Cawley students will be taking the NWEA test in math and reading beginning on January 28. Teachers will be analyzing students' growth from the fall to the winter. The goal is for all students to make growth each time they are assessed. Students will also be reviewing the personal NWEA goals that were established in October.

NAEP

Cawley Middle School was randomly selected to participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress on January 30. Eighth grade students are randomly selected to either take a math, reading or science test. NAEP is known as the "Nation's Report Card" and only reports on national data, not specific students.

Washington D.C 2019 Trip Informational Meeting

There will be an informational meeting regarding the 2019, 8th grade trip to Washington D.C. for current 7th grade parents and students on Wednesday, January 23, from 6:00-7:00 pm in the media center at Cawley Middle School. The trip for 2019 is scheduled for November 5, 6, 7 and 8. The projected cost of the trip will be announced at this meeting, but is subject to change depending on the number of students who attend the trip. Members of the school staff and Mr. Douglas Bennett from Bennett Student Travel will be present information and details about the trip.

Builders Club

December was a very busy month for the Cawley Builders Club. There were over a dozen students who volunteered at the Hooksett Public Library's Santa Party on December 1. The volunteers helped with face painting, crafts and games. On the December 4, three members volunteered at the Hooksett Education Association Blood Drive. In the spirit of giving for the holidays, the Cawley Builders Club selected two boys from the community and purchased holiday gift items that were on their wish lists. In addition, Builders Club advisor, Mrs. Kahn delivered the presents along with 75 handmade cards and 130 reindeer candy canes to the Hooksett Holiday Assistance Program. Members of the Builders Club also volunteered to bell ring for the Salvation Army in Hooksett.

Athletics

The boys and girls basketball teams have begun league play. At press time the boys have a record of 5-1 in league play and 7-1 overall. At press time the girls team is 3-3 in league play and 5-3 overall. Both teams have been playing at a high level and continue to get better each day. The cheer team has been working hard on their cheer, dance and stunt routines as they are having fun cheering at the home basketball games as well as gearing up for their January competitions. Co-ed volleyball (no cut sport) will begin on Monday, February 4.

Performing Arts

The Cawley Band, Jazz Band, Chorus and Hawk-Apella, did an outstanding job in all three performances. The Performing Arts Department is practicing hard already for the New Hampshire Music Educators Association Large Group Festival in March. In December eighth graders auditioned for roles in the "Beauty and the Beast Jr." musical. The casting has been announced and rehearsals will begin this winter.

Upcoming Key Dates to Note at Cawley:

January 1: No School Winter Vacation

January 14: Winter Sports Pictures, 1:45 pm – 2:30 pm

January 16: Safety and Well Being Forum, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

January 18: Student Council Dance, 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm January 21: No School Martin Luther King/Civil Rights Day

January 22 – 25: Progress Checks for Trimester 2 Classes

January 22 – 28: PTA Street Sign Raffle

January 23: Washington D.C. Parent Informational Night, 6:00 pm

January 23: 2nd Quarter Ends January 24: 3rd Quarter Begins

January 28 – Feb. 11: Student Council Magazine Drive January 30: NAEP Testing (8th Grade Only)

Respectfully Submitted, Matthew Benson

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