

**CAWLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT
"Make a Mark, Make A Difference:
2017 New Hampshire Middle School of the Year
March 2019**



Kiwanis Educator of the Year

Eighth grade science teacher, Margaret Collins was selected as the 2018 Middle School Kiwanis Hooksett Educator of the Year. Margaret Collins has been an educator in the Hooksett School District for nineteen years. Margaret is a talented professional who is an expert in her content area, but more importantly an expert in communicating her knowledge of science to all students. Margaret is a school leader, as she has volunteered her time to be on numerous school, district and SAU committees such as; Technology Committee, Good to Great, Teacher Effectiveness, Middle School Month, Scheduling Committee, NECAP Assembly, Literacy Committee, STEM Committee and Professional Development Committee. Margaret has been the Hooksett Education Association Co-President and is currently the Grievance Chair. Margaret is the co-advisor for the STEM Club. Margaret was a Student On Line Atmospheric Research participant and participated in the Research Experience for teachers. She implemented "Forest for Every Classroom training, which was a cross-curricular student driven study for the forest on the school grounds of Cawley Middle School. Mrs. Collins has been active maintaining water quality, natural resource management and watershed ecology. She has raised trout in her classroom to foster a conservation ethic in students. Students release the trout into Dalton Brook. Last year, Margaret trained science teachers in SAU 15 and around the state on how to plan and implement inquiry based science instruction. Margaret has always been on the cutting edge of high quality instruction and assessment of students.

National Geographic Grosvenor Teacher Fellowship

Seventh grade science teacher and summer STEM teacher, Kelly Blais, was awarded the prestigious Grosvenor (*Grove-ner*) Teacher Fellowship by National Geographic. The goal of the Grosvenor Fellowship is to engage K-12 educators in field-based experiences that can be reflected in their teaching practice and shared within their communities. As part of the fellowship, Kelly will be traveling to Washington D.C. in April to represent Cawley Middle School at National Geographic headquarters, meeting with other educators and scientists as they plan and prep for an expedition to the Galapagos Islands. In August, Kelly will board the *Endeavor 2*, traveling throughout the island chain and working with naturalists, geologists, biologists, and oceanographers on various research projects.

March 12 Workshop Day

On March 12, all teachers will attend the "Mental Health First Aid Training" presented by Merrimack County Juvenile Services. "Youth Mental Health First Aid introduces educators to common mental health challenges for young people and reviews adolescent development information. The training offers a five-step plan to

assist helping adolescents from 12 to 18 who may suffer from anxiety, depression, substance misuse, disruptive behavior disorders, and other disorders. Youth Mental Health First Aid is also a key recommendation of the Governor's School Safety Preparedness Taskforce.”

Middle School Month

The coming of spring brings with it the celebration of adolescents. March is National Middle School Month. Ten to fifteen year olds make a difference in their families, schools and communities everyday, so Cawley designates one special month to celebrate middle school students and who they are and what they've accomplished. At Cawley, there are a variety of activities throughout the month that include dress up days, trivia questions and a culminating spirit rally and dance which is scheduled for March 22, from 6:30 – 9:00 pm. Each week will have particular focus on a theme. Week 1 – Dr. Seuss, Literacy, Week 2 – Cultural Diversity, Week 3 – Growth Mindset.

National Foreign Language Week will be observed March 8 - March 15.

In recognition of National Foreign Language Week, the pledge will be recited in English as well as five different foreign languages.

Middle School Month is kicked off with a school-wide dodge ball tournament on March 8, where students contribute \$1.00 each to play for their team. The money collected will be donated to a local Hooksett charity.

Cultural Diversity Training for Staff/Students (HSB Goal)

As part of the Middle School Month and the Hooksett School District's school board goal of, "Exploring training/awareness of cultural sensitivity and diversity for staff to improve outcomes for student/inclusion." Students and staff will participate in a cultural diversity workshop on March 13. "The presenter, Becky Field uses photography to focus primarily on social, cultural, ethnic and religious diversity in New Hampshire. The photographs raise awareness about the strength and vitality of ethnic, cultural and religious diversity in New Hampshire, while also honoring and celebrating the families." The presentation will recognize the contributions of New Hampshire's immigrants and refugees, and educates the general public about the paths to resettlement. As part of the eighth grade presentation and staff presentation a refugee will attend to share his/her personal stories of fleeing their country and transitioning to the United States.

E-Cigarette Presentation

As part of Middle School Month, Dr. Cheryl Abel, an associate professor of pharmacy practice at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences will speak to each grade level to share the short-term and long-term dangers of e-cigarettes. Dr. Abel is an experienced presenter and expert in her field. After each presentation, Health teacher, Marie Lander will provide students with a time to reflect and debrief about the presentation.

Builders Club

The Cawley Builders Club is getting ready to SPRING into action. Members of the club will be volunteering at the Hanover Hill Nursing Home. Students will be selling "Hoppy Grams" - plastic eggs that are decorated and filled with treats for friends in April. Cookies will be baking food in Mrs. Olsen's room for delivery to the Hooksett Safety Complex. Members are beginning to plan a movie night for the student body.

National Junior Honor Society

The National Junior Honor Society raised \$253.00 from selling Cupid-Grams in the days leading up to Valentine's Day. The money will be donated to the Hooksett Food Pantry. Members have been working hard volunteering their time in the school and community and are thinking about a service project to help Cawley Middle School in the month of March. In addition, 15 members helped to prepare and serve breakfast for all staff on February 21.

Athletics

The Cheerleading team finished the season on a high note. The team won first place at Cheer Madness and Astro Blast. In addition, the team won "Best Pyramid" at Astro Blast.

Co-ed Volleyball has competed very well in the first three matches of the season. There are five scheduled matches after February vacation.

Spring Sports Tryout Information:

BASEBALL: Coach: Mr. Bouchard: Tryouts begin Monday, March 25 --time/location TBD. All athletes trying out for baseball will need to show up day one with athletic handbook filled out, a change of clothes, water bottle, sneakers, cleats and glove.

GIRLS SOFTBALL: Coach: Mrs. Schaeffer: Tryouts begin Monday, March 25 --time/location TBD. All athletes trying out for softball will need to show up day one with athletic handbook filled out, a change of clothes, water bottle, sneakers, cleats and glove.

BOYS LACROSSE: Coach: Mr. Behling: Tryouts begin Monday, March 25 --time/location TBD. Boys should have athletic handbook filled out, a change of clothing, helmet, gloves, arm pads, shoulder pads, mouth guard, water bottle, cup, stick, cleats & sneakers.

GIRLS LACROSSE: Coach: Ms. Blais & Ms. Lander: Tryouts begin Monday, March 25 --time/location TBD. Girls should have athletic handbook filled out, cage/goggles, mouth guard, water bottle, stick, cleats & sneakers.

TRACK & FIELD BOYS & GIRLS: Coaches: Mr. Middleton, Mrs. D'Amours, Mr. Bickford: Tryouts begin Monday, March 25 --time/location TBD. Athletes should have

athletic handbook filled out, a change of clothing, running shoes and a water bottle. Students will start trying out for events day one.

GOLF BOYS & GIRLS: Date/Time/Location TBD: See Ms. Gallivan in Room 110 with any questions.

Performing Arts

On March 9, chorus and band students will be participating at the New Hampshire Music Educators Association Large Group Festival. Students will observe other local middle school performers, perform three prepared pieces and sight read. This will all be performed in front of adjudicators who will judge the students' performances as ensembles and give them a grade. Students will receive valuable feedback that can apply to future performances.

Eight music department students have been selected to perform at the South Central District Middle School Music Festival. Those following students are: James Bridges, Ashley Baillargeon, Emma Houston, Donny McKinney, Cooper Brockway, Ella Crockwell, Briana Danis, and Wendy Parcel.

The 8th grade musical, "Beauty and the Beast Jr.", is well underway. Students have been working on singing in harmony with proper technique, physical acting through blocking and character work and adding movement to music through choreography rehearsals. Regardless of their experience levels in music and/or drama, the growth in their confidence and performing abilities has been incredible. The performances are April 4 and April 5 at 9:15 am and 7:00 pm.

Upcoming Key Dates to Note at Cawley:

- March 4 – 8: 3rd Quarter Progress Checks
- March 6: Vaping Informational Presentation @ Candia Moore School, 6:30 pm
- March 12: No School, Voting Day, Teacher Workshop
- March 15: Trimester 2 Ends
- March 18: Trimester 3 Begins
- March 22: Student Council Dance, 6:30 – 9:00 pm
- March 22: Report Cards Distributed

Respectfully Submitted,



Matthew Benson, Principal