

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



Arushi Saravanan Wins Curiosity Challenge

Sixth grader Arushi Saravanan won the Cambridge Science Festival's 2019 Curiosity Challenge sponsored by the MIT museum. There were over 4,000 competing entries submitted by students. Arushi beat out the competition with the winning entry titled, "How do zippers work?" Arushi will be honored at the Curiosity Awards Ceremony held at MIT on April 20.

Career Day (Hooksett School Board Goal)

The Cawley Middle School Career Day will be on April 18. Currently, there are 18 presenters that have signed up to speak. Students will have the opportunity to listen to pharmacists, real estate agents, lawyers, police officers, videographers, business owners and more. The school is still in need of presenters. If you or know anyone who is interested in presenting please contact Donna Tremblay at donnatremblay@sau15.net.

Skywatch

All students, families and community members are invited to Cawley Middle School on Wednesday, March 27 for Skwatch; a night to view the stars. There will be a thirty- minute presentation in the media center starting at 7:00 pm followed by an outside viewing of the stars. Astronomers will be on site to set up and help guests use the telescopes. The telescopes will be set up until 9:30 pm. All students need to be accompanied by an adult. The viewing will take place in the back parking lot. Please park in the front of the building and bring a flashlight as the streetlights will be turned off for viewing the stars.

8th Grade Science Assessment

Eighth grade students will be taking the New Hampshire Statewide Assessment System (NH SAS) science assessment beginning on April 16 and 17. The NH SAS Science Assessment is a non-adaptive computer based assessment in which students must read information or view phenomena, create models, and answer open-ended constructed-response items.

New Hampshire Statewide Assessment System

All Cawley Middle School students will be taking the New Hampshire Statewide Assessment System in Math and English Language Arts in April and May. This assessment is a web-based computer adaptive test. State assessments are an important part of a student's core educational program. They provide an evaluation of student mastery of content and skills in various academic areas, serve as one tool for measuring the degree to which students are on track to graduate high school and

be college and career-ready, and help inform future instruction in the classroom. Along with student work on classroom assignments, projects, essays and local assessments, state assessment results give teachers and parents, important information about where students are on their path toward academic success. Parents may access training tests for the NH SAS by going to the portal at <https://nh.portal.airast.org/training-tests.stml>.

National Junior Honor Society

The National Junior Honor Society will be hosting their annual Pancake Breakfast at Cawley on April 13, from 8:00 am - 10:00am. Tickets are \$5.00 and can be purchased ahead of time from NJHS members or at the door on the morning of the event. All proceeds will be donated to a local charity. The NJHS members are also developing plans for a book drive at Cawley, as well as Easter baskets for the homeless.

Builders Club

The Builders Club is looking forward to a trip to Hanover Hill Nursing Home. Members will be bringing virtual reality devices in order to share "virtual" adventures with the patients. Egg-citement is building for the sale of Hoppy Grams. Hoppy Grams will be sold April 15 - 18. Sara, Kanchan and Pragyee Gurung all spoke at the Kiwanis dinner on March 29, to explain the events and community work the Cawley Builders Club is supporting and organizing.

Athletics

Spring sports started on March 25, with tryouts for boys and girls lacrosse, baseball, and softball. Track and Field will begin on April 1 and golf will begin the week of April 15. All detailed information of sports, dates, equipment, etc. can be found on the After School Sports board next to the cafeteria as well as Mr. Middleton's website: <https://sites.google.com/sau15.net/gmiddleton/18-19-athletics>

Performing Arts

On March 9, the band and chorus performed at the New Hampshire Music Educators Association Large Group Festival, which took place at Goffstown High School. Both ensembles performed for three adjudicators, all of which were professional musicians, to receive feedback on performance techniques and sight-reading abilities. Students also had the opportunity to participate in a workshop led by one of the adjudicators following their performances. Both ensembles received a 3 out of 4. Congratulations to both ensembles on a job well done.

The 8th grade musical, [Disney's Beauty and the Beast Jr.](#), will take place on April 4 and 5 in the Cawley gymnasium at 9:15 am and 7:00pm. Doors will open at 9:00 am and 6:40 pm and tickets are available at the door for \$5.00 per person. Eighth grade students have been working since January to bring Linda Woolverton's classic story to life onstage. All the work (costumes, scenery, props, program and technical aids, and of course, the acting, singing, and dancing) has been student-generated under the creative direction of Mrs. Gatzoulis, Mr. Davini, Mrs. Fuller, Mrs. Benyik, Mrs. Olsen, and Mr. Trimmer.

Upcoming Key Dates to Note at Cawley:

April 4: 8th Grade Musical Performances, 9:15 am & 7:00 pm
April 5: 8th Grade Musical Performances, 9:15 am & 7:00 pm
April 8: Make Your Mark, Make A Difference Awards (During Lunch)
April 8: 3rd Quarter Ends
April 9: 4th Quarter Begins
April 13: NJHS Pancake Breakfast, 8:00 am – 10:00 am
April 18: Cawley Career Day, 8:00 am
April 22 – 26: April Vacation
April 29: 8th Grade Camp Mi Te Na Trip Parent Presentation, 6:00 pm
April 29 – May 3: 3rd Trimester Progress Checks
April 29 – May 3: Teacher Appreciation Week

Respectfully Submitted,



Matthew Benson, Principal