October 2019
Chromebook Program at Cawley
As a result of the Hooksett School Board’s ongoing commitment in supporting students, members of the school board have approved the implementation of providing every middle school student with their own Chromebook while enrolled at Cawley Middle School. This initiative will allow students to use their Chromebook at home and in school to enhance their learning through research, organization, multimedia presentations and more.

On September 18, Principal, Matthew Benson and the Director of Technology, Daniel Roma met with all students during the school day to explain the procedures, responsibilities, guidelines and expectations for using the school owned device.

Chromebooks were distributed to parents and students on the following evenings:
Grade 8 Parents/Students – September 25, 2019, 6:30 pm
Grade 7 Parents/Students – September 30, 2019, 6:30 pm
Grade 6 Parents/Students – October 2, 2019, 6:30 pm

Before distribution of the Chromebooks, a brief presentation by Principal, Matthew Benson and the Director of Technology, Daniel Roma detailed how students use the Chromebook at home and in school, as well as the guidelines and procedures for the use of the Chromebook. In addition, Mr. Roma explained the safeguards and filters that are built into each Chromebook to insure the devices are being used for educational purposes only.

In order to receive a Chromebook a signed copy of the Hooksett School District Student & Parent/Guardian School Issued Device Agreement must be signed by a parent/guardian and the student receiving the Chromebook.

If students/parents were unable to attend the grade level nights students could pick up their Chromebooks the next day during FLEX with the proper documentation signed.

Easy CBM
The first easyCBM math benchmark was given to all students at Cawley Middle School the week of September 23 to September 26. This benchmark assesses the degree to which students have mastered the skills and knowledge deemed critical at their grade level. For students that are identified as at risk, progress monitoring will be used to track student progress toward end of year expectations and guide teachers in providing individualized instruction.
**Bullying Presentations**
As required by the New Hampshire State Bullying law, all students attended an educational and informational bullying presentation by the Cawley administration in the month of September. During this presentation students were informed about the bullying law, the definition of bullying, cyber bullying and the requirements for reporting bullying. In addition, students were educated about treating others with kindness and respect. All staff completed an online training about bullying to start the school year.

**Emergency Management Update**
During the months of August and September, Cawley Middle School’s staff and students attended a presentation from the Cawley administration on emergency management. The administration reviewed drills and procedures that could be used in numerous emergency situations. In unified arts and core classes, students walked to each rallying point and practiced fire drill and emergency drills procedures. There once again is a major emphasis on ensuring that all students and staff fully understand the procedures in place for a multitude of potential emergency situations.

**National Bullying Prevention Month**
National Bullying Prevention Month is held annually during the month of October to educate and raise awareness of bullying prevention. This is recognized nationwide in response to the serious effects of bullying including school avoidance, loss of self-esteem, increased anxiety, and depression. The campaign is designed to shift the societal acceptance of bullying behavior to the social change of addressing the issue through education and support.

Cawley students and staff will be recognizing National Bullying Prevention Month by wearing blue on Monday, October 7 to show our support for World Day of Bullying Prevention. Bookmarks will be distributed to students in homeroom with the theme, “Together We Can Help Create a World Without Bullying” and there will be students making bullying prevention announcements as well as posters and reminders throughout the building.

**Red Ribbon Week**
This year Red Ribbon Week is being celebrated at Cawley Middle School from October 28 – November 1. 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 "Send a Message. Stay Drug Free.” Students will receive themed red ribbons on Monday 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.

On Friday, November 1, students and staff will participate in a Wellness Walk and RED OUT, in which all members of our Cawley community will walk and wear red as a symbol of our whole school commitment to raise awareness regarding the short and long-term effects of drug use. Other activities are still being coordinated.

Parent Conference Sign Ups
Cawley Middle School will be emailing the links to sign up for parent conferences on October 15. Parent conferences are on November 12. The emails will be sent at the following times through the Bright Arrow Notification System:
Grade 6 – 9:00 am
Grade 7 – 9:15 am
Grade 8 – 9:30 am
UA - 9:45 am

If a parent does not have access to an email or the link he/she will still be able to call the office and set up an appointment.

Washington D.C.
The Washington D.C. trip is quickly approaching. From September 18 – September 25, students were able to purchase raffle tickets for the opportunity to represent Cawley Middle School in laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington Cemetery. Four students will be selected to lay the wreath. Students selected roommates on September 23. There is will be a parent information night scheduled on a date and time to be determined in October in the Media Center.

Hip Peas Farm
Farm to Table started early at Cawley Middle School this year. Family and Consumer Science teacher Mrs. Olsen and ALPs teacher Mrs. Tremblay collaborated on the third season of farming at Hip Peas Farm. Students who participated last spring in their 7th grade Foods and Nutrition class were invited to return, along with current 8th Grade Independent Living students. Cindy Nusbaum, Director of Nutrition Services for the Hooksett School District accompanied the students as an enthusiastic chaperone. At the farm, students discovered that the many of the seeds they planted in the spring were still yielding produce. Lunch provided by the farm included, produce that students planted during the last school year. Students all got a little dirt on their hands as they planted seven different kinds of garlic and used observation skills to determine that all varieties of garlic are not alike. Students’ classroom vocabulary terms and definitions came to life, as the farmers answered questions on concepts like organic farming, hydroponics, and agrotourism.
PSAT 8/9
On September 27, Cawley Middle School provided 8th grade students with the opportunity to take the PSAT 8/9 assessment. Fifteen 8th grade students participated in the assessment.

Study Skills
The implementation of the study skills program began in September with students identifying their learning style during FLEX. Teachers have also been setting up routines in their classes that focus on studying for tests, note taking, close reading strategies and organizational skills such writing down assignments in their agenda book or using the teacher’s websites.

High School Fair
On Monday, September 23, the annual high school fair took place for the Class of 2020. Bow High School, Goffstown High School, Londonderry High School, Manchester Central High School, Manchester Memorial High School, Manchester West High School, Pembroke Academy and Pinkerton Academy all had their own spaces to present and answer questions. The evening began at 6:30 pm and parents and students had the opportunity to attend two, forty-five minute presentations and then one question and answer session. High School Selection forms are due on October 11. If a student does not turn in a selection form he/she will be assigned to Pinkerton Academy.

Builders Club
The Builders Club had the first general meeting on September 11 with over 40 students attending. In September, the members supported the community through service activities that included Ice Cream Socials at both Underhill and Memorial School and the Kiwanis 5K road race. Builders Club board members, Autumn Maddox and Alex Dresser attended the Kiwanis Dinner on September 18 and did an outstanding job speaking about the members’ volunteerism in the community. There are many things in the works for the following months including the PTA Spooktacular and the Hooksett Library Halloween Party, as well as the popular "Spooky Grams.”

Firefighters Challenge
The annual Firefighters Challenge will take place on October 18. Firefighters Challenge was created as a way to continue the process of educating children about fire safety in an age-appropriate way. Members of the Hooksett Permanent Firefighters Association volunteer their time and expertise to work with Cawley 7th grade students.

Homeroom classes will compete against each other in individual categories, as well as the title of overall winner. Firefighters Challenge consists of preparatory work in homerooms including the selection of a boy and girl runner and a selection of an alternate to run a modified obstacle course that is used for Firefighter training and
certification. There is a great deal of decision-making and the democratic process flourishes in this setting.

That morning of October 18, the runners and alternates will meet with the firemen for a pre-event check-in. The firemen will join eighth grade students for lunch. At 1:00 pm the homerooms will march outside to the soccer field in the “Parade of Colors.” The runners will each run the obstacle course while the homerooms perform their cheers and songs, which will encourage runners to do their best. The unified arts teachers will judge all the categories and the scores will be tallied. After the runners have completed the obstacle course the entire class will gather where presentations will be made including the announcement of the winning boy and girl runner and the winning homeroom. All parents are invited to attend as spectators.

Hooksett PTA and Cawley Middle School Nationally Recognized
The National PTA has recognized David R. Cawley along with the Hooksett PTA as a 2019-2021 School of Excellence for their accomplishments in building a strong, effective family-school partnership that is enriching the educational experience and overall well being for all students. Thank you to all the PTA members and executive board for their dedication and continued support.

Blue Ribbon Volunteer Award
Cawley Middle School was selected as a Blue Ribbon Award winning school for the 2018 – 2019 school year. Cawley Middle School will be recognized on November 1, at a special event in Concord. The award recognizes the plethora of volunteers and hours they dedicated to our programs and students at Cawley Middle School. Krysten Apostoles-Dalamangas was the school’s volunteer coordinator and she did a commendable job organizing and securing volunteers.

ImPACT Concussion Testing
On September 27, Cawley Middle School offered ImPACT testing for all students free of cost.

ImPACT testing is a computerized exam that measures cognitive functions such as memory, processing and reaction time. This test is used by healthcare professionals to determine a child’s readiness to return to play after a head injury. This first test provides a baseline that is used for comparison if a head injury is suspected.

Unified Sports
Unified Sports has begun soccer during the fall season. The team is made up of approximately 25 students with and without intellectual disabilities that will continue to develop skills and strategies, participate in physical activity and form meaningful relationships. The team meets once a week from 7:50-8:35 am for practice and will compete with Rundlett Middle School of Concord and Mountain View Middle School of Goffstown. Cawley will participate in two competition days in October where the three teams will compete in round-robin style soccer tournaments.
Athletics
Cawley fall after school sports teams have started league play. Girls field hockey won their debut into the Tri-County league 3-0 over Derryfield. Both boys and girls won their opening game and boys soccer has a record of 1-3 and girls soccer has a record of 2-2. Sarah Bolduc and Logan Huard were Cawley’s top runners in the opening cross-country meet on September 18. Visit the new tri-county website for all scores and standings: http://www.tricountyathletic.org/. Any questions regarding athletics e-mail Mr. Middleton at gmiddleton@sau15.net. Good luck to all athletes and Go Hawks.

Performing Arts
The beginning of the year has been a busy one for the Performing Arts Department. There have been auditions, rehearsals and the welcoming of new members. Numbers continue to remain strong in the music department where almost 20% of the student body participates in a performing arts ensemble.

The jazz band rehearsals have begun after school, which is an opportunity open to all students. The students will play a wide variety of music such as swing, rock, Latin, and other genres. Students will also be learning how to improvise cohesive solos, which boosts confidence, develops creativity, and challenges developing musicianship.

The 3rd annual Coffee House will take place on October 23 at 6:30 pm. Students in the Performing Arts program will share their musical interests and talents through pieces that they have selected and rehearsed independently or in small groups.

Drama Club’s rehearsals for “Cinderella” have began in early September. This is a musical rendition of the famous story written by Roger and Hammerstein and repurposed for middle school students. The performance will be held on Friday, October 25 at 7:00pm in the cafeteria.
Upcoming Dates to Note at Cawley:

Key Dates:
October 2:  6th Grade Chromebook Distribution Night, 6:30 p
October 7 – 11:  1st Quarter Progress Checks for Quarter Long Courses
October 11:  8th Grade High School Selection Forms Due
October 11:  Student Council Dance, 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm
October 14:  No School, Columbus Day
October 15 – 18:  1st Trimester Progress Checks for Year Long Courses
October 15:  Parents Receive Email Link to Sign Up for Parent Conferences
October 16:  8th Grade High School Confirmation Letters Mailed
October 18:  Firefighters Challenge, 11:30 am
October 21:  Picture Retakes, 8:00 am
October 21:  Fall Sports Pictures, 8:15 am
October 23:  Performing Arts Coffee House, 6:30 pm
October 25:  Drama Club Performance, 7:00 pm
October 26:  Drama Club Performance, 10:30 am
October 28 – 11/1:  Red Ribbon Week

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Benson, Principal