

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

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**January 2020**

**Special Election January 21, 2020**

A special election will be held on January 21, 2020 to fill a vacancy for state representative in Hooksett. School will be in session and students and staff will not be near the gymnasium and the public will have no access to the building beyond the cafeteria. Students will eat in their classrooms and physical education classes will be held in a classroom. There will also be police presence the entire day.

**Student Authors Published**

Students in Mrs. Saltus' and Mrs. Gartland's 8th grade language arts classes participated in the Young Writers Mission Contamination Mini Saga Writing Contest. There were over 4,500 entries. Haley Alden, Annika Plummer and Michael McGregor were selected to have their mini sagas published. The book, entitled *Mission Contamination--New Hampshire Tales*, will be published in February. Congratulations to our newly published authors.

**Geography Bee**

Congratulations to 7<sup>th</sup> grade student Donovan Cote for winning the school Geography Bee. Donovan will now be competing in the state tournament in the upcoming months.

**Mix it Up Day (December)**

On December 20, students participated in two activities during their lunch period. Students were seated by their homeroom, while they ate and participated in activities to support social wellness. Students were called up by table to write down a resolution for the New Year on a roll of paper that will be placed on the wall outside the cafeteria. It is the hope that this activity will demonstrate school unity with the overall common goal of improving ourselves. Social wellness includes being able to interact and form appropriate relationships with others, which lead to both physical and mental rewards.

**Fitness Thursdays**

Health teacher, Marie Lander is coordinating fitness days from 7:15 am – 7:45 am this year. Fitness Thursday is an extension of the physical and health education classes that includes implementing movement, health-related fitness and social/emotional wellness. This program aims to provide students with a variety of interesting, diverse and challenging activities to accommodate differing levels of need, skill and interests. During Fitness Thursdays, anywhere from 20-30 students have attended to move before school begins for the day. There are usually multiple choices that students can choose from including: basketball, football, four square, q-tip ball and volleyball.

### **GE Field Trip**

On December 18, twenty-seven students had the great opportunity to tour GE in Hooksett. Mrs. Tremblay, Mrs. Olsen and Mr. Trimmer coordinated the field trip. Students toured the new and old buildings and observed manufacturing of parts for engine turbines, how to bend tubing, robotics and the cutting of materials by electric current.

### **Pinkerton Academy Elective Information Day**

On January 21, the eighth graders who will be attending Pinkerton Academy will be participating in the 8th Grade Electives Information Day at Pinkerton. The students will have the opportunity to talk to Pinkerton students about their experiences in Junior ROTC, the arts, foreign language and the Career and Technical Education Programs.

### **CoderZ**

The New Hampshire Department of Education, local company Intelitek and Oracle Academy announced the 16 schools that made the finals of the state's third virtual coding competition. The schools faced off at the University of New Hampshire on December 7 in an exciting online coding competition using a cloud-based simulation platform featuring a virtual, 3D-animated robot.

Cawley Middle School was one of the 16 schools that sent teams to the finals. Students programmed virtual robots in the CoderZ platform to perform tasks and win points by completing challenges and producing quality code. The two students, who participated in the event from Cawley were 8<sup>th</sup> graders Zachary Hall and Jack Kotrlik. Over 400 Cawley students participated in the preliminary rounds at Cawley Middle School. Mrs. Tremblay did a commendable job with coordinating these coding activities at Cawley.

### **National Junior Honor Society**

The Cawley National Junior Honor Society organized a visit to All American Assisted Living in Londonderry to sing Christmas carols with the residents. Students also volunteered to ring bells for the Salvation Army. Members are currently working on several service projects for January and will begin planning for the Pancake Breakfast on February 15.

### **Washington D.C - 2020 Trip Informational Meeting**

There will be an informational meeting regarding the 2020, 8th grade trip to Washington D.C. for current 7th grade parents and students on Wednesday, January 22, from 6:00-7:00 pm in the media center. The trip for 2020 is scheduled for October 6, 7, 8 & 9. 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.

### **January Staff Meeting**

Cawley teachers will listen to, The "Choose Love" Movement presentation, which was founded by Scarlett Lewis, whose son Jesse Lewis was killed in the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting. Presenter Shannon Désilets is the "Choose Love" ambassador for the state of New Hampshire. She works with the Sandy Hook survivors and families of the victims, providing them with valuable tools for recovery. Shannon Desilets will be discussing the importance of cultivating social emotional learning experiences for students as a way to support safer and healthier schools. The "Choose Love" Movement adds another tool to support our entire school community's emotional health."

### **Title I Update**

Title I continues to meet twice a day, four times a week with the largest group of students participating in the three years of the program. The teachers have been creating and implementing meaningful and exciting supplemental material to help the students grow in the content areas of reading and math. Progress reports were sent home to families with report cards in December. Upon the return from December vacation the Title I Coordinator, Sarah Levesque will be reassessing the progress of the current Title I students and determining the eligibility of potential students.

### **Digital Safety Presentation**

On January 23, at 6:30 pm in the Cawley Media Center the Hooksett School District's School Resource Officer, Angela Bergeron will be presenting tips on how to keep children safe online. Students are also welcome to attend.

### **Builders Club**

Builders Club has been very busy in the Hooksett Community. Members made holiday baskets for both Thanksgiving and Christmas with the Hooksett Food Pantry. Members rang bells for the Salvation Army twice this season at Bass Pro and Shaws. In addition, many students shopped for Family and Youth Services for a family of three children and made cards for them as well as reindeer candy canes. Members made cards for the First Responders who often have to work on holidays to keep the public safe. Several students have also attended the Kiwanis dinners. The PTA Holiday Carnival was a great success and the Builders Club helped set up for that as well as work the games on the day of the event.

### **NWEA Testing**

All Cawley students will be taking the NWEA test in math and reading beginning on January 27. Teachers will be analyzing students' growth from the fall NWEA to the winter NWEA. The goal is for all students to make growth each time they are assessed.

## **Athletics**

Both boys and girls basketball teams appear to be handling the move up to Division 2 seamlessly. The boys enter the week of Dec. 16 with a perfect record 7-0 while the girls sit at 6-1. For updated scores, results and standings please visit: <http://www.tricountyathletic.org/>

The cheer team has been cheering at games and added a great amount of energy during the games as well as a great half time show.

Co-ed volleyball is a non-cut sport that will start on Monday, February 3. Sign ups and detailed information will be posted in a few weeks.

## **Performing Arts**

The holidays are over and the Performing Arts department is back to work. The winter concerts were amazing. It was a fun night, filled with beautiful music being performed by talented musicians.

A second Coffee House is being planned for February where students will select music of their choice to perform for an audience in a small setting. Hot chocolate and other refreshments will be provided to help create a fun and relaxed atmosphere.

## **Upcoming Key Dates to Note at Cawley:**

January 1:	No School Winter Vacation
January 17:	Brain Games Assembly, Sponsored by Hooksett PTA, 8:00 am
January 17:	Student Council Dance, 6:30 – 9:00 pm
January 20:	No School Martin Luther King/Civil Rights Day
January 22:	Washington D.C. Information Night, 6:00 pm
January 23:	Digital Safety Presentation, 6:30 pm
January 24:	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Ends
January 27:	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Begins
January 27:	2 <sup>nd</sup> Trimester Progress Checks

Respectfully Submitted,



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