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### **February 2020**

#### **February 11 – No School**

There is no school for students on February 11, 2020 as a result of the Presidential Primary.

#### **GRIT**

The Hooksett Cawley GRIT program traveled to Suffolk Construction for their first field trip. While there, women from ePlus Technology, Cisco Systems and Suffolk Construction discussed different roles within the organization. Additionally, the Cawley girls were able to experience the technology available to Suffolk Construction every day. Students had access to their Smart Labs where they were able to look at live job sites and project plans. The girls were able to leverage virtual reality to actually step on to the job site and do walk throughs of the designs. The students also entered the "cave" where they were able to put on 3D glasses and see interactive project plans for numerous projects. Smart boards and smart doodle pads projected onto big screens provided a great visual experience for the girls to view how they translate to the daily work environment. The day was a great success and girls were engaged, excited and learned about the many opportunities that exist for women.

#### **Cawley Chess Club**

On Saturday January 18, the Cawley Middle School Chess Club hosted a scholastic chess tournament at the Hooksett Public Library. Eight players from the school's chess club took part. In the novice section, Nevi Smith and Owen Perotta tied for third place earning them each a trophy for their efforts. Cassie Smith, Andrew Bobay, and Avery Deveau also played very well and earned prizes for their fine play. In the Intermediate section, Tyler Krajcik earned a third-place trophy for his record of 3 wins and 1 loss. Anel Tosunbegovic and Quintin Molony also played up a division for their first time and both won prizes for their games played.

#### **National Junior Honor Society**

The National Junior Honor Society is holding the annual pancake breakfast on Saturday, February 15, from 8:00 am - 10:00 am at Cawley. The NJHS will be raffling off gift baskets and holding a 50/50 raffle with all proceeds donated to Becky's Gift, a Hooksett charity whose focus is to provide short term care for horses.

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### **Title I Update**

Since the turn of the new year, Title I Coordinator, Sarah Levesque has been working to identify and invite new students who are in need of academic support in reading and math. The winter NWEA data along with the DIBELS assessments in math are currently being used to find eligible students to invite to participate in the program. The Cawley Title I program currently has the most registered students attending in the three-year existence of the program. Students are constantly engaged in meaningful activities and lessons designed to supplement their core instruction. Students have expressed that they enjoy attending Title I before and after school, as it is helping them feel more confident academically.

### **Unified Sports**

Unified Sports is currently participating in the winter season focusing on basketball. The team is made up of 33 students with and without intellectual disabilities. The students will continue to develop skills and strategies, participate in physical activity and form meaningful relationships. The team meets once a week from 7:50 am - 8:35 am for practice. The team will compete with Rundlett of Concord and Mountain View Middle School of Goffstown in three competition days in the months of January and February.

### **Student Council – Teens for Jeans Campaign**

Cawley students are making “A Mark and A Difference” in the lives of homeless teens. Almost 40% of people experiencing homelessness in the United States are under 18. One item commonly requested in homeless shelters is a pair of jeans. Why? Jeans are comfortable in any season and can be worn multiple times between washes. Plus, for a teenager without many belongings, wearing a pair of jeans can provide a sense of normalcy. The Cawley Student Council has teamed up with Aeropostale in their “Teens for Jeans” campaign. The Student Council is collecting and donating jeans between January 22 and February 21. Any student who donates will receive a coupon to Aeropostale.

### **Builders Club**

The Cawley Builders Club has been busy planning the children's games for the Hooksett Winter Carnival in January. The members planned six games and an obstacle course. Builders Club members set up the games and guided the children through the games and gave out stickers for participation. The Builders Club is also supporting the Hooksett PTA by setting up and working the annual Father/Daughter Dance. There are two large events coming up in March (Middle School Month). On Friday, March 6, there is a Lip Sync event and on Friday, March 13, members are planning a teacher/staff vs. students basketball game.

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### **Athletics**

Both basketball teams thrived in their first year moving up to Division 2. The boys basketball team earned the number one seed with a perfect 14-0 record. The girls basketball team earned the number three seed with a 12-2 record. Cheer has been working hard preparing for their upcoming competitions. Co-ed volleyball is a non-cut sport, which will start on Monday, February 3, afterschool ending at 4:00 pm. Sign-ups, athletic handbooks and information can be found on the after-school sports bulletin board outside the cafeteria.

### **Performing Arts**

The music department has been hard at work learning new music for the upcoming Large Group Festival in March. Large Group is a performance where the band and chorus students travel to another school and perform rehearsed pieces for professional judges. Due to the success of the Coffee House in October, a second performance has been planned for February 12. Students will be performing and singing music of their choice in a relaxed atmosphere with plenty of baked goods and hot drinks to for all to enjoy. Eighth graders have begun rehearsals for Disney's High School Musical Jr. The performances are on April 2 and 3.

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

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| February 4 – 14: | PTA Street Sign Raffle                         |
| February 7:      | School Deliberative Session, 7:00 pm at Cawley |
| February 11:     | No School – Presidential Primary Election      |
| February 14:     | PTA Dance, 6:30 – 9:00 pm                      |
| February 15:     | NJHS Pancake Breakfast, 8:00 am – 10:00 am     |
| February 24:     | February 28: February Vacation                 |

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Benson, Principal

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