

**CAWLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

**"Make a Mark, Make A Difference, Believe and Achieve"
2017 New Hampshire Middle School of the Year**



September 2020

Cawley Reopening

The school year for all students began on September 3, 2020. Both in-person and remote learning began successfully. There are 89 students enrolled in remote learning model and 354 students enrolled in the in-person learning model.

Cawley's New Teachers

Cawley welcomes five new teachers this year. Jeffrey Hamilton will be teaching seventh grade science on Team Brown. Andrea Meyer will be teaching computer classes to students in grades 6, 7, and 8. Danielle Lawson will be teaching 6^h grade language arts on Team Princeton. Magdala Johnson is teaching 8th grade math on Team Harvard and Nicole St. Pierre is the special education teacher in grade 6.

Summer Academy

During the three weeks of Summer Academy there were 33 students who attended math and language arts intervention. Math and language arts teachers identified learning gaps from remote learning in the spring. Ms. Abbas and Ms. Goulakos taught a combination of grade 6, 7 and 8 students and focused on concepts that needed reteaching with a variety of instructional strategies to meet the needs of each student. Ms. Gibson taught language arts to students in grades 6, 7 and 8 focusing on learning gaps in reading and writing. All instruction was remote using Zoom Video Conferencing Software.

Summer Enrichment

Summer enrichment in science and math was offered to students in grades 6, 7 and 8. Mr. Fleury taught science and Ms. Abbas taught math. Over 25 students participated in hands-on real-world problem solving that involved the use of critical thinking skills. Students picked up supplies before the start of the program and then the instruction was provided using Zoom.

Teacher Workshop Days

Teachers arrived back at school on August 24, and participated in 8 workshop days before the students first day and then another professional development day on September 8. Teachers began the professional development by learning the new learning management system Schoology. Teachers were provided with additional time to practice and plan lessons to be uploaded for the first day of school.

Teachers received training on implementing the new procedures, protocols and building systems that are now required as a result of COVID-19. On the morning of

August 31, all staff participated in a mock school day to practice the new routines and systems.

On the morning of August 25, the "Choose Love: Movement" was presented via Zoom to all staff. The "Choose Love" Movement was founded by Scarlett Lewis, whose son Jesse Lewis was killed in the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting. Scarlett presented with Shannon Désilets who is the "Choose Love" ambassador for the State of New Hampshire. They discussed the importance of cultivating social emotional learning experiences for students as a way to support safer and healthier schools. The presentation also addressed the challenges our students may have as they come back to school for the first time since March.

Staff completed the annual online trainings on Bloodborne Pathogens and Bullying. Each team also met with the school nurse, Mrs. McCarron to discuss COVID-19 protocols, safety and support. Teachers met with the school counselors, Director of Maintenance, Director of Technology and a representative from Food Services.

Teachers had team and content meetings and meetings with the administration to prepare for the school year.

Student Presentations

As a part of the NH Bullying Law, Assistant Principal, Brad Largy, presented to all in person and remote students regarding bullying the weeks of September 9 and September 14. These in-depth presentations provided students with strategies to identify bullying, stop bullying and treat others with respect and kindness. In addition, Mr. Largy presented the emergency management drills to all in person students.

Substitute Teacher Training

Assistant Principal, Brad Largy planned and implemented a training for all substitute teachers in SAU 15. Mr. Largy educated the substitute teachers on the reopening and health and safety protocols. In addition, he reviewed the substitute teaching manual that includes emergency management drills, student management and implementing lesson plans.

High School Information Night

On Monday, September 14, there will be a virtual Zoom presentation by Principal, Matthew Benson regarding the transition to high schools. All students are assigned to Pinkerton Academy. Students may petition to attend one of the schools that the Hooksett School District has a Memorandum of Understanding with if the percentage of students petitioning does not go below 63.26% of 8th grade students attending Pinkerton Academy.

High School Fair

This year's in person High School Fair has been cancelled as a result of no visitors being permitted at Cawley Middle School. All high schools have been asked to submit a video highlighting their school. These videos will be emailed to all 8th grade parents and posted on the high school page on the Cawley website.

Athletics

Girls soccer, boys soccer and girls field hockey tryouts will start the week of, September 14. Cross country practice will also begin the week of September 14. Students could begin competing by the week of September 28.

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

September 14: High School Information Night: 6:30 pm

September 14: School Pictures (Outside): 8:00 am

Respectfully Submitted,



Matthew Benson, Principal