

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

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**February 2021**

**January "Hawks of the Month"**

Congratulations to the January "Hawks of the Month" for best representing the word "Involvement," Ava Dulac, Jaxson Juneau, Lillian Sibona, Jada Vasquez, Brooke Benz, Jack Welch, Ava Sampson, Michaela Mercier, Madison Daughen, Zoey Piccolo, Autumn Haggett, Gavin Stone, Connor Shappell, Naima Elmera, Rylee Goings, Ryan Hall, Selena Alaias, Finn McDonald, Madyson Porter and Emma Krestalica.

**NH-SAS Interim Winter Assessment**

Starting on February 9, students in grades six through eight will complete the New Hampshire Statewide Assessment System interim assessment for Mathematics and English Language Arts.

This interim assessment will allow math and language arts teachers to elicit evidence of learning to inform teaching and evaluate grade level instructional progress. It is a light footprint and takes less time to administer than the summative assessment, which takes place in the spring. Students identified with severe cognitive disabilities that are eligible for the alternative assessment, Dynamic Learning Maps, will not participate in this winter assessment.

**Trimester 3 - Change in Learning Model Request**

On February 15, parents received a letter from Superintendent Rearick about making a request to switch learning models for the third trimester. Requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis and availability of enrollment space in each learning model. All requests are due by March 1. If a student switches learning models, he/she is required to stay in that learning model for the entire trimester.

**National Junior Honor Society**

The NJHS is holding a food drive for the month of February to benefit the Hooksett Food Pantry. The three grade levels are competing to see who can donate the most items. In addition, the members will also begin tutoring services for students in grades 3-8. The tutoring will be done remotely via Zoom.

**Middle School Month**

The coming of spring brings with it the celebration of adolescents. March is National Middle School Month. Ten to fifteen-year-old students make a difference in their families, schools and communities, so Cawley designates one special month to celebrate middle school students and who they are and what they have accomplished. At Cawley, there are a variety of activities throughout the month that include dress up days, trivia questions and culminating competition events during

the school day. All events will be socially distanced this year and are for both remote and in-person students. Each week will have particular focus on a theme. Week 1 – Foreign Language Week, Week 2 – Get Moving Week, Week 3 – Celebrate the Positives in the World Week.” On March 12, “Marko the Magician” will present virtually to all in person and remote students. Marko will weave magic into promoting and encouraging students to make positive choices.

### **PTA Brain Games**

This year once again the Hooksett PTA is sponsoring the annual Brain Games. This year the Brain Games will be held virtually on February 18 and 19. The very popular game show has been redesigned to accommodate the health and safety protocols.

### **Builders Club**

The Builders Club is promoting kindness in February. The Kindness Calendar for February is meant to generate acts of kindness throughout our community. Valentines for Veterans are being collected for delivery to veterans at the American Legion and Liberty House. The members plan to continue the kindness theme into March and April with Kindness Clovers (shamrocks) and Kindness Rocks. The Builders Club is also planning a personal hygiene drive for the spring and possibly an outdoor activity. The general meetings are the first and third Wednesday of the month at 7:15am in the Media Center.

### **Athletics**

Congratulations to the student-athletes and coaches for successfully implementing the health and safety protocols so that they can play. At press time the girls’ record is 4-4 and boys’ record is 6-2. The playoffs begin with the boys and girls team hosting Milford in the quarterfinals on February 11. If both teams win, they will play Timberlane in the semifinals.

The cheerleading team continues to have in person and virtual practices as they compare for their virtual competitions in February.

### **Performing Arts**

This month, students in the Cawley Music Department have been working to learn music for the upcoming virtual Coffee House performance on February 18. Students will be performing music that they have been recording in their free time. The Fine Arts Department may not be able to make music in large ensembles at school, but that’s not stopping the students from creating, exploring, and learning at home. The band has been working on a recycled percussion piece that Mr. Davini wrote and the chorus has been practicing different songs while socially distancing in the Media Center. Things may look a little different this year, but Cawley’s musicians are committed to making the best of a tough situation.

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

February 18-19: PTA Brain Games  
February 18: Cawley Coffee House, 6:30 pm  
February 22 - 26: February Vacation  
March 9: No School, Professional Development Day for Teachers  
School Voting  
March 15: Trimester 2 Ends  
March 16: Trimester 3 Begins  
March 22: 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester Report Cards Distributed to Students

Respectfully Submitted,



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