

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



January 2022

December "Hawks of the Month"

Congratulations to the November "Hawks of the Month" who best represented the word of the month, "Charity." Jeannette Brown, Matthew VanWagner, Hannah Flader, Acacia Dow, Gabriella Stone, Tyler Chauvette, Elena Travassos, Jackson Hayes, Jackson Waddington, Zachary Edsall, Aidan Daughen, Luke Lojko, Madeline Normand, Matthew Navarro

Robotics

Congratulations to the Cawley robotics teams. Both teams competed in the regional qualifying tournament at Londonderry Middle School and did an outstanding job.

Team PECOS won the Innovation Award for best research project. This is the first time that Cawley Middle School has ever won the best project award in the history of the program.

Team INDECISIVE CATASTROPHE had three high scoring robot matches and delivered a very strong performance in their project and robot presentations, demonstrating their well-rounded skills in all three areas of the program.

Both teams earned a spot at the NH State Competition to be held on January 16 at Windham High School. This is the first time that two Cawley teams made it to the state finals. These teams have been meeting three nights a week and working very hard since the start of the school year. The coaches, parents, and school community are very proud of everything they have accomplished.

Winter Assessments

Starting on February 7, 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. In addition, all students will take a quick NH-SAS modular science assessment on a particular themed unit before February vacation.

8th Grade NAEP Assessment

Cawley Middle School was randomly selected to participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress on January 31. Fifty eighth grade students will be randomly selected to either take a math or reading assessment. NAEP is known as the "Nation's Report Card" and only reports on national data, not specific students.

Builders Club

Builder's Club was extremely busy over the holidays. The members made holiday cards and candy cane reindeer at meetings. The cards were distributed to the local police and fire department, as well as the 911 call center. Some reindeer were donated to Hooksett Family and Youth Services and some were sold at lunch to raise money for our club's fund. The members also shopped for a family of three children for Christmas. The members rang bells for the Salvation Army and assembled food baskets for Hooksett families.

The giving tree in the cafeteria was a big hit. Students were given a raffle ticket for each item donated with winners being chosen for gift cards. In January, the members are working on a laundry supply drive, as well as volunteering at the Hooksett Winter Carnival which takes place on Saturday, January 29 at Town Hall.

Digital Technology Classes

The license for the digital tool, WeVideo, was implemented during the month of December. Since then, there have been 126 students using the program to showcase their learning. Students in the 6th grade Next Generation classes created PSA podcasts to promote positive digital citizenship, while 7th grade students in Digital Technology created stop motion short films during their animation curriculum. 8th grade students in French classes chose to use WeVideo to create their green screen video news report. Currently Mrs. Palmer's 6th grade language arts classes are creating book review podcasts. Students are effectively demonstrating their knowledge in a creative manner.

National Junior Honor Society

The National Junior Honor Society held a toy drive before the winter break and were able to collect a large number of toys to benefit Toys for Tots. Thank you to Matthew Navarro and Quintin Molony for volunteering their time to drop the toys off at the Mall of New Hampshire.

NJHS members will soon be starting the planning process for the annual Pancake Breakfast and a new event, a 5k which will be held in the spring.

Congratulations and thanks go to Madeleine Normand for stepping up to serve on the NJHS Executive Board as the new Public Relations Officer.

Title I

Title I is going strong this winter at Cawley. The students have been working hard on skills such as real numbers, fractions, grammar, and comprehension. Learning is

completed in small groups, pairs, or with the teacher. The Title I team is really proud of the hard work that is consistently demonstrated by the students.

Performing Arts

The holidays are over and the Performing Arts Department is back to work. The band and chorus held four concerts on December 15 for students, staff and parents. All of the performances were spectacular.

The performing groups have begun rehearsing new music for the upcoming Large Group Festival where students will be adjudicated by professional musicians and given a rating on their performance as well as received professional feedback.

Preparations for this year's musical "The Addams Family Younger@Part" has begun. In a few weeks students will be auditioning for their roles and rehearsals will begin. The 8th grade musical teachers and students are beyond excited to be able to have the musical for the Hooksett schools and community.

The Performing Arts Department is planning on having a second Coffee House in February where students will select music of their choice to perform for an audience in a small setting. It is always such a pleasure to see the students performing to their strengths and interests. Hot chocolate and other refreshments are also provided to help create a fun and relaxed atmosphere. All are welcome to attend this heartwarming event.

Athletics

The cheerleading team continues to do a great job cheering at their games and practicing their routines for the upcoming competitions. At press time the boys basketball team is 7-1 in league play and 9-3 overall. The the girls team is 8 - 0 league play and 11-1 overall. Playoffs begin in late January. Co-ed volleyball will begin on February 14.

Upcoming Key Dates to Note at Cawley:

January 17: No School, MLK/Civil Rights Day
January 21: Trimester 2 Progress Checks
January 26: Quarter 2 Ends
January 27: Quarter 3 Begins
January 31: 8th Grade NAEP Testing

Respectfully Submitted,



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