

**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 2022**

**January "Hawks of the Month"**

Congratulations to the January "Hawks of the Month" for best representing the word "**Responsibility.**" Yianni Kalampalikas, Sophia Cahoon, Roshan Adhikari, Keegan Woolverton, Liliana Lever, Ayush Gurung, Ajdin Husejnovic, Madison Cameron, Kaila Loui, Ben Ryerson, Himani Bhattari, Caleb Flader, Gabriella Brunetti, and Lexiarys Sanchez

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Recognition Ceremony**

The date for the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Recognition Ceremony will be Wednesday, June 15 at 8:00 am at Northeast Delta Dental Stadium, home of the New Hampshire Fisher Cats. The rain date will be June 16 at 8:00 am. There will be more details sent out in the spring regarding the ceremony and other 8<sup>th</sup> grade activities.

**Robotics**

The Cawley Robotics teams competed in the NH Robotics State Championship held at Windham High School in January. For the first time in school history Cawley had two teams qualify for the state tournament. Both teams performed extremely well amongst the top teams in the state, with Team Indecisive Catastrophe finishing 8<sup>th</sup> and Team PECOS finishing 14<sup>th</sup> in the robot matches. Both teams achieved their personal best highest scores.

The teams also had to complete a research project on how to improve the global transportation system, and do a robot presentation describing the engineering and design of their robot.

Both teams did an outstanding job on these presentations: Team PECOS presented a really interesting project on using shared space roundabouts to improve traffic flow, and Team Indecisive Catastrophe presented their unique idea for a drone-based package delivery service.

Both teams exemplified the core values of the FIRST Lego League program, and represented themselves, Cawley Middle School, and their community with honor and pride. Congratulations to both teams on a great season.

**NH-SAS Interim Winter Assessment**

Starting on February 7, students in grades six through eight completed 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. In addition, students in each grade will also be completing science modular assessments which assess students' knowledge on specific units.

### **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 against Rundlett Middle School of Concord on February 18 at Rundlett and then host Rundlett on February 25.

### **Washington D.C. Update**

One hundred and ten students have signed up for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Washington D.C. In late March or early April students will be selecting roommates. A parent informational night will be scheduled to occur in early April. If needed and with parental permission students will be able to be tested for COVID if they have symptoms during the trip. This testing will mirror the COVID testing program that takes place during the school day.

### **National Junior Honor Society**

Although there were no NJHS sponsored events in the past month, the members have been working hard to find opportunities to help their school and community. Some members have been staying after school to help teachers in their classrooms while others have been out in the community volunteering their time through their sports organizations and assisting neighbors with snow shoveling.

The NJHS members are starting to focus on the annual Pancake Breakfast which will be held on March 19 at Cawley Middle School. The members are planning themed gift baskets to be raffled off, with all proceeds benefiting the Hooksett community. The NJHS is also excited to be a part of the Hooksett Bicentennial celebration this spring and are helping to plan a dedication ceremony for the Lilac Bridge in Hooksett.

### **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.

Middle School Month is kicked off with a school-wide dodge ball tournament where students contribute \$1.00 each to play for their team. The money collected will be

donated to a local Hooksett charity. Students and staff will also participate in homeroom events such as "Name that Tune," "Finish the Lyrics," and "Geography Bingo." There will be grade level pep rally assemblies this year to conclude the month with "Minute to Win It" games and other events students can participate in. There will dress up days, motivational quotes and trivia.

### **Builders Club**

Builders Club continues to Make a Mark, Make a Difference. After the holidays the members held their first laundry supply drive to help those in need through the Hooksett Food Pantry. The members collected a van full of supplies that were delivered to the pantry.

February starts with the annual Kindness Calendar. The goal is to promote kindness throughout our school and community. The members made Valentines for Veterans which will be delivered in time for Valentine's Day.

The Builders Club has some great ideas in the planning stages for Middle School Month, Teacher Appreciation, and National Pet Month. The members also plan to do the annual "April Showers" event collecting personal hygiene items for the clients of the food pantry. Builders Club is always open to new members.

### **Title I**

Title I student mid-year progress reports are in the process of being created and will be sent home before February Break. Students continue to utilize DreamBox and Lexia PowerUp to practice targeted skills. In addition, students have been working in small groups with teachers completing focus activities on skills identified as areas of weakness.

### **Athletics**

**Girls Basketball:** The girls basketball team finished the regular season 11-0 in league play and 16-3 overall. They earned the one seed and a bye in the first round of the Tri-County postseason tournament. The team will host a semi-final game on Wednesday, February 9. If the girls team wins, they will host the finals on Friday, February 11.

**Boys Basketball:** The boys basketball team finished the regular season 9-2 in league play and 15-5 overall. They earned the number two seed and a bye in the first round of the Tri-County postseason tournament. The team will host a semi-final game on Wednesday, February 9. If the boys win their semifinal game the championship is on Friday, February 11 at a location to be determined.

**Cheerleading:** The cheerleading team has been doing an amazing job cheering at the basketball games. The team is currently working hard on their routines for their upcoming competitions on February 12, 24 and 26. Co-Ed Volleyball begins on February 14. Currently there are sixty-eight students signed up.

## **Performing Arts**

This month students in the Cawley Music Department have been hard at work learning their new music for the upcoming Large Group Festival in March. Large Group is a performance where the band and chorus students typically travel to a venue and perform rehearsed pieces for professional judges.

Rehearsals for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade musical have begun for *The Addams Family Young@Part*. The performances are on April 7 and 8.

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

### **February 28 – March 4: February Vacation**

March 8:	No School for Students, Professional Development Day
March 11:	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Progress Checks
March 17:	2 <sup>nd</sup> Trimester Ends
March 18:	3 <sup>rd</sup> Trimester Begins
March 25:	2 <sup>nd</sup> Trimester Report Cards Sent Home

Respectfully Submitted,



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