

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



**April 2022**

**March "Hawks of the Month"**

Congratulations to the March "Hawks of the Month" for best exemplifying the word "Loyalty;" Emmanuel Mokua, Jason Gurung, Madison Ward, Nick Gelinias, Cara Mahn, Lauren Stowell, Abigail Pinard, Cece Lawyer, Timothy Evans, Emma Krestalica, Lyla Norian, Laci Hall, Rosalie Mosher

**Congratulations to Mrs. Rogers**

The Assistant Principal, Karin Rogers was nominated and won the WZID's Great Job Rewards. Mrs. Rogers was anonymously nominated for her hard work and dedication to Cawley' students, staff and community.

**Chess Club**

On April 9, fourteen students from Cawley took part in the 2022 New Hampshire Chess Championships. The tournament took place at Cawley and hosted 55 students from approximately 23 schools from around the state. This was a K-12 event and students had to play four increasingly harder rounds over the course of 8 hours. In the Junior/High School Section of the tournament 7<sup>th</sup> grader Michael Cheung had three wins and one loss on his way to capturing fourth place in the state for individuals. Congratulations to Michael for this amazing accomplishment. In the team portion of the event, Cawley Middle finished in second place overall in the state just getting edged out by World Academy. The following students all contributed to Cawley's remarkable second place finish:

Michael Cheung  
Quintin Molony  
Wyatt DeFelice  
Jacob Shappell  
Adhvik Saravanan

Trip Hannah  
Ethan Hart  
Jacob Rice  
Jamie Godbout  
Matthew VanWagner

Ethan Back  
Kyle Beckwith  
Caleb Flader  
Thomas VanWagner

Great job to all who participated. The trophy earned by these students will be forever displayed in our trophy case. This was the first year that Cawley hosted this prestigious event.

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to Pinkerton Academy**

On Wednesday, May 11, all 7th grade students will have the opportunity to attend a field trip to Pinkerton Academy to learn about the school's academic and athletic programs, clubs and school culture. Students will also be led on a tour of the campus by representatives from Pinkerton Academy. Pinkerton Academy is the Hooksett School District's high school of record and all students are assigned to attend Pinkerton Academy. In August parents will be receiving information about the high school transition process.

**CPR Introduction Course for Seventh Grade Students**

On May 13, the Hooksett Fire Department will be instructing seventh grade students on performing CPR with only their hands. Students do not earn a certification, but they are introduced to hand techniques and the benefits of knowing CPR.

### **Fire Fighters Challenge**

For over twenty years either 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> graders have participated in the Hooksett Middle School Firefighters Challenge. This tradition will continue with this year's 7<sup>th</sup> graders participating in Firefighters Challenge on May 20.

Firefighters Challenge was created as a way to continue the process of educating children about fire safety in an age-appropriate way. Members of the Hooksett Permanent Firefighters Association volunteer their time and expertise to work with Cawley 7<sup>th</sup> grade students.

Homeroom classes will compete against each other in individual categories, as well as the title of overall winner. Firefighters Challenge consists of preparatory work in homerooms including the selection of a boy and girl runner and a selection of an alternate to run a modified obstacle course that is used for Firefighter training and certification. There is a great deal of decision-making and the democratic process flourishes in this setting. This is a tremendous team-building and leadership opportunity for our students.

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

One hundred-fifteen eighth grade students will be going to Washington D.C. April 19, 20, 21 and 22. Students will cruise the Potomac River, take pictures in front of the White House, visit the National Arlington Cemetery, the Lincoln Memorial, the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial, World War II and Korean War Memorials and Smithsonian Museums.

### **Camp Mi Te Na Presentations**

On May 9, Ashley Paquette from the YMCA and Camp Mi Te Na, will provide an overview of the activities, facilities and supplies needed for the eighth graders overnight trip to Camp Mi Te Na. Ashley will meet with students in the morning at 8:00 am and parents at 6:00 pm in the Cawley Gymnasium. The trip is scheduled for June 1, 2 and 3.

### **National Junior Honor Society**

The National Junior Honors Society held an extremely successful pancake breakfast in March at Cawley. Students acted as fantastic hosts and servers, kitchen staff and bussers. They were able to raise over \$1,500. All of the proceeds will be going to Honor Flight New England. The NJHS has been preparing for the Lilac Bridge dedication which takes place Saturday, April 16. Students will be participating in the ceremony as introducers of dignified guests, ceremonial music, color guard and also providing a speech celebrating the history and importance of the Lilac Bridge.

### **Builders Club**

The Cawley Builders Club honored their teachers during Middle School Month. The members had a rainbow with a pot of gold filled with gold coins with compliments of the teachers. The members also made Pots of Gold with treats and supplies for teachers, staff and administration. The Builders Club started their annual personal hygiene drive, "April Showers" which runs from April 11-15. Items collected will be distributed through the Hooksett Food Pantry. For each item donated, students will receive a raffle ticket to win an Amazon gift card. Items requested are shampoo, body wash, deodorant, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc.

### **Title I**

Cawley's Title I program invited more students to attend the spring sessions of math and reading support. Eight new students signed up bringing the enrollment to a total of 30 students. The Title I program will continue through the first week of June.

## **Athletics**

After a long winter, the spring season has finally begun. Baseball, softball, girls lacrosse and boys lacrosse have their teams picked and started their games the week of April 11. Track and field is off to a great start with our athletes working very hard to find their best events. Golf will start the week of April 11 and will start their matches soon after. The most updated sports schedule is found on Cawley's website. The standings for team sports can be found at:

<https://www.tricountyathletic.org>. Best of luck to all of our spring athletes and teams

## **Performing Arts**

On March 10, the band and chorus performed at the New Hampshire Music Educators Association Large Group Festival. This year, they sent recordings to be evaluated by two adjudicators, each of which were professional musicians, to receive feedback on performance techniques. The responses offered to both groups were positive and all students were commended for their progress during the performances.

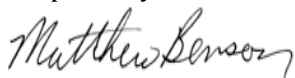
On April 7 and 8, the eighth graders presented the musical, "The Addams Family Young@Part". The students did a wonderful job telling the Addams' story and bringing the characters to life. The entire school community was so proud of the cast and crew. A big thank you to the teachers who worked with the students since early February in bringing back the musical to Cawley Middle School. Thank you, Mrs. Fuller, Mr. Davini, Mrs. Vanderhoek, Mrs. Olsen, Mrs. Meyer and Mr. Trimmer.

Select band students will have the opportunity to perform at the Lilac Bridge Rededication Ceremony on April 16. In addition, all performing arts students are preparing to perform at the Bicentennial Opening Ceremony on May 5. It is an honor to be included in this town-wide event. The Spring Choral and Band Concert is on May 18 at Cawley.

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

- April 19 - 22: 8th Grade Trip to Washington D.C.
- April 25 - 29: April Vacation
- May 2 - 6: Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 2: 7th Grade FFC Assembly, 8:00 am Gym
- May 3: Administrative Assistant Appreciation Day
- May 4: National School Nurse Appreciation Day
- May 4: 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Project Safeguard at Cawley
- May 6: Food Service Appreciation Day
- May 6: PTA Brain Games Assembly, 8:00 am
- May 6: Trimester 3 Progress Checks
- May 9: Camp Mi Te Na 8th Grade Student Presentation, 8:00 am, Cafeteria
- May 9: Camp Mi Te Na 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Presentation, 8:00 am, Gymnasium
- May 10-12: NH SAS ELA Assessment
- May 11: 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to Pinkerton Academy
- May 13: Hands only CPR, Grade 7
- May 20: Firefighters Challenge, 1:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Matthew Benson, Principal