

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



May 2022

April "Hawks of the Month"

Congratulations to the "Hawks of the Month" for April who best represented the word, "Cooperation." Alexis Doyle, Madison Weinmann, Charlotte Larochelle, Michael Saab, Travis Harressey, Grace Labreche, Owen Perkins, Josie Trippiedi, Emmanuel Mokuia, Sophia Molony, Lilah Dugas, Jonathan Palazzo, Paige Daniels, Emma Fox

Staff Appreciation Week - May 2 - May 6

Staff Appreciation week was celebrated from May 2 - May 6 with a themed dress-up baseball week. In collaboration with the Hooksett PTA the Cawley Staff was treated to two lunches and a breakfast along with other gifts throughout the week from the PTA and Hooksett School Board. During this week the school community recognized the administrative assistants, school nurse and the food service workers.

8th Grade Recognition Evening Date Set

The Eighth Grade Recognition Ceremony at Northeast Delta Dental Stadium is scheduled for June 15, at 8:00 am with a rain date of June 16, at the same time. On June 14, eighth grade Cawley students are invited to attend the dinner and dance at Cawley Middle School.

Camp Mi Te Na

Eighth grade students will be attending Camp Mi Te Na on June 1, 3 and 3 in Alton, New Hampshire. Students will have the opportunity to swim, sail, use a ropes course and participate in other team games. Camp Mi Te Na is an overnight camp.

New Hampshire Statewide Assessment System

Cawley Middle School students will be taking the New Hampshire Statewide Assessment System in Math and English Language Arts in May. This assessment is a web-based computer adaptive test. State assessments are an important part of a student's core educational program. They provide an evaluation of student mastery of content and skills in various academic areas, serve as one tool for measuring the degree to which students are on track to graduate high school and be college and career-ready, and help inform future instruction in the classroom. Along with student work on classroom assignments, projects, essays and local assessments, state assessment, the results give teachers and parents, important information about where students are on their path toward academic success. Parents may access training tests for the NH SAS by going to the portal at <https://nh.portal.airast.org/training-tests.stml>.

8th Grade Science Assessment

Eighth grade students will be taking the New Hampshire Statewide Assessment System (NH SAS) science assessment beginning on May 17 and May 18. The NH SAS Science Assessment is a non-adaptive computer-based assessment in which students must read information or view phenomena, create models, and answer open-ended constructed-response items.

NWEA Testing

During the month of June students will begin taking the NWEA test. The test is used to measure academic progress in math and reading. The math and reading tests are given on separate days. Each test is administered on the computer. Students' results will be sent home to parents by the end of the school year. Teachers and administrators will meet at the end of the school year to review the data.

Fifth to Sixth Grade Orientation

Incoming fifth graders will be touring Cawley Middle School on Wednesday, June 1. Students will be introduced to their homeroom teachers and administration. That evening, starting at 6:30 pm there will be a parent orientation in the Cawley Media Center. The presentation by the Cawley administration will provide an overview of the academic and extra-curricular programs offered for all students.

National Junior Honor Society

The National Junior Honors Society students are starting to wrap up a very successful year of community involvement and fundraising. Over the next few weeks, the members are working on totaling the amount of service hours conducted this school year (members must have 30 hours at minimum), and then completing additional hours as needed. Current seventh grade students are in the process of determining who will run for the board positions for the 2022-2023 school year. Elections will be held in the coming weeks. In addition, the NJHS group will be holding a gathering to celebrate a very successful year.

Builders Club

The Cawley Builders Club continues to "Make A Mark and Make A Difference" in the Hooksett Community. For May, which is National Pet Month, the members are holding a pet supply drive with a twist. Cawley artists are sharing their talents by creating unique artwork for each person who donates and supplies the members with a photo of their pet. All items collected will be donated to a local pet rescue. Elections for next year's board will take place on May 18. Completed applications and speeches are due to the office by Friday, May 13. The year end ceremony will take place on June 8 in the Media Center.

Title I

As the program winds down for the school year preparations for the summer Title I offerings at Cawley have begun. The goal is to have a dozen to 15 students attend 3-4 weeks over the summer to receive support in maintaining skills gained throughout the year building on student understanding in math and language arts. Throughout

this year the Cawley Title I has had 35 students participate. This has been the biggest participation since the program's start in 2017-2018.

Athletics

Golf: The golf team officially kicked off their season at Stonebridge Country Club against the Bedford Bulldogs on Tuesday. Led by Killian Lawless and Brayden Larson, the team had a strong showing, especially with a beautiful birdie on a par 3 by Brayden.

Track & Field: The track & field team is off to a great start to the season while competing in two large competitive track meets. The girls have beat 11 of 13 schools so far with only two losses to D1 opponents. Charlotte Larochelle broke the school long jump record with a jump of 14'11. The boys track team has already shown tremendous improvement after the first meet and beat all five schools at the Pinkerton meet. Miles Shea broke the school 400 meter relay record with a time of 1:00.9.

Lacrosse, baseball and softball teams are competing hard as they dive into the meat of their league schedule. The softball and baseball teams have both won their first five games. All league standings and results can be found on the Tri-County athletic league website: <https://www.tricountyathletic.org/>

Performing Arts

May is a busy month for the Performing Arts department. The chorus and band performed at Hooksett's Bicentennial Opening Ceremony on May 5. It was an honor to be included in this community event. The Spring Concert will take place on May 18 during an in-school assembly and again in the evening. It will feature the Cawley Chorus, Cawley Band, Hawkapellas Chorus, and Jazz Band.

On Saturday May 7, eighth grader Laura Palazzo represented the Cawley Chorus as she joined other selected musicians from middle schools throughout the South Central region of New Hampshire to rehearse all day and perform in an evening concert for the New Hampshire Music Educators Association (NHMEA) South Central District Music Festival.

Upcoming Key Dates to Note at Cawley:

- May 20: Quarter 4 Progress Checks
- May 20: Grade 7 Firefighters Challenge, 1:00 pm
- May 23: 8th Grade Class Picture, 8:00 am, Gym
- May 24 - 25: NH SAS Math Assessment
- May 30: No School, Memorial Day
- June 1: 5th to 6th Grade Student Step Up Day, 12:50 pm
- June 1: 6th Grade Parent Orientation, 6:30 pm, Media Center
- June 1 - 3: 8th Grade Trip to Camp Mi Te Na
- June 7 - 9 NWEA Assessment
- June 14: Last Day for 8th Grade Students

June 14: 8th Grade Dinner and Dance, Cawley Cafeteria, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
June 15: 8th Grade Recognition Ceremony, Northeast Delta Dental Stadium,
8:00 am, Rain Date, June 16
June 17: Early Release and Last Day of School for 6th and 7th Grade Students,

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Matthew Benson".

Matthew Benson, Principal