

CAWLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

"Make a Mark, Make A Difference, Believe and Achieve"

2017 New Hampshire Middle School of the Year



November 2022

October "Hawks of the Month"

Congratulations to the October "Hawks of the Month" for best exemplifying the word, "Proud." Josie Trippiedi, Parker Boulanger, Madison Cameron, Davis Magarian, Nick Gelinas, Kaileigh-Ana Mitchell, Himani Bhattarai, Logan Gamache, Aida Omerbegovic, Noah Eddy, Alix Daigle, Abigail Marcotte, August Weirich.

Advanced Learning Program at Cawley

The ALPs program has made its return to Cawley Middle School and is in full swing. Currently, pull-out language arts classes are happening for three groups of sixth graders, two groups of seventh graders and two groups of eighth graders. In these twice weekly sessions, students are researching, reading, writing and discussing at high levels. Additionally, there are three students who are on accelerated tracks, taking high school math.

The ALPs FLEX group, composed of 7th graders who are mostly students not in pull-out classes, began the year with a series of STEAM challenges to facilitate strong team work. With teamwork tackled, the seventh graders designed and created two escape rooms for Cawley students to experience. The students in FLEX wrote background stories, designed and implemented "locking" clues, decorated the class, wrote invitations inviting the whole school, and hosted the lucky first five classes as they tackled "Escape 226." The response of Cawley teachers was overwhelmingly positive and many students in the school were able to enjoy the challenge.

Whole school enrichment programs have also begun. There are currently 19 students who are interested in participating in National Novel Writing Month. These students meet twice a week to work with Mrs. Yeaton on writing. The annual SkyWatch event is scheduled for November 16; Mrs Yeaton has created "Lunar Lander " STEAM challenge kits for interested teachers and she has also provided high-interest articles and film excerpts about the upcoming launch of the Artemis program run by NASA. Students will also be designing 3D star charts to be displayed at SkyWatch and then donated to Underhill so that the ALPs program and students in grades K-2 can learn more about our night sky. Mrs. Yeaton has also been working on lessons in Family Consumer Science, teaching business writing to 8th graders so that students had an authentic audience for their projects. She Y has worked with 6th graders using LilyPad LED sewing string in FACS classes. Mrs. Yeaton has also been working with seventh grade staff to create project-based learning opportunities.

Veterans Day Assembly

On November 10 during a school-wide Veterans Day assembly, the founder and executive director of Honor Flight New England Joseph Byron was the keynote speaker. Honor Flight New England is a branch of a national organization called Honor Flight. It is a non-profit organization dedicated to honoring America's most senior veterans. With donations, they transport our heroes to Washington, D.C., to visit and reflect at the memorials built in their honor. This non-profit is located here in Hooksett.

Eighth grade social studies teacher, Sarah Levesque coordinated the school wide assembly in which the band and chorus performed, 8th grader Ava Sampson created and read a patriotic poem, the boy scouts presented the colors and student leaders introduced the keynote speaker.

Red Ribbon Breakfast

On October 26, principal, Matthew Benson, school counselors, Lea Maguire and Kim Ackles, health teacher, Derek Clark and students Zach Greenberg, Ava Sampson, Timothy Dodd and Josie Trippiedi were invited to attend the Red Ribbon Breakfast in Manchester hosted by the DEA. Cawley Middle School was the only middle school to attend with other local high schools and local law enforcement.

Blue Ribbon Volunteer Award

Congratulations to all of the volunteers who support Cawley Middle School as the school was recognized as a Blue-Ribbon winner for the numerous hours dedicated to supporting the school community. A big thank you to the Hooksett Fire Department, Hooksett Police Department, Volunteer Coordinator, Jennifer Lawyer and Hooksett PTA for the plethora of time they volunteered at Cawley Middle School.

Fire-Fighters Challenge

Congratulations to Mrs. Tanguay's homeroom for winning the class challenge for Fire-Fighters Challenge. The class decorated their door and also had an amazing cheer, song and team spirit and sportsmanship. Congratulations to Brayden Larson and Cali Sylvia for winning the individual obstacle course challenge.

Student Council

The Student Council had its second dance on Friday, November 4. Students continue to meet bi-weekly developing ideas to promote school spirit and engage the student body with schoolwide events and activities. The Student Council has planned a Thanksgiving-themed trivia game to gear up for the holiday and build school spirit.

National Junior Honor Society

The National Junior Honor Society is holding their annual Induction Ceremony on Monday, November 7. Twenty-two new members were inducted, bringing the total membership to forty-six. The students are also planning for the Pancake Breakfast which will be held on December 3rd from 8:00 am -10:00 am in the Cawley cafeteria. This annual event is always a favorite of the NJHS students. All money raised is donated to local organizations. In addition, about 15 students went to Underhill School in October to read to future Cawley Hawks. This was a highly rewarding experience for the Underhill and Cawley students.

Congratulations to the new members of NJHS!

Lilah Dugas	Akash Kadariya	Matthew VanWagner
Tyler Elliott	Cara Mahn	Thomas VanWagner
Isabella Fleming	Maggie McAuliffe	Jackson Waddington
Jamie Godbout	Kaileigh-Ana Mitchell	Madison Ward
Rachel Griffin	Isabella Polyukhovich	Alexander Welch
Ella Harnisch	Maxine Ryan-Jacobson	Nicholas Zagaria
Travis Harressey	Emma Tilton	
Lily Hoang	Sebastian Uribe	

Robotics

The Cawley robotics teams are off to a great start this season. This year Cawley has two teams of students competing in the FIRST Lego League Challenge. Students are asked to design, build, and program a robot to accomplish missions on a game board and also complete a research project related to this year's theme, SUPERPOWERED, which deals with energy usage and consumption. Team "Red Square" has developed an idea for a creative app that will minimize electricity waste in residential buildings, while Team "Organized Train Wreck" is working on a redesign model for the Bow Power Plant that will allow for cleaner energy generation. The coaches are so proud of all their hard work.

Both teams will be competing against other area schools at the regional qualifying tournament, which will take place on Saturday, November 19 at Hillside Middle School in Manchester, NH.

Builders Club

Cawley Builders Club has started off strong. The made Spookygrams which were sold during lunch before Halloween. The money earned was used to purchase Christmas stockings which will be stuffed with useful and needed items for those serving our country in the military. The members will be assembling food baskets at the Hooksett Food Pantry on Veterans Day and again in December. The members will also be ringing bells for the Hooksett Salvation Army.

Chess Club

The Cawley Chess Club is underway for the 2022-23 school year and currently has 22 members. They meet every Friday after school and have a range of players from beginners to highly experienced. On Saturday October 29, several students traveled to World Academy and took part in a New Hampshire Scholastic Chess Tournament. The students played some great and competitive games and represented Cawley very well. The students continue to get better at the game with each passing week.

Title I

The Cawley Title I program is in full swing. There are over 20 students attending anywhere from one to four afternoon sessions weekly, which are held Mondays - Thursdays. Students are engaged, energetic, and excited to be participating in the program. The staff has been creating personalized and small group activities for students to build on their understanding of language arts and mathematical skills to help fill learning gaps and build a strong foundation. This in turn will support student success within the classroom during the academic day.

Athletics

Boys Soccer: The boys soccer team won their third straight championship on Friday, October 28. The boys played an amazing game defeating South Meadow on the road 2-0 to win the Tri-county Division 3 championship. The two goals came from 8th graders, Jacoby Jordan and David Khadka. Every member of the team contributed to this great season to complete the three-peat.

Girls Soccer: The girls soccer team ended their regular season with a 5-5 record making it to semifinals during post-season playoffs. Outstanding seasons were had by all players, but athletic standouts were Courtney Russell, Ella Kubat and Emma Kubat. 7th Grade Captain, Cara Mahn, demonstrated admirable leadership and led the team to many victories in both games and practices, on and off the field.

Field Hockey: The 2022 field hockey season was filled with tough competition and great teamwork. The players started out in some cases as never picking up a stick before, to grow into solid field hockey players. The 8th graders were excellent leaders on the field and led the girls offensively and defensively. The team made it to the semi-final game against Bow, but had a difficult loss to the championship team.

Cross Country: Great job to all cross-country runners on a fantastic season. The team showed steady improvement all year and were extremely competitive all year. The boys team finished league runners up behind only Hopkinton and the girls team had a fifth-place finish at the league finals. The following athletes represented Cawley at the Tri-County Championship Meet: *Boys:* Caleb Arroyo (2nd place finish overall), Owen Boucher, Emmit Fournier, Leighton Klug, Timothy Dodd, Collin St. Onge and Owen Gosselin. *Girls:* Lily Lever, Ashley Clouthier, Leah Porter, Emily Little, Megan Lachance, Isabel Kirkendall and Brooke Barnhart.

Winter Sports:

Basketball and cheer have started the tryout process and will start competitions in the middle of November. Feel free to check the league website for updated standings: <https://www.tricountyathletic.org/>.

Co-ed volleyball is a non-cut sport and will start the second week of February. Information and sign-ups will come out towards the end of January.

Performing Arts

Things are well under way in the Performing Arts Department at Cawley. There was a very successful "Coffee House" fundraiser on October 26. This was an event where students were invited to perform music of their choice in a small comfortable venue. There were acts ranging from a soaring performance of the third movement of Vivaldi's "Concerto No.3 in A minor" to combined acts like "Girl on Fire" by Alicia Keys which students danced and sang to.

On November 10 the chorus and band members performed for the Veteran's Day Assembly. Students were educated on not only the importance of the day but were also taught what it means to give back to the community.

Upcoming Dates to Note at Cawley:

November 14:	Quarter 2 Begins
November 17:	SkyWatch, 6:30 pm
November 23 - 25	No School, Thanksgiving Break
December 3:	Pancake Breakfast, 8:00 am
December 7:	Trimester 1 Ends
December 8:	Trimester 2 Begins
December 15:	Trimester 1 Report Cards Distributed

Respectfully Submitted,



Matthew Benson, Principal