

**CAWLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

**"Make a Mark, Make A Difference:
2017 New Hampshire Middle School of the Year**



April 2023

March "Hawks of the Month"

Congratulations to the March "Hawks of the Month" for best exemplifying the word "Courage;" Langley Whitney, Elizabeth Rodriguez, Jay Orr, Maxine Ryan-Jacobson, Jazmin Gudiel, Anastasia Judge, Kyrylo Yelisisiev, Nolan Murphy, Jaelyn Breton, Nolan Murphy, Abi Marcotte, Cohen Veilleux, Oliver Daniels, Brody Meyers.

Cawley Mascot

Congratulations to Parker Waddington, grade 6, Anastasia Judge, grade 7 and Colin St. Onge, grade 8 who will represent their grade level as the Cawley Mascot. The students completed a rigorous audition displaying school spirit, chants and dancing. The mascots have already made appearances at the Middle School Month Assembly and 8th Grade Musical performances. The name and jersey of the Cawley mascot will be determined by the end of May.

Cawley Chess Club

On Saturday April 15, Cawley Middle School will be hosting the 2023 New Hampshire Team Chess Championships. There will be 4 different divisions (Elementary, Junior High, and High School) and teams will be coming from all parts of the state to compete. Good luck to the following students who will be representing our school:

Ethan Back, Kyle Beckwith, Michael Cheung, Sebastian Danton, Brendan Dumont, Kellen Duvall, Jamie Godbout, Trip Hanna, Will Notarangeli, Cohen Shields, Briar Smith, Thomas VanWagner and Matthew VanWagner

National History Day Program

Seventh grade students at David Cawley Middle School spent several months conducting research on a historical topic for the National History Day competition. They worked with both primary and secondary sources in order to create a product that showcased their topic's relationship to the designated theme: Frontiers in History. On March 10, the entire 7th grade competed in a school-wide National History Day competition. Judges were brought in from the SAU, Hooksett Heritage Commission and Cawley Middle School in order to select finalists that would then compete at the state level contest at Plymouth State University. As a result of their outstanding work, Isabella Fleming, Eden Shea, Maggie McAuliffe, Kara McIntyre, Lilah Dugas, Emma Tilton and Maxine Ryan-Jacobson were chosen to present at Plymouth State University on April 15. If they are selected by the judges at this level, they will then be given the opportunity to showcase their work at the finalist competition in Washington, D.C. on June 15.

8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip

One hundred-fifteen eighth grade students will be going to Washington D.C. April 18, 19, 20 and 21. Students will cruise the Potomac River, take pictures in front of the White House, visit the National Arlington Cemetery, Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam Veteran's Memorial, World War II and Korean War Memorials and Smithsonian Museums.

Advanced Learning Program

Students across Cawley have been invited to join a reading challenge by reading novels and earning feathers in a quest to build a giant pair of Hawk wings. When the wings are completed there will be a celebration for all the students who participated featuring ice cream and photos. Additionally, over fifty students have submitted entries to the 27th Annual American Library of Poetry competition.

In classes, ALPs students have been participating in a variety of activities. Sixth graders have been reading about the origins of the Olympic Games in Greece and discussing how authors of historical fiction research and write. One big question is how do authors honor or alter history when writing? In seventh grade, students are reading science fiction and debating the benefits and risks related to the evolution of technology. Small groups of students have built windmills to raise and lower buckets into wells and other groups have been working on constructing robots. Eighth grade students have been exploring the theme of fear and how humans determine what risks are worth taking. The students read about Eileen Gu and how fear motivates her to excel at snowboarding. The class is currently reading "The Most Dangerous Game" and discussing how complex characters develop over the course of a text, interact with other characters, and advance the plot or develop the theme.

Keys to Literacy Coaching Day

On April 12, language arts, unified arts, science and social studies teachers participated in the 2nd training of "Keys to Content Writing. Teachers shared evidence of the various types of writing they integrated into their content since the March 14 workshop day with Keys to Literacy. Teachers are working with students on planning their writing for using quick writes, paragraph writing and essays. The presenter also modeled a writing lesson at the staff meeting in which teachers could observe how to seamlessly include writing for authentic audiences and purposes.

Project Safeguard

This year 7th grade students will once again participate in Project Safeguard which is designed by the school counselors and administration for 7th graders addressing current issues impacting teenagers. This year **Project Safeguard for students and parents will be on Tuesday, April 18 during the school day at Cawley Middle School.**

Parents are invited to attend two morning presentations at Cawley Middle School. The first is Marko the Magician who has spoken annually to 7th grade students and their parents about making good decisions and goal setting while weaving magic into the interactive presentation. **This student and parent presentation will be from 8:15 am - 9:15 am in the gym.**

The second presentation for parents only is by the School Resource Officer, Angela Bergeron. Officer Bergeron will talk about cyberbullying, sexting, cell phone apps, things to look out for and what you can do to help your kids remain safe online. This presentation will be in the Cawley Media Center from 9:30 am - 10:20 am.

Class sessions for students offered will address peer pressure, self-esteem, alcohol, tobacco and drug education, developing positive relationships, Internet safety, college and careers and solving problems collaboratively.

NH 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 and the 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.cambiumast.com/families.html>.

8th Grade Science Assessment

Eighth grade students will be taking the New Hampshire Statewide Assessment System (NH SAS) science assessment on May 23 and May 24. The NH 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.

Builders Club

The Cawley Builders Club remains busy. In March the members made sunshine baskets for the staff at Cawley Middle School. Items were donated and included all yellow and gold items. The members also made cards and a huge sunshine filled with rays of good wishes for the staff. The members started April by volunteering at the Hooksett Library Easter Egg Hunt. The members will have their annual "April Showers" personal hygiene drive April 10 - 14 where they will be collecting hygiene and laundry items for the Hooksett Food Pantry.

National Junior Honor Society

The National Junior Honor Society will be visiting 1st and 2nd grade classes at Underhill on April 12 for the monthly reading buddies trip. The 8th grade members will be reading and doing crafts related to their books with the students. The NJHS members are beginning preparations for the Cawley Talent Show in June. This will be the first talent show since 2018 and the students are looking forward to making this a successful and fun event like in the past.

Athletics

The boys and girls lacrosse teams have been selected and their first games will be played on April 13 at Amherst. The baseball and softball teams first games are April 14 at Sanborn. The track team athletes are trying out for their events and their first meet will be on May 2 at Merrimack High School. The golf team is waiting for the golf courses to fully open and their schedule to be finalized.

Please follow the standings on the league [Tri-County Website](#). The dates on the website aren't always correct but the standings will be accurate. Follow the school website and your coach schedules for up-to-date information. Good luck to all teams and Go Hawks!

Performing Arts

On March 18 the band and chorus performed at the NHMEA Large Group Festival, which took place at Goffstown High School. Both ensembles performed for three adjudicators, all of which were professional musicians to receive feedback on performance techniques and

sight-reading abilities. They also had the opportunity to participate in a workshop led by one of the adjudicators following their performances. Congratulations to both ensembles on a job well done.

The 8th grade musical, **Shrek the Musical Jr.**, took place on April 6 and 7 in the gymnasium. All of the eighth-grade students worked hard since January to bring the classic story to life onstage. All the work (costumes, scenery, props, program and technical aids and the acting, singing, and dancing) was student-generated under the creative direction of Mrs. Vanderhoek, Mr. Davini, Mrs. Fuller, Mrs. Meyer, Mrs. Olsen, and Mr. Trimmer. The school community is so proud of the hard work and dedication of the students and staff and congratulate them all on successful performances.

Upcoming Key Dates to Note at Cawley:

April 15: Chess Tournament, 8:00 am
April 18: 7th Grade Project Safeguard
April 18 – 21: 8th Grade Trip to Washington D.C.
April 24 – 28: April Vacation
May 1 – 5: Staff Appreciation Week
May 5: 3rd Trimester Progress Checks
May 12: Spring Sports Pictures
May 17: 7th Grade Students Field Trip to Pinkerton Academy
May 18: Spring Concert, 9:30 am, 6:30 pm
May 19: UA 4th Quarter Progress Checks
May 29: No School, Memorial Day

Respectfully Submitted,



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