

**CAWLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL  
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

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



**March 2023**

**February “Hawks of the Month”**

Congratulations to February "Hawks of the Month" for best representing the word “Empathy”; Nathaniel Andrade, Charlie Dick, Olivia Florenzo, Jonathan Palazzo, Isabella Silva, Sophie Molony, Natalie Bergeron, Mason Fay, Abigail Brown, Xavier Vasquez, Carter Casey, Jack DeFreitas.

**Report Cards 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester**

The second trimester ends on March 20 with the third trimester beginning on March 21. Report cards and honor roll for the 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester will be sent home with students on March 27.

**March 14 Professional Development Day**

As a result of the snowstorm on the professional development day all training was online via Zoom. Math teachers participated in the Ongoing Assessment Project in Fractional Reasoning. The OGAP Fraction Framework is based on mathematics education research on how students learn specific mathematics concepts, errors students make, and pre-conceptions or misconceptions that may interfere with learning new concepts or solving related problems.

Science, language arts, social studies and unified arts teachers participated in the Keys to Content Writing which provides professional development for research-based best practices for writing instruction that can be integrated in any subject and aligned to state literacy standards.

The school counselors worked to develop lessons for “See Something, Say Something.”

**Books Give Us Wings**

All students and staff have been invited to join the Cawley Hawk Wings Reading Challenge. Let’s soar into 2023 by creating a Hawk Wing Wall. Have you ever seen the mural walls that have wings made for photo ops? Let's work together to construct one here at Cawley. Every book read, students will be able to design a feather for our Hawk Wings. Once the wings are complete, there will be a Cawley celebration and photo opportunity for all students who contributed feathers.

**7th Grade Parent Day for the National History Project**

The 7th Grade Social Studies students have been working to complete their National History Day projects on any chosen topic related to the Civil War. Students were able to select and create a documentary, poster, website, paper, or a performance to represent their researched information. Mrs. Benotti and Miss. Gauvain invited 7th grade families and judges from the Hooksett Historical Association to attend a school wide competition during the school day March 10 in the gymnasium where all 7th graders presented their projects. The students worked very hard over the past two months to create these projects and were given the opportunity to showcase their work. The selected winners of this school-wide

competition will have the opportunity to compete at the state National History Day competition on April 15 at Plymouth State University.

**The winners for the competition were;**

Website Winner: Maxine Ryan-Jacobson

Performance Winners: Lilah Dugas and Emma Tilton

Documentary Winner: Maggie Mcauliffe

Exhibit Winners: Bella Polyukovich, Bella Fleming, and Eden Shea

**8th Grade Trip to Camp Mi Te Na - Parent Information Night**

On Monday, March 27 at 6:00 pm in the Cawley Media Center, Ashley Paquet 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 the students during the school day. The trip is scheduled for June 7, 8 and 9. Information regarding the trip will be distributed to students and parents on March 27. The cost of the trip is \$241.00 per student.

**Student Council**

The Student Council helped to facilitate several Middle School Month activities and events including the school-wide Spirit Rally as well as the culminating school dance. In addition, the Student Council is holding a naming contest for our new "support squishmallow" and is looking forward to planning other ways to bring the student body together and demonstrate what it means to be a Cawley Hawk.

**Cawley Mascot Auditions**

Auditions to be the Cawley Mascot will take place in March. The first ever Cawley mascot costume was fully purchased through a grant from the Hooksett PTA. Students will have to perform a cheer and demonstrate how they will pump up the crowd and school when they are the Cawley Mascot. The Cawley Mascot will be named by students and staff and receive a jersey with a number that will have a special connection and meaning to Cawley Middle School's proud history.

**Builders Club**

The Builders Club is busy planning something special for teachers during March which is Middle School Month as well as Builder's Club Week, the week of March 20.

In April the members are volunteering at the Hooksett Library Easter Egg Hunt. The members, are also having a personal hygiene drive to benefit the Hooksett Food Pantry the week of April 10. Items will be collected at the school with collection bins at the main entrance, bus entrances and at the office.

**National Junior Honor Society**

The National Junior Honor Society is working on Trivia Night that was rescheduled from February. The event will take place on March 29 from 5:00 pm -7:00 pm in the Cawley Cafeteria. Students and staff will compete in teams to win prizes and bragging rights.

**Unified Sports**

Congratulations to the Unified Sports team on finishing the basketball season with two highly competitive and successful games against Rundlett Middle School. The team played a

home and away game. The team and their mentors will begin preparing for their soccer games against Rundlett in the spring.

### **Athletics**

Co-ed volleyball will conclude this month. The team has played very well and learned the fundamentals of volleyball.

Cawley offers baseball, softball, boys and girls lacrosse, track and field and golf for spring sports. Spring sports sign-ups are underway with tryouts beginning at the end of the month.

### **Performing Arts**

March is a busy month for the band and chorus. On Saturday March 18 the chorus and band will be performing at the New Hampshire Music Educators Association Large Group Festival. Students will observe other local middle school performances, perform three prepared pieces and sight read, which is when students have to perform a new piece of music for the first time and decode on demand. This will all be performed in front of adjudicators who will judge the students' performances as ensembles, give them a grade, and most importantly, students will receive valuable feedback that they can apply to their performances in the future. The students have been preparing for this performance for months now and are excited to show off their hard work.

Rehearsals for Shrek the Musical Jr. are well underway and students have been working on singing in harmony with proper technique, physical acting through blocking and character work, and adding movement to music through choreography rehearsals. Regardless of their experience levels in music and/or drama, the growth in their confidence and performing abilities is incredible. The show dates are April 6 and April 7.

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

- March 20: 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester Ends
- March 21: 3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester Begins
- March 24: Student Council Dance, 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm
- March 27: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp Mi Te Na Parent Information Night, 6:00 pm
- March 27: Trimester 2 Report Cards Distributed to Students
- March 29: Trivia Night, 5:00 pm
- April 7: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Musical Performance, 7:00 pm
- April 8: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Musical Performance, 7:00 pm
- April 10: Quarter 3 Ends
- April 11: Quarter 4 Begins
- April 15: Cawley Chess Tournament, 8:00 am
- April 18: 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Project Safeguard
- April 18 – 21: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to Washington D.C.
- April 24 – 28: April Vacation

Respectfully Submitted,



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