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



October 2023

National Red Ribbon Week

National Red Ribbon Week is being recognized at Cawley Middle School from October 23 - October 27. Cawley students and staff will participate in a week of activities designed to bring awareness to the benefits of making healthy lifestyle choices and remaining drug and alcohol-free. Each morning an announcement will be made by a member of the student-led Heart of the Hawk group.

Red Ribbon Week will have a theme each day:

Monday is Mind Your Mood Monday - Stay in tune with your emotions and let your mind and body relax! Wear your favorite PJ's.

Tuesday is Stay True to Yourself Tuesday - Wear something that uniquely represents you.

Wednesday is Wear Red Wednesday - Show your commitment to remain substance free by wearing red.

Thursday is You Are Ken-ough Without Drugs and Alcohol- Wear Pink or dress as your favorite Barbie character

Friday is Freaky Friday - As part of the Cawley community we stand together against substance misuse. Teachers dress as students and students dress as teachers.

The School Resource Officer Bergeron will be participating by offering chances for students to win a reward for displaying positive behaviors during the week. The rewards are being donated by the Hooksett Police Department.

Fire-Fighters Challenge

For over twenty years either 7th or 8th graders have participated in the Hooksett Middle School Firefighters Challenge. This tradition continued with this year's 7th graders participating in the Firefighters Challenge on October 13.

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 7th grade students. The Unified Arts teachers were the judges and the health teacher, Derek Clark coordinated the event.

Homeroom classes competed against each other in individual categories, as well as the title of overall winner. The winning homeroom this year was Ms. Gauvain's class.

Firefighters Challenge also 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. This year's winners were Mason Fay, Jake Santosuosso, Carter Casey and Avery Phillips.

Student Council

The Student Council met twice in the month of October with over 30 students in attendance from all grade levels. Students are hard at work planning ways to increase dance attendance and are hoping to coordinate a fall-themed school-wide activity in the coming weeks. The student council leadership will be elected at the club-level and voted on by their peers within the student council.

Cawley Chess Club

The Cawley Chess Club is off and running. The club currently has 24 students from grades 6-8 participating every Friday after school. On Sunday October 9, students from the club ran a carwash fundraiser. The carwash was a huge success and the members purchased a giant chess board and set where the students can walk the oversized pieces across the gigantic board.

National Junior Honor Society

The National Junior Honor Society is busy planning for the 2023-24 school year. Their first Reading Buddies trip to Fred C. Underhill School is planned for November 1. The returning 8th grade members will be helping the 1st and 2nd grade students with fun STEM activities. The NJHS Executive Board is working on new ideas for the organization while preparing for the Induction Ceremony which will be held on November 2 at 6:30pm at Cawley Middle School. Thank you to the NJHS Faculty Council for their hard work in reviewing applications and selecting our new members.

Congratulations to the new members:

Caleb Arroyo	Ella Kubat	Aida Omerbegovic
Natalie Bergeron	Emma Kubat	Jonathan Palazzo
Jaelynn Breton	Jace LaBranche	Lydia Raymond
Abigail Brown	Sophia Lacasse	Hannah Russell
Lucy Callanan	Ella Liadis	Alaina Spencer
Reese Cook	Emily Liadis	Theresa Storey
Alixandra Daigle	Emily Little	Sophia Thapa
Brooke DeVall	Violet Lloyd	Bria Tremblay
Violet Doty	Ryan Lovejoy	Emily Upton
Mason Fay	Abigail Marcotte	Xavier Vasquez
Stewart Gregory	Nolan Murphy	Amelie Vigneau
Reid Hamilton	Sierra Nicholls	

Builders Club Award

Kara McIntyre, who is in her second year as the Builders Club president was awarded the Distinguished Board Member Award at the Kiwanis Dinner on September 20. This award is from the New England and Bermuda District of Kiwanis. Kara was nominated and earned this award for her dedication and hard work for the Cawley Middle School Builders Club. This award is given to recognize those who have shown outstanding commitment and volunteerism. Kara is a true leader and she proves that at every meeting and event. She follows through and goes above and beyond. She communicates well, is organized, and efficient. The school community is very proud of Kara and her accomplishments.

Builders Club

Builder's Club is starting the year as busy as ever. The members stuffed goodie bags for the PTA Spooktacular, and also started making Spooky Grams which they will sell at lunch for Halloween. The members are also going to decorate a vehicle for Trunk-or-Treat at the Hooksett Library on October 21. In November the members will be making food baskets for the Hooksett Food Pantry. The members have other events in the planning stages for the holiday season. Builder's Club is always happy to welcome new members.

Skywatch and Skydome Planetarium at Cawley

This year's Skywatch event hosted by the NH Astronomical Society will be at 6:30 on Thursday, November 9. Unlike years past, there will be no formal presentation in the library so that families can maximize their time outside under the stars.

As a supplemental learning experience, Mobile Ed Productions will be providing a Sky Dome Planetarium show for each core team at Cawley on Wednesday, November 15 in the Gymnasium during the school day.

The content of the show includes: " a 45-minute journey through the universe." Students will enter the dome and be introduced to a "star filled" sky. Our navigator, with the use of a digital planetarium projector and a laser pointer, will guide students through the stars of the Northern Hemisphere exactly as they appear on the day of the presentation.

Students will learn how to identify every planet in our solar system in dramatic "flights" towards each world. They will be introduced to Greek mythological characters and see how these heroes of the past can be found in the stars. Students will witness the night sky in different seasons and from different global perspectives."

Athletics

Field Hockey is having a fantastic first season in Division 2 with a record of 5-1-1. For half of the team this is their first year playing field hockey, but with the help of the veteran players and by putting in the time and effort both in and out of practice they have grown in the game. The team is very excited for the rest of the season and playoffs.

The Cawley Middle School boys' soccer team, featuring skilled players from 6th through 8th grades, is aiming to conclude the regular season on a high note, with playoffs just around the corner. The roster includes 6th-graders Ammar Subasic, Dylan Proulx, Nicholas Uribe, and Imran Culum; 7th-graders Ethan Lajewski, Stew Gregory, Mason Valcourt, and Anes Pajazetovic; complemented by our 8th-grade athletes Paxton Frasch, Emmanuel Mokua, Nathan Canavan, Tyler Elliott, Liam Foye, Max Laliberte, Brayden Larson, Evan Schottler,

Gavin Shea, Sebastian Uribe, Alexander Welch, and Gage Dion. Coaches Michael Welch and Anna Rouleau are excited about the promise this team holds and look forward to a competitive playoff run. The team is currently 5-3-1.

The girls soccer team is currently 5-2-2 and preparing for the playoffs.

Both boys and girls cross country teams have worked extremely hard this year and have continuously set new personal record marks. The following athletes represented Cawley at the Tri-County Championship race in Hudson on Oct. 14: Caleb Arroyo, Matthew Dodd, Zach Edsall, Jamie Godbout, Dylan Johnston, Philip Lapierre, Jacob Timpe, Dalie Cosic, Carter Fitzgerald, Teagan Gallagher, Emily Leary, Emily Little, Addison Pittman and Rivka Sharma. Good luck to all athletes!

Winter sports are around the corner and detailed information and the sign up link will be shared soon for girls and boys basketball as well as cheer.

Performing Arts

The Music Department is working hard on preparing music for our first full band and chorus concert of the year, which will take place in December. In addition to working on their song repertoire, students have been working on music reading, ear training, and overall musicality. Students are also looking for the annual Coffee House performance which will take place on October 25 at 6:30 pm. Students who decide to participate will prepare music of their choosing and perform it, while the audience enjoys light snacks and beverages.

On October 6, seventh and eighth grade band students were invited to attend a Pinkerton Football game. Students performed stand tunes with other middle school students as well as the high school band students. Students had an absolute blast playing new challenging tunes and making new friends.

Upcoming Dates to Note at Cawley:

October 13: 1st Quarter Progress Checks
October 18: Trimester 1 Progress Checks
October 18: Fall Sports Pictures, 8:00 am
October 25: Cawley Coffee House, 6:30 pm
November 2: NJHS Induction Ceremony, 6:30 pm

November 3: Student Council Dance, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

November 6: Picture Retake Day, 8:00 am

November 7: No School, Parent/Teacher Conferences

November 9: Veterans' Day Assembly, 1:00 pm

November 9: Skywatch, 6:30 pm, Cawley back parking lot

November 10: No School, Veterans Day

November 13: Quarter 2 Begins
November 15: Sky Dome Planetarium
November 22- 24 Thanksgiving Break

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Benson

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