

**CAWLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT
"Make a Mark, Make A Difference"
2017 New Hampshire Middle School of the Year
November 2023**



Veterans Day Assembly

Eighth grade social studies teacher, Sarah Piana coordinated the Veterans Day assembly for students and staff on November 9. The band and chorus performed patriotic music and students volunteered to participate in the assembly by writing poems to honor veterans. This year, the assembly featured Ashley Kitchell, the Operations Manager at Liberty House. Ashly was accompanied by Ezra, who is a therapy dog. Ashley explained how veterans are supported in a multitude of ways through Liberty House and their programs along with the daily nurturing Ezra provides. Cawley was fortunate to welcome over a dozen veterans and their families who attended the assembly as our guests of honor.

Team Cornell Student Led Conferences

Team Cornell's teachers, Leigh Gibson, Melissa Tanguay, Jeff Hamilton, Carol Ward and Paige Benotti contacted me last summer about having students lead their parent conferences on November 7 as a pilot. The teachers wanted students to attend and present to their parents about their learning experiences, challenges and successes in all of their subjects. Students and their parents moved from each core classroom every ten minutes to meet with their core teachers. Students were well prepared and were able to advocate for themselves articulately and in detail. Parents, students and teachers all provided positive feedback about piloting student led conferences.

Portrait of a Cawley Learner

The 21st Century Technology sixth grade FLEX students explored video production as a medium to promote and share information. Students created CMS20 (for the 20 years being in the Cawley building) to inform students about the Portrait of a Cawley Learner. The team of students developed a theme, logo, and scripts for the newscast. Students created a total of six segments which included an introduction about the Portrait of a Cawley Learner and a segment for each trait (Communication, Collaboration, Perseverance, Problem Solving & Responsibilities). Thank you to the following students for all their incredible work: Jasmine Birouki, Imran Culum, Matthew Dodd, Edis Jusufovic, Grace Singleton, Tyler Smith, Ammar Subasic, and Jaxson Sullivan.

Cawley Class of 2024

On October 30 I submitted the names of the students from the Cawley Class of 2024 to the receiving high schools. There are currently 140 eighth grade students in the Cawley Class of 2024. There is one student who does not attend Cawley but lives in Hooksett. The final tally is below:

Pinkerton Academy = 116 students
Londonderry High School = 16 students
Bow High School = 5 students
Pembroke Academy = 2 students
Manchester Memorial High School = 1 student
Private School = 1 student

Goffstown High School = 0 students
Manchester Central High School = 0 students
Manchester West High School = 0 students

SNHU Science Classes at Cawley

Cawley Middle School is excited to partner with The Education Department at Southern New Hampshire University with a field-based course for college students pursuing an education pathway. This model provides opportunities for professors and students at SNHU to be in a school and apply knowledge from the course at the same time.

SNHU students visit sixth grade science classrooms twice a week to work with Cawley students. Sixth grade science teachers, Sara Rushia and Kevin Fleury design the lessons and then work with the SHNU students to co-teach the lesson.

Bicentennial Mural Presentation

On November 15, Michelle Fuller who is the Art teacher at Cawley Middle School and several Cawley graduates officially presented the "Bicentennial Mural" to the Town of Hooksett and Town Council representatives. When the students were in seventh and eighth grade at Cawley they designed and created a tileboard mural that celebrated the Town of Hooksett's bicentennial. The mural will now be displayed at the town's office on Main Street.

Picnic Tables at Cawley

Seventh grade math teacher Melissa Tanguay received a grant from the Hooksett PTA for picnic table materials. The Industrial Technology teacher, William Trimmer's FLEX 7th and 8th grade students worked together to complete the octagonal picnic tables. The cutting of materials started in the 4th quarter of last school year and the assembly and finishing was completed this September and October. Mr. Trimmer and students had to solve problems along the way, but the outcome speaks for itself. The many angles required students to really persevere through each step. The two tables should last many years being made out of pressure treated wood and the three different finishes that gives it a great look.



Advanced Learning Program

The ALPs program is excited to share several whole school opportunities in the month of November. Students began the month by starting the second annual National Novel Writing Month Club. The Young Writer's Program encourages students to write creatively for the month of November. More than a dozen students have signed on for the challenge, and are working twice weekly with the ALPs teacher Kristin Yeaton.

On November 15, Cawley students will have the chance to enter a planetarium that will be set up in the Cawley gymnasium. The SkyDome Planetarium offers a unique 3D, laser light show experience teaching students about the night sky, solar system and the Greek characters and stories behind the constellations. On November 20 at 6:30 pm ALPs will be hosting Skywatch. This is an amazing opportunity for parents and students to spend some time under the stars using high powered telescopes and learning from volunteer astronomers.

ALPs will wrap up this busy season by offering a day of S.T.E.A.M. education for all Cawley students. Each science class will spend a day in the newly outfitted Cawley Creator Lab. The focus of the Portrait of a Cawley Learner for November and December is perseverance. Students will work in teams to persevere and complete challenge activities ranging from engineering to electrical circuitry.

Student Council

The Student Council held their second dance on November 3. In addition, they elected their executive board in late November, consisting of five members to serve as representation for the student body. The Student Council organized and sponsored a Thanksgiving-themed FLEX competition with a variety of activities for all students to participate on November 20.

National Junior Honor Society

On November 1, the returning 8th grade NJHS members visited Fred C. Underhill School and assisted the first grade classes with a STEM project building constellation viewers. The members will also visit Underhill School in December for Reading Buddies.

The National Junior Honor Society held its annual Induction Ceremony on November 2 at Cawley Middle School. Thirty five new members were inducted bringing the total membership to fifty three students. The NJHS advisers were thankful for the support from the community for providing snacks for the reception and also grateful and proud to welcome back former Cawley student and NJHS member Aidan Gravina who was the keynote speaker.

The NJHS Executive Board will now be exploring how members can continue to volunteer in the community during the holiday season and also begin planning for the annual Pancake Breakfast which will be held in January.

Builders Club

The Builder's Club sold Spookygrams for Halloween and all proceeds will go to shopping for a Hooksett family in need for the holidays. The members will be assembling food baskets on Veterans Day at the Hooksett Food Pantry. The members will be volunteering at the Veterans Day Breakfast.

Athletics

Fall Sports:

Congratulations to the fall sports teams for a very strong showing in the school's first year in Division 2. The Cross Country teams competed at a high level at the Tri-County championship meet on October 14 and the boys team was one place away from receiving a team trophy.

Field Hockey entered their tournament a two seed and after a hard fought quarterfinal match victory fell short 1-0. The Girls Soccer team played an excellent quarterfinal match and fought hard in the semis, but lost to the eventual champion Bow by a score of 2-0. The Boys Soccer team peaked at the end of the season and captured the three seed for the tournament. After a solid quarterfinal and semifinal win that team lost to Fairgrounds in the championship game 1-0.

Winter Sports:

Boys basketball, girls basketball and cheerleading have started their seasons. Co-ed Volleyball is a not cut sport offered and begins on February 12.

Performing Arts

The Music Department had a very successful "Coffee House" fundraiser on October 25. This was an event where students were invited to perform music of their choice in a small comfortable venue. On November 9, the chorus and band members performed at the Cawley Veteran's Day assembly.

On November 16, members of the chorus and band attended a concert at Pinkerton Academy as part of the "Jazz Reach" program. Professional musicians performed live followed by a clinic with the students. The band and chorus will perform at the Hooksett Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 1. The Cawley Winter Concerts are on December 13.

Upcoming Dates to Note at Cawley:

November 20:	Skywatch, 6:30 pm
November 22- 24:	Thanksgiving Break
December 6:	Trimester 1 Ends
December 7:	Trimester 2 Begins
December 13:	Cawley Winter Concert, 9:30 am
December 13:	Cawley Winter Concert, 6:30 pm
December 13:	Trimester 1 Report Cards Distributed
December 14:	Cawley Winter Concert, Snow Date
December 14:	Make Your Make A Difference Awards Distributed
December 18:	Cawley Winter Sports Pictures, 8:00 am
December 21:	Quarter 2 Progress Checks
December 25 - Jan. 2	Winter Vacation

Respectfully Submitted,



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