

**CAWLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL  
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT  
"Make a Mark, Make A Difference"  
2017 New Hampshire Middle School of the Year  
March 2024**



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

The second trimester ends on March 18 with the third trimester beginning on March 19. Report cards and honor roll for the 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester will be sent home with students on March 25.

**National History Day Project**

This year the Social Studies Department has made it their curriculum goal to have all students, in grades 6-8, participate in this schoolwide and potentially state and national competition known as *National History Day*. Their projects were required to support the theme of "Turning Points In History." Students chose to create their project in one of the following formats; essay, performance, documentary, website, or exhibit.

Students in grades seven and eight held their National History Day galleries on March 11. Students, experts of their topic, presented to the Cawley community. Parents, teachers, fellow students, and other community members were able to see students' essays, performances, documentaries, and or exhibits.

The exhibits represented a wide array of interesting topics of historical turning points in national and world history from such topics as: the invention of aqueducts, creation of prosthetics to Chinese calligraphy and the Battle of Gettysburg. Student participation reflected high levels of research, writing skills, creativity and engagement. Overall, a total of twelve students will be representing Cawley Middle School at the State Competition which will be held at Plymouth State University on Saturday, April 6.

Thank you to Karin Rogers, Assistant Principal, Paige Benotti, grade 7 social studies, Mikaela Gauvain, grade 7 social studies, Leigh Gibson, grade 7 language arts, Tara Sanford, grade 7 social studies, Sarah Piana, grade 8 social studies, Kendall Frizzell, grade 8 social studies, Brooke Saltus, grade 8 language arts and Kimberly Gartland, grade 8 language arts for planning and implementing this highly engaging cross-curricular learning experience.

**Below is list of the winner for each category:**

**Individual Exhibits**

Reid Hamilton, Grade 7  
Jamie Godbout, Grade 7

**Group Exhibits**

Paige Reed, Grade 6  
Abby Chambers, Grade 6  
Violet Lloyd, Grade 7,  
Emily Little, Grade 7

**Website Designs**

Maxine Ryan-Jacobson, Grade 8  
Matthew VanWagner, Grade 8

**Performances**

Lucy Callahan, Grade 7  
Kara McIntyre, Grade 8

**Documentaries**

Emily Breton, Grade 7  
Maggie McAuliffe, Grade 8

**ALPS**

Mrs. Yeaton continues to be instrumental in providing whole school enrichment. She worked with students in all grade levels to implement the National History Day Project. Mrs. Yeaton was also selected as a judge for the 6th, 7th and 8th grade competitions.

This month as part of "Problem Solving Week," Mrs. Yeaton is hosting all math classes in the ALPS room to compete in an authentic problem solving learning experience. Students will be required to use the materials in the creator lab to solve the problem.

**Staff Meeting**

This month with the support of the Human Resources Director, Katie Sang I have coordinated representatives from Cigna to present a seminar at the March staff meeting titled "Blueprint for Emotional Wellness." This seminar will work with staff to shift their focus from the daily stressors to the strengths within. The presenters will also focus on the importance of a good support system and how to support oneself.

**Cawley Chess Club**

In late February members of the Chess Club took part in the annual school chess tournament. Students had to play four rounds of increasingly tougher competition. Congratulations to the co-champions, 6<sup>th</sup> graders Trystian Duquette and Dean Wayman. This is the first time in Cawley's Chess Club's history that the championship was won by 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. On April 13 all members of the Cawley Chess Club will be invited to participate in the 2024 New Hampshire Team Chess Championships hosted by Cawley Middle School. Approximately 15 teams from around the state will participate in the tournament.

### **National Junior Honor Society**

The National Junior Honor Society is holding a Book/Media Drive from March 4 through March 22. The members are collecting books, DVDs, CDs, and puzzles to benefit the Hooksett Public Library. The grade that donates the most items will earn points in the Middle School Month competition.

The 8th grade members will be visiting Fred C. Underhill School on March 13 to read with the 1st grade students and do a craft related to the theme of animal families.

NJHS members are also looking forward to providing assistance at the Book Fair/Literacy Night at Underhill and the Father/Daughter Dance at Memorial this month.

### **Builders Club**

During March the Builders Club members are preparing a special "Thank You" for the Cawley Middle School teachers. Builders Club Week is March 18-22, and the members plan to share with others what it means to be part of Builders Club. The members will be volunteering at the PTA Father-Daughter Dance on March 23, and getting ready for the annual "April Showers" personal hygiene drive in April.

### **Athletics**

Co-ed volleyball: The volleyball players are learning a lot and have competed in four matches this season. The season will conclude on March 21. Over 60 students are currently participating.

Spring sports: Tryouts for baseball, softball, girls and boys lacrosse will begin on Monday, March 25. Track and field practices will begin on Monday, April 1 and golf will begin in April with dates TBD. Sign ups for spring sports began the week of March 11.

### **Performing Arts**

The Cawley Chorus and Band had another successful Coffee House in February, and have been working very hard to prepare for this month's New Hampshire Music Educators Association Large Group Music Festival. The festival is Saturday March 16, and the ensembles will perform for adjudicators who will give the students and directors another perspective on their strengths and weaknesses. The band and chorus will also sight-read new music and end with a workshop.

The 8th grade classes have been rehearsing for the upcoming school musical, "The Little Mermaid Jr," which opens in less than a month. 8th grade students have been working on all aspects of creating a production in their unified arts classes this quarter. The entire cast and crew are very proud and excited for the upcoming performances for students, staff, parents and the community. The first performance is on April 5 in the morning at Cawley for Hooksett Memorial students and staff. There is an evening performance at 7:00 pm. On April 6 in the morning there will be

a performance for the Cawley student body and staff with a night performance for parents and the community at 7:00 pm.

**Upcoming Dates to Note at Cawley:**

March 15:	Quarter 3 Progress Checks
March 18:	Trimester 2 Ends
March 19:	Trimester 3 Begins
March 22:	Spirit Rally, 1:00 pm - 2:25 pm
March 22:	Dance, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
March 25:	Trimester 2 Report Cards Distributed
April 1:	8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip Parent Meeting, 6:00 pm
April 4:	8th Grade Musical Performance, 9:15 am for HMS students
April 4:	8th Grade Musical Performance, 7:00 pm
April 5:	8th Grade Musical Performance, 9:15 am
April 5:	8th Grade Musical Performance, 7:00 pm
April 8:	Quarter 3 Ends
April 9:	Quarter 4 Begins
April 12:	8th Grade Class Picture, 8:00 am, Gym
April 13:	Chess Tournament
April 16 - 19:	8th Grade Trip to Washington D.C.
April 17:	Project Safeguard, Grade 7
April 22 - 26	April Vacation

Respectfully Submitted,



Matthew Benson, Principal