

CAWLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

"Make a Mark, Make a Difference"

2017 New Hampshire Middle School of the Year

December 2025



Cawley's 1st Turkey Trot

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the 1st Turkey Trot at Cawley. A big thank you to all the staff who volunteered and participated. The Wellness Committee and health teacher Mrs. Darmody did an amazing job coordinating a great day for students and staff. The unified arts teachers Mr. Trimmer, Ms. Haigh and Mrs. Meyer worked with students during FLEX to create the finish line display, posters and turkey start wheel. Mr. Middleton's FLEX class mapped out the course and set up the wellness games. Students and staff could either run, walk or trot the course. At the completion of the course students played two hand touch football, Can Jam and Cornhole. The following students and staff won awards.

6th grade Running Award Winners - Bryce Good, Trevor Matte, Maverick Poole, Olivia Gagnon, Annalise McGlone, Zoey Staples

Most Spirited in Grade 6 - Avery Bernier, **Best Costume Grade 6** - Lorelei Judge

7th Grade Running Award Winners - Wes Gobeil, Brayden Travis, Billy Slattery, Ava Vicente, Lily Swinson, Sawyer Trippiedli

Most Spirited Grade 7 - Jordyn Phillips, **Best Costume Grade 7** - Zoe Allen

8th Grade Running Awards - Dylan Proulx, Daylen Gilbert, Dylan Johnston, Riley Desruisseaux, Mrs. Saltus, Rachel Greenland

Most Spirited Grade 8 - Tyler Smith, **Best Costume Grade 8** - Maryn Quinn

Best Costume Staff Award - Ms. Haigh, Mrs. Meyer, Mr. Anderson in Grade 7 and Mr. Hamilton



Robotics

The Cawley Robotics team (Hawkbots) had a remarkable performance throughout the Manchester Invitational Tournament. In the robot game, the team achieved an impressive high score of 240 points in their three qualifying matches, securing them the 5th place overall out of 14 teams. In the innovation project, the team proudly showcased their 3D printer solution, which provided archaeologists with custom print tools tailored to their specific needs. The Hawkbots took a unique approach to their presentation to the judges by creating an interactive journey that engaged them in decision-making throughout the presentation. These decisions influenced the outcome of the

presentation, leaving the judges impressed with their ingenuity and the fact that they had meticulously scripted three different outcomes based on the judges' inputs.

The team demonstrated exceptional gracious professionalism and embodied the core values of the program: Discovery, Innovation, Impact, Inclusion, Teamwork, and most importantly, fun.

Report Cards and Honor Roll

In an effort to save paper and be more efficient the Hooksett School District is now posting report cards in PowerSchool. On December 10 at 2:00 pm, Cawley parents and students were able to access the Trimester 1 report cards. If applicable students still received their honor roll certificates in homeroom.

Unpack Your Backpack Assembly

On January 6, motivational speaker and author of Empty Your Backpack and Be Someone's Taco, Sam Demma, will visit Cawley Middle School to share messages that connect directly to our Portrait of a Cawley Learner mission. Sam will introduce the concept of the "backpack," an invisible weight of fear, self-doubt, societal pressure, and negative opinions that can hold people back from reaching their potential. He will guide students on how to empty their own backpack, replacing limiting beliefs with thoughts that fuel growth, purpose, and self-confidence. He also emphasizes consistent action, taking small, regular steps toward goals rather than getting stuck in doubt, which ultimately leads to living authentically, finding meaning, and achieving personal dreams by defining one's own worth and path.

Light Up the Village Christmas Trees

Cawley Art teacher Ms. Haigh, Family and Consumer Science teacher Mrs. Olsen, and Digital Technology teacher Mrs. Meyer teamed up for a Flex collaboration to make ornaments for the Hooksett Light Up the Village event. Together, sixth, seventh, and eighth graders worked side-by-side to design festive decorations for the community. Students worked with open-ended supplies and ideas, designed glittering CD scenes, wrapped yarn into decorative pieces, and transformed dried orange slices into whimsical holiday creatures like foxes, snowmen and more. Each grade contributed their own skills and imagination.

Student Council

The Student Council is hosting the annual hot chocolate social for all students and staff on Monday, December 22. A big thank you to the Cawley Nutrition Services for their support in making the hot chocolate. The Student Council has also planned a fun-filled spirit week from December 17 - December 23 to include holiday themed dress up days, morning musical entertainment, and sing-along events throughout the week.

National Junior Honor Society

The National Junior Honor Society's annual Pancake Breakfast was Saturday, December 13, from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. This event is an excellent opportunity for the organization to serve and enjoy this holiday season with community members, faculty, and fellow students. The Scholastic Book Fair was also present during the pancake breakfast. A portion of the proceeds from the breakfast will benefit Honor Flight New England. This cause is especially meaningful to Cawley, as the director of Honor Flight, Joe Biron was the guest speaker at the Veterans Day assembly.

PTA Grants

Thank you to the Hooksett PTA for their continued support as several teachers at Cawley were awarded PTA grants. The National Junior Honor Society will receive money from the PTA to pay for the cost of transportation to Underhill School for "Book Buddies" in which Cawley students read to Underhill students. All students in sixth grade were able to dissect cow eyes as part of their light and vision unit as a result of the PTA's generous donation to fund

the cost of the cow eyes. Yoga mats were purchased for health class and headphones for sixth grade language arts classes.

Builders Club

During the week of December 15 the Builders Club members will be collecting gently used clothing to donate to the Kids Klose, non-perishable foods for the food pantry, and gently used books for the Hooksett Library. The members will also be selling Holiday Pops from December 17-19 to Cawley students. On December 16 and 17, students will ring bells outside of Market Basket and Shaws to raise money for the Salvation Army. Builders Club members will also be making cards for the Hooksett Firefighters and Police Officers as a thank you for their service.

Athletics

The basketball and cheer teams have been picked and athletes have begun the games in the Tri-County League. The scores and standings can be viewed on the [Tri-County Website](#).

Co-ed Volleyball is a non-cut sport that will begin on February 16. Sign ups will be emailed to parents in the middle of January.

Performing Arts

The music department had a very busy December. On Saturday December 6, chorus and band students volunteered their time to perform at Hooksett's annual Tree Lighting Ceremony.

The band, jazz band and chorus winter concerts are on December 16 and 18. On December 16 the performing groups will travel to Hooksett Memorial to perform for students and staff. On December 18 all three performing ensembles will perform for Cawley's students and staff in the morning and then the community and parents at 6:30 pm that evening.

Upcoming Dates to Note at Cawley:

December 15:	Quarter 2 Progress Checks
December 16:	Band and Chorus Perform at HMS 12:30 pm
December 18:	Cawley Winter Concert, 9:30 am, 6:30 pm
December 19:	Cawley Winter Concert, 9:30 am, 6:30 pm, Snow Date
December 22:	Hot Chocolate Social, 8:00 am
December 24 - Jan. 2:	Winter Vacation
January 8:	NH SAS Writing Interim Assessment
January 9:	Brain Games Sponsored by the PTA, 8:00 am
January 13:	NH SAS Interim Reading Assessment
January 15:	NH SAS Interim Math Assessment
January 19:	No School, Civil Rights Day
January 22:	Culture Fair
January 23:	Student Council Dance, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
January 26:	8th Grade Visit to Pinkerton CTE Program
January 27:	Trimester 2 Progress Checks
January 27:	Quarter 2 Ends
January 28:	Quarter 3 Begins

Respectfully Submitted,



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