

# **CAWLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

**"Make a Mark, Make a Difference"**

**2017 New Hampshire Middle School of the Year**

January 2026



## **Hawks Honoring History**

Students in grades six through eight have been actively engaged in their Hawks Honoring History (H3) research projects. Seventh and eighth grade students who have participated in similar research presentation experiences in previous years continued to build on thesis development skills by researching topics in early American history and 20th-century American history. The seventh grade H3 Expo will be held on January 28 from 8:45 am - 10:15 am, followed by the eighth grade H3 Expo on the same day from 12:45 pm - 2:15 p.m. These projects emphasize critical thinking, historical analysis, and communication skills and culminate in schoolwide presentation events.

Sixth grade students were newly introduced to Hawks Honoring History this year and researched a turning point from the ancient civilization they were learning about, creating exhibit style trifold displays to showcase their learning. The sixth grade H3 Expo will take place on February 4 from 8:45 am - 10:15 am.

## **Cawley Drama Club**

The Drama Club is in full swing preparing for the mainstage show of *The Phantom Tollbooth!* This whimsical adventure will take audiences through an exciting quest about the wonders of knowledge. Actors are working to learn their lines and blocking while crew members and set designers work to assemble sets, props, and costumes. The production will be one night only on March 13, at 6:00 pm in the Cawley cafeteria.

## **Winter Assessments**

In January all students completed the New Hampshire Statewide Assessment System interim assessment for mathematics, reading and writing. This interim assessment will allow math and language arts teachers to elicit evidence of learning to inform teaching and evaluate grade level instructional progress. It is a light footprint and takes less time to administer than the summative assessment, which takes place in the spring.

## **Student Council**

The Student Council's Winter Dance will be on January 23 which will debut a movie feature to accompany the dancing, board games and open gym for this event. This month members are also brainstorming several fundraiser options to focus on in upcoming months to support the Cawley and Hooksett community and have begun drafting and constructing video PSA's for March's Middle School Month activities.

## **National Junior Honor Society**

The NJHS students were hard at work in December with the annual pancake breakfast which was a great success. Community members were able to enjoy breakfast, kids crafts, and participate in gift basket raffles. The NJHS will be donating proceeds to Honor Flight New England and Becky's Gift. On January 21, the members will be participating in Reading Buddies. This is a short field trip where participating eighth grade NJHS members travel to Underhill to spend the morning reading and connecting with the younger students. Additionally, the NJHS board is enthusiastically researching new projects for the members to pursue in the spring.

## **PTA**

Thank you to the PTA for funding the cost of the annual Brain Show. The students and staff look forward to the show every year. Once again students and staff were signing, dancing and answering the trivia questions with high energy and enthusiasm.

### **Builders Club**

The Builders Club members have been very busy this winter. In December the members helped the Hooksett Food Pantry by assembling food baskets for those in need and also held their annual "Giving Tree." There were many donations received of clothes, books and food. The students were out in Hooksett ringing bells for the Salvation Army. In January the students will be volunteering at the Hooksett Winter Carnival.

### **Athletics**

The boys and girls basketball teams are halfway through their seasons. The girls team is currently undefeated and the boys team is working hard to compete for a playoff spot. The cheerleading team has been cheering at games and are preparing for their upcoming competitions in February.

**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 at Cawley just completed three successful performances of the winter concert last month. Students worked very hard, and should be commended for their efforts.

The band and chorus will hold the Winter Coffee House on February 11 at 6:30 pm. All interested Cawley musicians will prepare music of their choice and will perform in a fun evening of music and snacks.

January marks the beginning of working on the eighth grade musical, The Lion King, Jr. Auditions will be held later this month, and rehearsals and prep work begin on the first day of quarter three.

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

January 19: No School, Civil Rights Day  
January 22: 7th Grade 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  
January 28: Hawks Honoring History Expo, Grades 7&8  
February 2 - 6: PTA Street Sign Raffle  
February 4 : Hawks Honoring History Expo, Grade 6  
February 6: School Deliberative Session, 6:00 pm  
February 11: Cawley Coffee House, 6:30 pm  
February 20: Early Release Day, 11:30 am  
February 22 - 27 February Vacation

Respectfully Submitted,



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