



# The Cougar Courier

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**COUGARS ROAR!**

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## The Superintendent's Corner

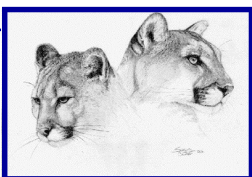
Greetings,

We are busy preparing the budget, however, we will not receive official figures from the State until mid-March. The exact date for the election is April 21<sup>st</sup>. **EVERYONE** needs to remember to vote on that day. Please register to vote if you haven't done so, or obtain an absentee ballot if you are planning to be out of town on that day.

We are also pleased to announce the opening of an integrated preschool program this Fall. Please check the announcement inside this month's Cougar Courier.

Sincerely,

Edward Stoloski Superintendent



## The Principal's View

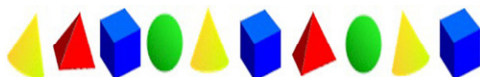
Dear Parents,

It is time once again for our **Read Across America** week. Our committee has planned various activities for the first week in March. Reading is an important component of your child's educational development and we hope you will join us in stressing the importance of reading with your child.

I would like to thank all the families that participated in our Family Night at the Flemington Fridays. It was a fantastic night of food and conversation that raised over \$450.00 for our school. Thank you for your support!!

As a reminder, Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely, **John Capuano, Principal**



## School Activities

Art Club: Mrs. Gallagher: Per Special List @ 8 AM  
 Art Club: Mr. Shuler: Every Monday @ 8 AM  
 Computer Club: Monday thru Friday @ 7:30 AM  
 Music Club 4th Gr.: March 11, 18 3:20 – 4:30  
 Music Club 5th Grade: March 12, 19 3:20 - 4:30  
 Music Club 6-8 Grades: March 17, 24 3:30 - 4:30  
 Jazz Band: March 10, 17, 24, 31 8:15 AM  
 Middle School Strings: Per handout  
 Peer Leaders: Ms. Kulis / Ms. Daniel No Mtgs in March  
 Scoop: The School Newspaper: Per Handout  
 Environmental Club: Ms. Ernst March 2 / 4 @ 3:15 PM

### February 23, 2009 BOE Meeting Notes

- Approved NCLB '06-'07 Amendment I
- Accepted NCLB '08-'09 Consolidated Grant funds in the amount of \$13,337.
- Approved resolution to participate in a cooperative pricing system for long distance telephone service.
- Approved resolution for 2009-2010 Maximum Expenditures for professional services.
- Approved 2009-2010 contract with Net Carrier for internet access.
- Approved Section 125 plan for AFLAC.
- Approved resolution to appropriate maintenance reserves.
- Approved resolution for lease purchase agreement with TD Equipment Finance, Inc.
- Approved 2009 Summer Music Program
- Approved Jennifer Sabbagh as the Maternity Leave Replacement for Sharon Ernst beginning March 2 until the end of the year.
- Approved Noreen Bradley and Patricia Collins as Substitute Nurses for the '08-'09 SY.
- Approved Susan Conover, Danielle Nalence, Leah Schleer, and Aida Stack as Substitute Teachers for the 2008-2009 SY.
- Approved Cindy Mollis as Chess Club Advisor for the 2008-2009 SY.
- Accept retirement of Karen DeLay as of 6/20/09

## March 2009 Calendar

Read Across America	2-6
Education Foundation Meeting	7 PM
Early Dismissal / Conferences	5-6
Daylight Savings	8
Progress Reports	10
PTO Meeting 7:30 PM	11
Board of Education Meeting 7:30 PM	18
End of 2nd Trimester	18
School Spirit Day	27

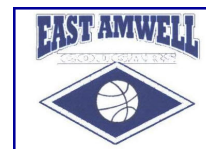
### Athletic Schedule

Volley Ball Games:

March 2,4,6,9,11,13  
3:15-4:30 PM

Baseball Tryouts: March 9th

Softball Tryouts: March 16th



### School Vision Statement:

*East Amwell Township School District... is a safe, supportive community that recognizes all students as unique individuals and provides opportunities for academic, artistic, cultural, emotional, physical, social and character development in a diverse and ever-changing society.*

### East Amwell Pre-school To Begin September 2009

East Amwell Township School is accepting applications for all East Amwell children ages 3 and 4 for its Pre-school Program. The new half-day program will cost \$350.00 per month with transportation being provided by the parent. The deadline for enrollment is March 31<sup>st</sup>. After March 31<sup>st</sup>, the district will determine if a lottery is needed based on the number of students seeking enrollment. If you have additional questions, please call 908-782-6464, ext. 210.



*Our mission is to strengthen, foster and support the expansion of educational opportunities for East Amwell community residents.*

### The Scoop: The MS Newspaper

#### Going Green

By: Erica Ammann

EATS is taking the leap into more green ideas. The students are learning the importance of “going green” and doing their part to help save planet earth. All of these green ideas would not be floating through East Amwell School without the help of the “Green Team!”

The Green Team has been made up of the entire Specials Teachers: gym, art, music, library, computers, and SPARK classes. Also efforts from the academic class teachers were added. They will be doing various projects such as in art, making decorated T-shirts from the student’s already worn shirts to create a recycled work of art! Also happening in the art room is the Art Club’s new Green sculpture created from recycled materials that are supplied by East Amwell students and staff. In the SPARK 7<sup>th</sup> grade class, they are constructing pop-up books that focus on environmental issues such as recycling, Global Warming, pollution, and other various topics. These pop-up books will be completed by Earth Day- the big celebration!

All of the preparation from the students and Green Team is for the big celebration at East Amwell on Earth Day. The big occasion is the “Green Day Celebration” on Earth Day, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009. At the Green Day Celebration, there will be booths set up for students to learn about what going green really means. The students will also participate in cleaning up garbage from the East Amwell fields to do their part in Earth Day service.

Through “Green Day” at East Amwell, the students will have a fun experience while learning about helping the environment and creating a safe planet. They will do it by participation in fun, hands-on activities and hopefully start GOING GREEN!

### Play Ball: From The Desk of The A.D.

#### AD Winter Season Report

Spring has almost sprung and the Winter Season has come to a close. This year our basketball and cheerleader programs involves over fifty student athletes. Our girls improved steadily and posted wins against much larger schools, while our boys had a very successful winning season.

Congratulations to the coaches and athletes and special thanks to our bus drivers, fans and parents for their continued display of positive sportsmanship.

Next on our athletic agenda is intramural volleyball and interscholastic baseball and softball programs. Volleyball is running currently and involved 24 students and baseball and softball tryouts are March 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> respectively. If our successful winter program is any indication of things to come, our spring program will be exciting!!



#### The Student Council

The Student Council was very busy during the month of February with many cool activities. The Plush Animal Pen fund raiser was a huge success raising over \$200 for the Veryet Monkey orphanage in Africa.

Another event that the Student Council sponsored was the Valentine’s Day Dance for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. The participation was almost 100% with tons of dancing and fun for all.

#### Peer Leaders

Stuff the Bus is coming.....

Girl Scout Troop 389 and the East Amwell School Peer Leaders have joined together in an effort to donate a bus full of food items for the Flemington Food Pantry. The event will begin on April 20th and end on May 8<sup>th</sup>. More information will follow.



Fresh off a great Fall theater season, the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Drama Club is ready to “break a leg” on stage once again!

The Spring extravaganza, scheduled for Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> is the Junior version of the all time favorite: Annie.

Tryouts were in February and rehearsals are under way before school during the school week as actors and actresses get ready for the big show.

Best of luck to all students as they bring a little Broadway to East Amwell School.

### “Annie” Hits The Stage @ East



## The Cougar Carbon Footprint's Earth Day Bash



Have you brought in your recycled tee shirt yet? Are you getting the message that East Amwell School is collecting recyclables...such as cans, plastic and toner cartridges? Well get on the green bandwagon and follow the Cougar footprints to April 22nd celebration of Earth Day 2009.

It has been over a year of planning by students and staff to bring green initiatives to East Amwell School. All the effort and work have been focused on an Earth Day celebration that will heighten everyone's level of green.

Students and staff will be planting trees, making recycled sculptures, wearing tee shirts sporting the Cougar Carbon Footprint logo and participating in the Green version of The Game Show, the popular assembly sponsored by the PTO.

The Music Department will be making recycled instruments, while the PE staff has been collecting used sneakers for Project NIKE, a program that helps African villages get water. The Media Center is making recycled books and the tech staff interviewed members of the Business Office and Building and Grounds department to see what our school's carbon footprint is per year.

It has been fun, educational and very eye opening for students and staff as this project has gotten under way. Just like the Wicked Witch said in the mini-video "The Wizard of Green", we all have to pledge to do a better job protecting Mother Earth. Go Green!!



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### "The Wizard of Green"

In an effort to kick off the Cougar Carbon Footprint project EAtv wrote and produced a mini-info video entitled "The Wizard of Green". This 5 minute production focused on East Amwell School's call to students and staff to go green.

Using the theme of the Wizard of Oz, 8th grade students acted out scenes that called the Wicked Witch of the West to stop polluting

and go green. The short video is posted on the school's website on the Cougar Carbon Footprint Home Page. Take a few minutes and watch this creative masterpiece starring Dorothy, The Tin man, The Scarecrow, Ringo, The Cougar as The Cowardly Lion, The Wizard of Green, The Polluting Broom and of course the Wicked Witch of the West.



### Cougar Champions

The following are East Amwell Middle School Cougar Champions for the Second Marking Period 2008-2009:

**Grade 6:**

Shannon Beam	Giancarlo Basti	Sabrina Anderson
Julia Blake	Dalton Bianco	Micaela Applegate
Tyler Bothers	Annamarie Ciacciarelli	David Conover
Carolyn Ensminger	Matthew DelPriore	Quinn Cook
Cole Hanntz	Haley Isabella	Nathan Cronin
Kara LaPolice	Benjamin Kelly	Hannah DeWaters
Matthew Lavallee	Jared Miles	Jessica Fabiano
Chastin Poley	Abigail Peta	Christopher Lovisa
Zachary Pena		Elizabeth Ruehle
Theresa Ruehle		Matthew Saponara
Patrick Salisbury-Jennings		Connor Smith
Payton Shoemaker		Bradley Staudt
Cameron Wagner		Matthew Trecozzi
Olivia Zengel		

**Grade 7:**

<b>Miss Anders</b>	<b>Miss Daniel</b>	<b>Mr. Drosnock</b>
Erica Ammann	Martha Barbabas	Taylor Heilman
Adam Barabas	Tory Engel	Krystina Hanntz
Jessica Cavallaro	Taylor Glinane	
Victoria Golczewski	Gina Hadam	
Anna Helfrich	Kazutaka Hayaski	
Michael Soklaski	Adam Palley	
<b>Mrs. Malloy</b>	<b>Mrs. Smith</b>	<b>Mrs. Stoll</b>
Stefanie Anderson	Justin Canterbury	Erika Bailey
Charles Graycar	Erin Ciarrocca	Haley Cortelyou
Annie Hajek	Tim Cosma	Tyler Stanbro
Kyle Richardson	Abby Foster	
Cody Wengryn	Sara Galik	
	Kyle LaPolice	
	Emily Marturano	

**Grade 8**

<b>Ms. Beasty</b>	<b>Mrs. Bily</b>	<b>Mr. Casella</b>
Alyssa Applegate	Hayden Blaetz	Cassidy Hubert
Brian Cronin	Drew Freedman	Michael Kennedy
Jason DeWaters	Jessye Kurtz	William Maier
David Goldstein	Emily McLarty	Morgan Miller
Kristina Lachaga	Kathleen Murin	
Kelly Millar		
<b>Mr. Colt</b>	<b>Mr. Reilly</b>	<b>Miss Venettone</b>
Deena Cahill	Christopher Cosma	Kaitlyn Bedard
Brett Durborow	Matthew LaVallee	Kathrine Dombrowski
Ryan Thomas	Emily Zengel	Sean Palen
Alex Vasile	Sean Ryan	

**Mr. Woolston**  
Olivia Guerrero  
Vincent Harnett  
Nicolas Rosenborg

"If you want one year of prosperity, plant corn.  
If you want ten years of prosperity, plant a tree.  
If you want 100 years of prosperity, educate people."  
**A Chinese Proverb**



## From The PTO President

February was a productive month for the PTO. We sponsored 'Spirit Week' where the students participated in a number of themed days. We hosted Inside-out and Backwards Day, Pajama Day, Blue and White Day, and Crazy Hair and Hat Day. A raffle was run during lunch and each student received a small gift from the PTO. During the month, students also attended a PTO sponsored assembly celebrating the life of Rosa Parks.

The Middle School Committees were busy planning and scheduling events for the 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes. Game Show Night for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders along with Activity Night for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders is scheduled is ready to go. In the coming month, the K through 4<sup>th</sup> grades will be treated to visits from a number of authors during the Read-Across-America program.

Our gift card program is still running smoothly. To date, we have raised over \$1,500. Last month alone, our profit was a little over \$310. As you can see, this is a lucrative program for us to sponsor. Please keep a look out for monthly order forms, or check out the PTO link on the school's website for more information.

Box Tops for Education are still being collected. Please save the coupons from specially marked packages of General Mills Products. The PTO receives 10

cents for every Box Top collected. These do add up. Just send them in to school in a baggie labeled with the name of your child's teacher. There are additional drop off bins located in the Ringoes Post Office and the main office of the school.

Our next major task is our very important Spring Fundraiser. Taking the current economic climate into consideration, the PTO Executive Board has decided not to run a raffle this year. In its place, we will be offering a Gertrude Hawk Chocolate Fundraiser. Brochures and orders forms have already been sent home. Additional order forms are available in the front office. Purchases will be delivered in time for the Easter holiday.

February is also the month when the PTO starts to look ahead to the next school year. We are looking for several people to hold positions on the PTO Executive Board for 2009/2010. The positions vary in time commitment. The Board meets twice a month, once for a committee meeting and a second time for the monthly PTO membership meeting. This is a great way to get involved with the school and to build relationships with fellow parents. If you think you may be interested and would like additional information, please contact me at any time. Lisa Saponara



## Character Matters The Middle School Team: Items For Our Soldiers

The Middle School students showed their concern for our troops overseas by donating and packaging a variety of items including microwave popcorn, granola bars, Sudoku puzzles and much more. A total of 12 boxes were sent to the troops which also included cheery notes and cards from our 7th graders.

Needless to say, we are all proud of our EA students who are now serving

our country in the military. Our wish during this project was to do something meaningful for those far away from home.

Please note that 6th grade students are still collecting items until March 19th.



## EA Education Foundation News

The East Amwell Education Foundation, in association with the Hunterdon County Cultural Commission will be presenting *Mark Twain – Wit & Wisdom*. In his one-man presentation, David G. Kennedy appears in character Mark Twain (Samuel Langhorne Clemens). The program will be held on Sunday March 1, 2:00pm at the East Amwell Township School. Admission is free – reservations are not required.

The Foundation recently presented a \$500 grant to the school's Tools and Technology program. The grant money will be used to purchase additional Lego kits that are used in the program.

The East Amwell Education Foundation is sponsoring a wall tile sale to raise money to support our mission. This fundraiser will give you the opportunity to have your family, business or organization name permanently placed in the East Amwell Township School while helping us provide educational opportunities for our community. Currently there is a Tile Wall located adjacent to the gymnasium that spells out Cougars - the school's mascot. This fundraiser will add another tile wall, next to the Cougars wall, which will spell out "ROAR". ROAR is the school's motto and is an acronym for Respect Others Accept Responsibility. The background tiles will be white, and the "ROAR" tiles will be blue. Each tile can contain 2 lines of 22 characters each (including spaces and punctuation). Blue "ROAR" tiles are \$100.00... White background tiles are \$75.00.



Sport teams and other groups can promote their organization and acknowledge their members by purchasing a block of tiles. For every 6 tiles your group purchases, you will receive one *FREE* tile. Group sales are limited to the white tiles which are \$75 and can contain 2 lines of 22 characters (including spaces and punctuation). Put 2 names per tile, and your organization can be honored for only **\$37.50 per member**. To order and information, visit [www.EastAmwellEducationFoundation.com](http://www.EastAmwellEducationFoundation.com)