



The Cougar Courier

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**EAST AMWELL
TOWNSHIP**

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The Superintendent's Corner

Greetings,

As the year comes to a close, I would like you to join me in wishing the best of luck to one staff member who will be retiring at the end of this year.

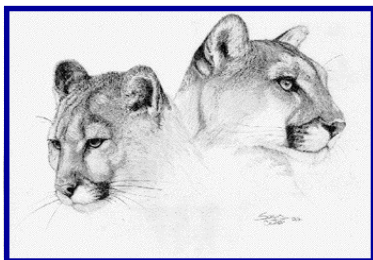
Mrs. Karen DeLay has been with the District over 20 years serving in various capacities from working in the central office to her current position of Media Center Assistant. She is known and admired by all of the students and has always “been there” when needed to assist teachers, administrators, and students. She has been an asset to the library and the school, and often times managed the library when needed. Our Media Center will not be the same without Mrs. DeLay there. We will all miss Mrs. DeLay and wish her the best in her retirement.

Have a great summer! See you in September!

Sincerely,

Edward Stoloski

Superintendent



School Activities

Art Club: Mrs. Gallagher: per List @ 8 AM
 Art Club: 6-7-8 Mondays—Thursdays @ 8 AM
 Computer Club: Monday—Friday @ 7:30 AM
 Music Club 4th Grade: Finished
 Music Club 5th Grade: Finished
 Music Club 6-8 Grades: Finished
 Jazz Band: Finished
 Middle School Strings: Finished
 Peer Leaders: Room 15
 Scoop: The School Newspaper: Per Handout
 Environmental Club: Finished

The Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

Believe it or not, the end of the school year is almost here. As I look back, I wanted to share with you the following activities that our students participated in: Family Night at Fridays, Cougar Carbon Footprint, Stuff the Bus, Trout in the Classroom, Family Movie Night, 7/8th Grade Mock Trial, Colonial Days, Cognetics, Discover Running, Gallery Time, Kids Vote, and the School Wide Presidential Election. These are just a few of the wonderful opportunities our students are given at East Amwell.

Graduation will be at **7:00 pm** on **June 22nd**. As you may remember from last year, all student awards (sports and academic) will be given out during an assembly on **June 22nd at 9:10 am** in the Gym. We would love to have as many people in attendance as possible to support our students!

In closing, I would like to thank parents/guardians, teachers and Board members for all of your help and support in making East Amwell a top notch school!! Enjoy the summer months with your children and remember to have them read and to practice their math facts!

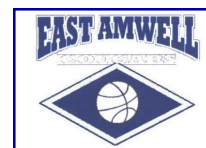
Have a great summer.

Sincerely,

John Capuano, Principal

June 2009 Calendar

Field Day Rain Date	- 1
Kind. Orientation	- 4
8th Gr. To Hershey	- 5
6th Gr. Dig	- 5
PTO Meeting	- 10
8th Gr. Cruise	- 12
Early Dismissal	- 19
Early Dismissal	- 22
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Early Dismissal	- 23
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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.



Graduation:
Monday, June 22,
2009 @ 7 PM

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

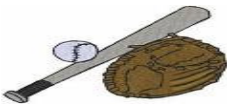
The 2008-2009 school year is quickly passing and another year of Cougar Sports is coming to an end.

I would like to thank all of the coaches for their continued dedication to the sports program at East Amwell. To the students and their families a big Cougar Cheer of Appreciation for a job well done.

Looking ahead to the Fall Sports Season...the schedules have already been placed on the Interactive Calendar and the school forms needed to participate in the East Amwell School sports program can be found on the school's Athletic Home Page.

I would like to wish all students and their families a safe and fun summer vacation.

Miss Venettone
Athletics



Field Day 2009

Field Day, planned and organized by Ms. Daniel and the PE Staff has as a theme this year: Favorite Children's Books. Each station has a theme based on a popular author. For example the Leaky Cup station has as a theme The Field Trip To Niagara Falls, by G. Stilton and the Tire Race is sponsored by Miley Cyrus' book Miles To Go.

The fun gets kicked off in the morning with the coolest magic show straight from NYC called Majestic Magic performed by Mark Stolzenberg. The 8th graders take a trip in the afternoon to Deer Path Park for their end of the year Picnic.

A big thank you goes out to all of the volunteers

MOODLE and You...

MOODLE is up and running in the 7th and 8th grade with 6th grade coming on-line in May. This cool classroom management system, that opens doors of communication between teachers, their students and East Amwell School families is the brain child of HCRHS and is swiftly becoming an important educational tool for EATS.

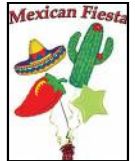
With resident MOODLE experts, Miss Anders and Mr. Shuler providing staff members with training and guidance, homework, long range assignments and class materials are now made more accessible to students and their parents/guardians.

If you have a question or comment about MOODLE contact Mr. Colt at crcolt@eastamwell.org.



FIESTA

Our annual fiesta was held on Thursday, March 26th. A tradition for the last 20 years! Our 7th grade students enjoyed a variety of foods usually made in Spanish speaking countries, such as rosca de reyes, which is a traditional cake made every January 6th, and liquados, a drink made from fresh fruit similar to a smoothie. Everything was muy delicioso and it was a huge success helped by the Moms and Dads that came to serve and clean up. We could not have done without their help. A special thank you to: Mrs. Carole Ammann, Mrs. Stephanie Ciarrocca, Mr. Richard Diacont, Mrs. Michele Galik, Mrs. Theresa Helfrich, Mr. Ted Kangas and Mrs. Amy Jorgensen.



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

Cub Scout News

Cub Scout Pack 32 will be hosting an open house at East Amwell School on June 6th from 10:00a.m. to 12:00 noon. We'll have lots of fun activities to show you what scouting is all about. We'll also tell you about all of the great activities we have planned for this summer.

Cub scouts is open to boys who will be entering 1st

through 5th grade in September. For more information, visit our web site at:

www.CubScoutPack32.com



Peer Leader's Stuff The Bus



The first annual Stuff The Bus Project sponsored by the 6th Grade, Jr. Girl Scout Troop 389 and the Peer Leaders of East Amwell School in their effort to re-stock the Flemington Food Pantry was a huge success.

From April 27th until May 15th students collected food in each classroom.

On May 15th a full size school bus was filled to the brim with col-

lected food stuff. The bus with banners saying "Stuff The Bus" started up it's engine as the entire student body and staff called out..."Move That Bus".

It was a job well done and the Flemington Food Pantry was very appreciative.



Teen Arts Festival Round Up

During the week of May 18th East Amwell Middle School participated in The Annual Hunterdon County Teen Arts Festival.

Teen Arts is a celebration of all departments- Visual, Vocal, Musical and Dramatic Arts, and selected students from grades 7 through 12 in the County are invited to participate.

This year we were represented by a fantastic group of East Amwellians. The Chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Bily, sang *Tiger, Tiger* and *Santus* while Ensemble performed *Be Still, Nightingale* and an a cappella version of *Elijah Rock* to receive rave reviews from the judges. Mr. Woolston and the Band performed *Russian Sailor's Dance* and *American Patrol*, while the Jazz band played *Secret Agent Man* and *Jump, Jive and Wail* with a stupendous so-



los from Chris Cosma on the Trumpet and Deena Cahill tickling the ivories.

The Drama members also performed a medley from this year's musical *Annie Jr.* with all of the props, costumes and the bucket banging really delighted the audience.

Finally the visual artwork, under the guidance of Mrs. Gallagher and Mr. Shuler, were well represented this year at the festival with mediums and subject matter ranging from acrylic paintings, scratch art, photography, and Optical Illusion Art. Two students in particular received honorable mention awards for their projects. Katie Murin's *Snake* scratch art and Taylor Glinane's *Running Man* wire sculpture with background received this distinguished honor.

Congratulations to all students who participated this year, and excellent work representing East Amwell with pride!

Game Day Notification

The Spring Sports Team Notification Project using Alert Now has worked very well and it will be continued for all Fall and Winter Sports next school year



Both email and phone calls will be used to notify sports families about changes in game status.

All participants will be

asked the preferred phone number and email address to be used for notification purposes.

When a game gets changed the calls and emails will be sent to keep everyone in the loop.



Summary of the May 20, 2009 BOE Meeting

Board Actions:

- Approved College of NJ Articulation Agreement for the 2009-2010SY.
- Approved 2009 Curriculum Status Report.
- Approved Application for Approval to Operate Summer School 2009.
- Approved 2009 Preschool Summer Program and Regular Summer Tutorial Program
- Approved FMLA request from LaNelle Gallagher from September 1 through November 30, 2009
- Approved letter of resignation from Patricia Cohen effective June 30, 2009.
- Approved Julian Picaido and Andrea Gurba as substitute teachers for the 2008-2009 SY.
- Approved Jamie Fallon as Teacher of the Deaf for the 2009-2010 SY.
- Approved change of placement on salary guide for Kimberly Kulis.
- Approved 2009 staff for summer school: Mike MacDuff, Matt Lynch, Cheryl Runk, Mary Beth Meyer, Michele Morello, Jamie Fallon, Nardi Beier and Amy Billera.
- Approved the following as summer custodians: Melissa Popov, Brittany McGillick, Jordan Soles-Fry, Joseph Sassano, and Matthew Cillo.
- Approved Regular Education Student Preschool tuition at \$350.00 for 1/2 day and \$600.00 for full day.



From The PTO President

The PTO activities are winding down for the school year.

Teacher Appreciation Week was wonderful as usual. Thank you to Sandy Janosik, Lisa Conover, Joan Wielenta and Dee Kleber for all your hard work. The week ended with our annual Plant Sale run by Sarah Anderson. It went off without a hitch. Thank you to Sarah.



Our clothing drive was a great success. We collected over 3,800 pounds of clothing and toys. At 13 cents a pound, we raised \$500 for the PTO. Thank you to Sharon Inglin and AnnaMarie Hadam.

Our last function will be the 8th Grade Graduation Reception on June 22nd. We will be looking for volunteers so please keep a look out for flyers and e-mails.

The last PTO Membership Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 10th at 9:15am.

I want to thank all of our many wonderful volunteers who helped make the PTO so successful this year. Without all of your contributions of financial support and time, we would not have been able to accomplish all we did. It has been a pleasure to serve as President and to work with so many talented and amazing people. I am looking forward to the year ahead.

I especially want to send a special and heartfelt thank you to AnnaMarie Hadam and Laura Rizza for their outstanding service and dedication to the PTO Executive Board. They have both served for several years and have played a major role in many projects and events we sponsored. Their hard work and contributions are very much appreciated.

As always, thank you for your support. See you in September.

Lisa Saponara

Lisa lisa_saponara@yahoo.com

PTO Elections

The new Executive Board Members for the 2009/2010 school year were elected at the May 6th meeting. The new Board Members are:

President: Lisa Saponara

Vice-President: Michelle Clover

Treasurer: Cynde Matthews

Recording Sec.: Pam DeStefano

Corresponding Sec: Yvonne George

Character Matters Preschool Recycles 43 lbs of Crayons

As part of the Earth Day celebrations, East Amwell Preschool students conducted a crayon recycling program. Groups of preschoolers used toy shopping carts and doll carriages to visit each classroom in the school to collect the crayons. The students were well received by all students and teachers and were very excited by their carts full of crayons.

In an effort to reduce the 43,000 pounds of unwanted crayons that go into landfills each year, the preschoolers will have a science lesson where they melt the crayons collected to create a "Crayon Thank You" for each class in the school. The remaining crayons will be shipped to the National Crayon Recycling Program.



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September is Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month!

From Norma Zimmerman:

Well our date for September 27th 2009 event date has been accepted for Valley Road park again.

I am writing to everyone that has helped in the past or would like to help in the future, to see if you are interested in helping. We sure do need all of you and truly appreciate all you have done in the past.

Please consider joining in the extremely worthy cause of raising money for pediatric cancer research and to promote awareness. September is Pediatric Cancer Awareness month!

I am trying to make the meetings a little simpler this time around. I plan on all meetings being on Monday nights. We are going to form a committee and work from there. If you want to help there are all different levels of involvement but all jobs are important...just know that.

I just wanted to let everyone know that we are starting to plan for our September pediatric cancer research fundraiser. Anyone interested in joining our group we would love to have you. We need support at all levels to make this a success.

First meeting will be April 20th at 6PM and we will meet at the Zimmerman house. If you can't make the meeting but still want to help please just let me know. Please never feel bad about missing a meeting. We can always update before and after.

So....we are going to put some hotdogs on the grill for that evening. If anyone wants to bring a side dish or desert please feel free. Norma 609-397-8892

This year we plan on supporting CureSearch. www.curesearch.org

I have done a lot of on-line searching and Cure Search is great.

CureSearch is the largest childhood cancer foundation, supporting more than 90% of America's cancer kids and hospitals. They have repeatedly (last 7 years in a row) received 4 out of 4 stars from Charity Navigator.