



The Cougar Courier

Respect Others, Accept Responsibility
COUGARS ROAR!

East Amwell
Township School

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The Superintendent's Corner

Greetings!

During the month of December, our school will be monitored by the state. The central office staff has been going through the "QSAC" process throughout the summer and into the fall, which will culminate in final monitoring on December 16th. We have already "passed" the facilities portion of the process with flying colors and look forward to a good report on the remainder of the items as well.

Many activities will take place at the school during the month of December. Check the calendar on our website for dates and times.

We are having a great school year. Have a wonderful holiday season!

Sincerely,
Edward Stoloski
Superintendent

School Activities

Art Club: Mondays and Thursdays
 Computer Club: Monday thru Friday @ 7:30 AM
 Peer Leaders: Dec.9 and 16th @ 8:15 AM
 Scoop: The School Newspaper: See Miss Anders
 Environmental Club:
 Drama Club:
 Jazz Band Dec 1, 7 8:15-8:45 am
 MS Strings
 Music Club Grades 4& 5 Dec 3, 10, 17 3:15-4:30 pm
 Music Club Grades 6-8 Dec 1, 8, 15 3:15-4:30 pm
 Middle School Strings Dec 8 8:15-8:45 am



Athletic Schedule

Basketball: December

12/10	Alexandria	B: Home	G: Away
12/16	PDS	B; Away	G: Home
12/18	Union	B: Home	G; Away
12/21	South	B: Home	G; Away
12/28	Delaware	Holiday	Tourney
12/29	Delaware	Holiday	Tourney

December 2009 Calendar

PTO AM Meeting	2
End 1st Trimester	10
Frosty's Workshop	11
Winter Concert	14
Board of Education Meeting 7:30 PM	15
Progress Reports	18
School Spirit Day	18
Activity Pictures	23
Early Dismissal 12:40	23
Winter Recess	24- Jan 3

The Principal's View

Dear Parents,

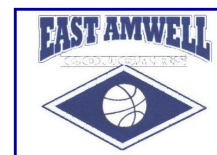
The holiday season is upon us and we have been busy collecting donations for our annual trip to Toys-R-Us. During the holidays, we have asked our students to think about helping children less fortunate than them. It is our hope that our students will take great pride in the fact that their donations will brighten the lives of another child, and that they can make a difference.

In an effort to make our planet "green" our Environmental Club is collecting pouch drinks, candy wrappers, chip bags and cookie wrappers. Please support their collection effort by sending in the above mentioned wrappers. They have already raised over \$157. and they would love for this total to grow. Super job environmental club!!

As a brief security reminder, please remember to report to the main office to check-in with our secretarial staff and to receive a visitor's badge before going to a scheduled appointment. Your children's safety is important to us and we appreciate all help.

Have a safe and happy holiday!

Sincerely,
John Capuano
Principal



Cougars SHARE: Holiday GIFTS

NOVEMBER 18 – DECEMBER 4

*Donations will be collected from
Wednesday, November 18 until
Friday, DECEMBER 4.*

Please write checks to East Amwell School.

All donations will be used to purchase gifts for children in Hunterdon County and the surrounding area. Two students per class will be chosen to shop on December 8 when we travel to Toys R Us. The entire class will help wrap the gifts and make tags and cards.

Each year our toy drive exceeds our expectations! We look forward to making the holidays special for deserving children once again.

THANK YOU for your generosity!

Play Ball:

From The Desk of The A.D.



The boys basketball team tips off the season with their first practice on Monday November 23. The program welcomes a new coach. Mr. Loveland will be coaching the boys B team and Mr. Reilly will be returning for his 4th season at East Amwell. The team returns a lot of talented players from a team last year that compiled 14 wins. The coaches are also excited about a lot of the new players that have decided to join the team for the 2009-2010 season. The boys will begin regular season play against Alexandria on December 10. We encourage all of our students, faculty and community members to come out and cheer on the Cougars!!

Continental Math with Mrs. Longo

Seventh and eighth grade students have begun working with Mrs. Longo in the Continental Math league. Students are given challenging word problems in preparation for an end of year competition. At this state level competition, students are given six questions to complete in thirty minutes. Awards are given to the highest scoring 7th and 8th graders. Continental Math meets on Thursday mornings in Mrs. Longo's room.



Continental Mathematics League, Inc.

Quote of the Month

December will be magic again.
Don't miss the brightest star.
Kiss under mistletoe.
I want to hear you laugh.
Don't let the mystery go now.
~ [Kate Bush](#) ~



**We Are A Proud Partner
Of Cougar SHARE**



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.

Poem Of The Month

"December Moon"

**Before going to bed
After a fall of snow
I look out on the field
Shining there in the moonlight
So calm, untouched and white
Snow silence fills my head
After I leave the window.**

**Hours later near dawn
When I look down again
The whole landscape has changed
The perfect surface gone
Criss-crossed and written on
where the wild creatures ranged
while the moon rose and shone.**

**Why did my dog not bark?
Why did I hear no sound
There on the snow-locked ground
In the tumultuous dark?**

**How much can come, how much can
go
When the December moon is bright,
What worlds of play we'll never know
Sleeping away the cold white night
After a fall of snow.**

--May Sarton



Recycling Corner:

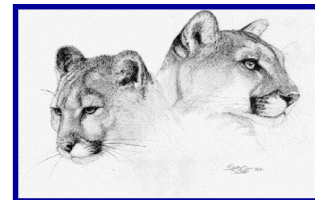
A big COUGAR Thanks to all who have helped with EATS' Recycling Effort!!.

Here is the latest report from the Environmental Club:

- 1,255: Chip Bags
- 600 Cookies
- 5000 Capri Sun Pouches
- 1300 Candy Wrappers



Keep up the good work and continue to recycle at lunch time.
Happy Holidays!!!



Your School District Is Looking For Some Very Special Children

If you have or know of a child who is 3 years of age or older who may have a speech, hearing, vision, motor or emotional problem, your local school's Child Study Team can help with referral information and, if appropriate, a free assessment and a special education program.

Have the child's parents / guardians contact the school today. If we can find these youngsters, we can help them.

**School: East Amwell Township School
Contact: Coordinator of Child Study Team
Phone: 908 782-6464 ext. 228**

East Amwell School is devoted to educating all school-aged children residing in East Amwell Township. If you know of any homeless or migrant children currently residing in East Amwell, please contact the Main Office of East Amwell Township School at 908 782-6464.

From The PTO President

Dear East Amwell School Families,

December is almost here and Frosty's Workshop preparations are in full swing. Frosty's is scheduled to take place December 11th. Our little elves have been tirelessly working preparing crafts and gifts for our students to purchase for their loved ones. More information will be coming home explaining how the event will work. Any questions, please call Linda Beck (908)788-5667.

The Middle School Activity Committees are also planning events for our 5th thru 8th graders. Please keep a look out for flyers and posters announcing events.

We still have Cougar Clothing in stock. Order forms can be found next to our display case in the main hallway or downloaded from the PTO link on the school's website.

Thank you for all your continued support.

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"The Curtain Is Opening to a Spooky Production"

By: Erica Ammann

"Lights, camera, action!" is coming to East Amwell on November 3rd with the annual fall production. The East Amwell drama club is back in action this season as it presents a "spooktacular" production of "I want my Mummy." The rehearsal is underway, so come join the fun! The East Amwell drama club consists of any 6th, 7th, or 8th, grader interested in participating in the fall or spring drama productions. Tryouts were held and the cast lists were eagerly awaited. The students work in rehearsals after school until the big performance arrives. This year's production, "I want my Mummy," is a unique production. The story frame is around Mrs. Hoople, a character who mysteriously drops in to visit her castle. The monsters and creatures in the castle must pose as servants. "It is different from our normal one act plays," explains Mrs. Bily, a Drama Club instructor. "It is like a mini-musical".

****This is part of an article found in the Fall Edition of the school newspaper...Scoop****

A Message From Your

Board of Education

Each November, the results of the prior year's state assessments are presented, as well as the annual independent audit.

Overall, in both Language Arts and Math we met or exceeded the No Child Left Behind standards for our district. We will continue to work to meet the ever-increasing expectations of the state of New Jersey.

Additionally, once again our district has been recognized for it's exemplary fiscal management.

The Board of Education would also like to extend our congratulations to Amy Billera, for being named the New Jersey State School Nurse of the year.

As always, please feel free to attend our monthly meetings.



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