



# The Cougar Courier

Respect Others, Accept Responsibility  
COUGARS ROAR!

East Amwell  
Township School

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## The Superintendent's Corner

### Greetings!

The district completed the QSAC process on December 16<sup>th</sup>. This process takes place every three years and is an intense evaluation by the state examining all policies and procedures conducted by the district. The five specific categories examined are: Governance, Personnel, Curriculum/Instruction, Budget and Operations. I am pleased to report that we passed the process with flying colors and received commendations in many areas. All central office staff members, secretaries, and board members Carole Ammann and Stephanie Ciarocca, were involved in the preparation which began last spring. Many thanks to all involved. We have a great school district. I wish you all the best in 2010.

Sincerely,  
**Edward Stoloski**  
Superintendent

## School Activities

Art Club: Mondays and Thursdays  
Computer Club: Monday thru Friday @ 7:30 AM  
Peer Leaders: Pending  
Scoop: The School Newspaper: See Miss Anders  
Environmental Club: Wednesday Jan. 13 and Jan 20<sup>th</sup>  
Drama Club: Nothing This Month  
Jazz Band Pending  
MS Strings Pending  
Music Club Grades 4& 5 Jan 7, 14, 21, 28 3:15-4:30 pm  
Music Club Grades 6-8 Jan 12, 19, 26 3:15-4:30 pm  
Middle School Strings Dec 8 8:15-8:45 am  
Cheerleading : Practice Jan. 4,5,7,11,13,18,19,21,25 28  
Cheerleading Games: Jan. 6,12,20,22,26,29



## January 2010 Calendar

<b>School Closed</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Class Resumes</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>PTO Mtg 7:30 PM</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Martin Luther King School Closed</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Board of Ed Mtg</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>School Spirit Day</b>	<b>29</b>



## Athletic Schedule Basketball: January

1/6	JP Case	B: Home	G: Home
1/8	South		G: Away
1/12	Holland	B: Away	G: Home
1/14	Stuart		G: Away
1/15	Kingwood	B: Away	Tourney
1/16	Kingwood	B: Away	Tourney
1/20	Delaware	B and G	HCRHS
1/22	South	G: Home	
1/22	Kingwood	G: Away	Tourney
1/23	Kingwood	G: Away	Tourney
1/26	Kingwood	B: Home	G; Away
1/29	PDS	B: Home	G: Away

## The Principal's View

### Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope you enjoyed a peaceful Holiday Season.

I am pleased to report our **Cougar Share Holiday Drive** was a huge success for the seventh straight year. This year we raised over \$4,100.00 for 59 needy children. Thank you to our caring students, parents, and teachers for making the holidays a little brighter for others less fortunate than us.

The beginning of the new year is a good time for me to ask for your help and support of our cell phone policy. We, as well as other schools, are seeing an increase in cell phone usage. Students are permitted to bring cell phones to school, but they are not allowed to use them during school hours (this includes viewing and typing text messages). If your child needs to call home for an emergency, a school phone is available. The students have been reminded of this policy. Your help and support of this is greatly appreciated.

I wish you all a happy and healthy New Year!

Sincerely, **John Capuano**  
Principal

## Cougars SHARE: Holiday GIFTS

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**Cougars SHARE**

Serving Helping and Respecting Everyone



## Middle School Veterans Day Project

On Veterans Day the middle school students packed up 25 boxes of various items from home and sent them to our soldiers overseas. Students also wrote letters and made cards to thank our soldiers for serving and protecting our country. With everyone's help this was a huge success. We already heard back from a few soldiers that received their goodies and they are very grateful that we were thinking of them. A special thanks to the parents who helped to make our troop appreciation project a success.



## Play Ball: The Sports Corner



The Cougars are participating in the Delaware Township Annual Holiday Tourney, December 28th and 29th.

The Lady Cougars play South Hunterdon at 1 PM and the Boys take on the South Eagles at 2:30 PM. All games are at Delaware Township School.

Action continues on Tuesday, December 29th. If the Cougars win their Monday games...the Ladies will play in the championship event at 11:30 AM and the Boys will play at 2:30 PM.

The Consolation Games are scheduled for Tuesday, December 29th at 10 AM (Girls) and 11:30 (Boys).



Good Luck to all coaches and players.

## Quote of the Month

**"January is here, with eyes that keenly glow,  
A frost-mailed warrior  
striding a shadowy steed of snow."  
- Edgar Fawcett**



## 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

"Bare branches of each tree on this chilly January morn look so cold so forlorn. Gray skies dip ever so low left from yesterday's dusting of snow.

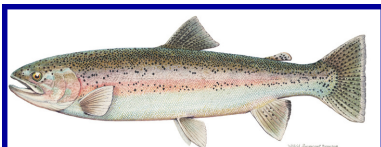
Yet in the heart of each tree waiting for each who wait to see new life as warm sun and breeze will blow, like magic, unlock springs sap to flow, buds, new leaves, then blooms will grow."

- Nelda Hartmann, January Morn



NJ Trout in the classroom grade 5 Update...

- the trout are swimming around in Room 16. They are in the fry stage and there are roughly 100 of trout for the students to learn about and observe. Come by and take a gander.



Recycling Corner:

Our school raised \$187.00 from recycling trash- Pouch drinks, chip bags cookie bags, Energy Bar wrappers- For the Pouch drinks alone we have sent in 6,757 that are recorded from Teracycle and we have sent in about 1,200 more since that count.

We have sent in 1,500 candy wrappers and are waiting for that count to be added to our collections.

Please continue to collect these items at home- save your trash bags and send in chip bags, pretzel bags, cookie bags, pouch drinks, candy wrapper to room 16 for the Environmental Club to count, clean, bundle, and send to Teracycle!



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.



Do You Have Talent?
Talent Show 12/23/09



## From The PTO President

Dear East Amwell School Families,

We hope your children enjoyed their Frosty's Workshop experience this year. There were many volunteers who made this event possible. It is a collaborative effort between many parents and students. The PTO Board would like to especially thank Andy and Linda Beck for chairing this event. They spent countless hours planning, shopping, and organizing the thousands of crafts and items that were available for purchase.

The PTO Middle School Committee ended the calendar year with a 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade holiday dance. All those who attended had a wonderful time.

Cougar Clothing is still available for purchase. Go to the virtual backpack for an order form.

Please continue to collect the Box Tops For Education coupons. Send them in to school in a baggie marked with your child's name and homeroom teacher.

The PTO would like to extend warm wishes for a wonderful holiday to all our East Amwell Families.

See you in 2010.

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## A Message From Your

## Board of Education

A Message from Your Board of Education:

This month we would like to highlight the efforts of district staff who obtained grants for a variety of programs for students. They include:

Sharon Ernst: Class work improvement and technology grants from Turning Technologies.

- 1). Received devices that monitor student responses.
- 2). Performance Matters: A web-based data management system.
- 3). Additional Study Island material (a test prep website).

Nick Drosnock: Rutgers Eagleton Institute of Politics transportation grant for the 8th grade State House visit.

We thank them for their extra effort. The Board of Education extends our best wishes to all East Amwell families for a happy and healthy New Year.

## “The Scoop”

Teachers and students... Have important information you would like to share? Great activities or writing pieces your students have completed?

We'll send them in to be printed in the East Amwell Scoop. We are looking for teachers and students to submit work, activities, and updates to our school newspaper. Please send information to Miss Anders at [landers@eastamwell.org](mailto:landers@eastamwell.org).



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