



The Cougar Courier

Respect Others, Accept Responsibility
COUGARS ROAR!

East Amwell
Township School

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The Superintendent's Corner

Greetings!

Things are great at East Amwell this fall. At our In-Service Day, Jim Grant, a nationally renowned speaker on Differentiated Instruction, addressed our staff and staff from six other school districts. The teachers loved the ideas and techniques Mr. Grant shared and are utilizing many of them in their classrooms.

I would also like to applaud the facilities/custodial staff for keeping the buildings and grounds in great shape. It is to their credit that the school is in fantastic condition at all times.

We have made terrific strides in the area of communication and, with all Moodle sites up and operational, another communication tool is available to you.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving. We all have a lot to be thankful for.

Sincerely,
Edward Stoloski, Superintendent

School Activities

Art Club:

Computer Club: Monday thru Friday @ 7:30 AM

Peer Leaders: November: 4th, 11th, 25th. Room 15 8 AM

Scoop: The School Newspaper: See Miss Anders

Environmental Club:

Drama Club:

Dress Rehearsal Monday, Nov 2nd 3:15pm-5:00pm

Tuesday, Nov 3rd at 1:55pm and 7pm

Wednesday, Nov 4th at 9:15am

Chess Club: Mrs. Mollis

Jazz Band Nov 3, 17 8:15-8:45 AM

MS Strings Nov 10, 24 8:15-8:45 AM

Music Club GR 4 & 5 Nov 12 3:15-4:30 PM

Music Club GR 6, 7 & 8 Nov 10, 17, 24 3:15-4:30 PM



November 2009 Calendar

Fall Drama Production	3
PTO Meeting 7:30	4
School Closed NEA Convention	5-6
End of 1st Marking Period	13
Board of Education Meeting 7:30 PM	17
Report Cards Issued	17
Picture Make-Up	17
School Closed: Parent Teacher Conferences	18-19
School Spirit Day	20
Early Dismissal 1:20	25
School Closed: Thanksgiving	26-27

The Principal's View

Dear Parents,

During the month of November, we have a number of activities planned. This includes our Parent-Teacher Conferences on November 18th and 19th. This is a great time for you to talk about your child's progress. If you keep the following in mind during the conference, it will lead to a more productive meeting.

- Have specific questions in mind.
- Keep in mind that the teacher wants to do what is best for your child.
- Offer suggestions in a friendly way.
- Keep it non-confrontational.
- Support your child and school.

In addition, we are excited about the start of our seventh **Cougar SHARE Holiday Service Project** starting November 18th through December 4th. We will be asking the East Amwell School Community for donations for needy children. An information letter will be coming home shortly to describe this exciting character building exercise. We hope you will support this project to make the holidays a little brighter for those less fortunate than us.

Sincerely,
John Capuano, Principal

Athletic Schedule

Intramural Basketball: November

- 2 Basketball—3:15-4:30
- 3 Basketball—3:15-4:30
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- 9 Basketball—3:15-4:30
- 10 Basketball—3:15-4:30
- 11 Basketball—3:15-4:30
- 12 Basketball—3:15-4:30
- 13 Basketball—3:15-4:30
- 16 Basketball—3:15-4:30
- 17 Basketball—3:15-4:30



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.

4th Grade Health News

The fourth graders will participate in a statewide poster contest during the month of November. The Partnership For A Drug-Free New Jersey has an annual contest titled "Fun Things to Do Instead of Doing Drugs." Students are asked to submit artwork that is original with a simple drug slogan. Two winners are selected from the state and those winners have their artwork featured on the following years folder cover. Student's will work on their artwork during Health and Art class and complete the posters at home. This contest is in compliance with the NJ Department's Education requirement to promote drug prevention.



THE EAST AMWELL EDUCATION ASSOCIATIONS

PHILANTHROPIC COMMITTEE
IS ACCEPTING FOOD DONATIONS TO
BENEFIT NEEDY FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY

ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE
**Donations can be brought into homeroom
classrooms**

November 2-November 20th

We are accepting:

Non-perishable food items,

Paper goods, Baby food,

Cleaning products,

NO GLASS PLEASE

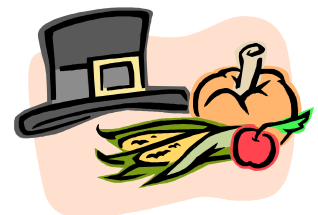
Some suggestions:

healthy snack item juice boxes pasta/rice/stuffing
canned vegetables baking items baby items/food
applesauce/fruit cups canned soup peanut butter/jelly
coffee/tea crackers cereal/breakfast bars
tissues/paper goods raisins/nuts hot chocolate

**Donations of frozen turkeys will be accepted,
please make prior arrangements with Mrs. Billera.**

**Thank you for supporting this worthy cause and
contact**

**Mrs. Billera, Ms. Ernst, Miss Buskett, Mrs.
Thompson, Mrs. McGinn,
Mrs. Mollis, or Mrs. Meyer
with questions**



Poem Of The Month

Thanksgiving Feasting

When the Halloween pumpkins are gone,
And the leaves have all fallen to ground,
When the air has turned windy and cold,
Then Thanksgiving will soon be around.

Thoughts of loved ones all feasting together,
Pleasant pictures from past times appear
To dwell in each heart and each mind--
Then Thanksgiving is finally here!

The kitchen has scrumptious aromas,
The dining room looks oh, so fine,
Decorations with pilgrims and turkeys,
And now we are ready to dine!

First the napkins are placed on our laps;
Now the prayer for the meal to be blessed,
Then we stuff the good food in our tummies,
And we hope for it all to digest!

By Joanna Fuchs



Quote of the Month

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

[-John Fitzgerald Kennedy](#)

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.

Recycling Corner:

Please remember to bring recyclable bags and wrappers to room 16 or leave in the bin on the stage.

The Environmental Club recycles cookie wrappers, pouch drinks, CANDY wrappers, and Chip bags.

We are also still collecting ink cartridges, cell phones, used DVD discs, used game discs, and used digital cameras, to name a few things.

We receive 2 cents per wrapper or bag. Please bring them in to school from home!.



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.

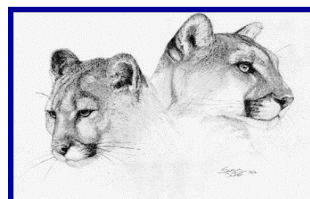
Have the child's parents / guardians contact the school today. If we can find these youngsters, we can help them.

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,

The PTO has had a fast and furious Fall so far. Homeroom parents are in place, Gallery Time volunteers are ready to go, Middle School Committees are starting their planning, membership and fundraisers are in full swing, and Cougar Clothing is in stock.

Buzz Books have been distributed. If you did not receive yours, please let me know. The Truppelli Family generously donated the printing of these books. Thank You!

Thank you to Marian Wasitowski and Andy Beck for all of their hard work on the Trunk-or-Treat. We had over 35 cars and 5 families participating in the haunted house. It was a fun time, had by all.

Our two Fall fundraisers have come to a close; Innisbrook and KidStuff Books. Innisbrook will be available for pick up during Parent/Teacher Conferences. If you still have your KidStuff book, please kindly return it to school or make payment of \$25.

Our Scholastic Book Fair ran smoothly thanks to Loretta and Cynde. We hope your children enjoy their books. Through a program with Scholastic, we were able to provide \$20 worth of books to each classroom.

Frosty's Workshop is our next project and we can use all your help. Please volunteer to come to the craft days/nights. The schedule will be coming out shortly.

We have a lot of Cougar Clothing in stock. If you are still interested in purchasing an item, order forms can be downloaded from the PTO link on the school's website.

Thank you for all your continued support.

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A Message From Your

Board of Education

We've decided to re-format our board notes to provide information of interest. This month we will focus on describing the roles and responsibilities of board members. These include: defining policy, developing goals/objectives within the district, and maintaining fiscal accountability.

Each member of the Board of Education participates in 1-2 committees that meet monthly. They are: Building/Grounds/Transportation, Curriculum / Public Relations, Negotiations/Grievance, Budget/Finance, and Personnel and Policy.

The full board meets every 3rd Tuesday at 7:30 pm in the school library. Please feel free to attend any of these public meetings. We hope to see you there.

Charles Miles, President

Jennifer Bausmith, Vice-President

Carole Ammann

James Barabas

Stephanie Ciarrocca

Anne Kenyon

George Marturano

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