



The Cougar Courier

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East Amwell
Township School

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The Superintendent's Corner

Greetings,

The school year is off to a great start. Our transportation services are working very effectively and students are arriving each day with beautiful smiles on their faces. We will continue to update you on County advisories on H1N1 with the hope of avoiding major flu problems this year. It was great to see so many parents at Back-To-School Night and hope you all make it a point to be back again for conferences in November.

Sincerely,

Edward Stoloski, Superintendent

School Activities

Art Club: Starting In October. Forms From Mr. Shuler
 Computer Club: Monday thru Friday @ 7:30 AM
 Peer Leaders: Oct.14,21,28 Room 15 8 AM
 Scoop: The School Newspaper: See Miss Anders
 Environmental Club: Wednesday, September 30 3:15
 Drama Club: Fall Drama club
 Chess Club: Mrs. Mollis Mondays In October 3:15
 Jazz Band: Oct. 6, 20 8:15-8:45
 MS Strings: Oct.13, 27 8:15-8:45
 Music Club Grades: 4 & 5 Oct.8, 15, 22, 29 3:15-4:30
 Music Club Grades: 6-8 Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27 3:15-4:30

October 2009 Calendar

Ed. Foundation Mting	6
School Picture Day	7
PTO Mtg 9:15 AM	7
Progress Reports Sent Home	9
PTO Book Fair	19-23
BOE Meeting 7:30 PM	20
Student Council Dance	23
PTO Trunk or Treat	24
School Spirit Day	30

The Principal's View

Dear Parents,

It was great to see so many of you at our Back-To-School Nights. As always, the staff and I are committed to providing your children with the best education possible. If at anytime you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact a member of our staff.

Moodle is up and running!! If you have not already done so, please look at your teacher's Moodle page. This is a great way for you to stay connected to the classroom. We look forward to your feedback on this new initiative.

I am very pleased to announce that Amy Billera has been selected as the New Jersey School Nurse of the Year. Mrs. Billera was nominated by the County Association and selected by the New Jersey State School Nurses Association. Please join me in congratulating Mrs. Billera for this outstanding accomplishment.

Our PTO is currently selling some great looking cougar clothing. If you are interested in purchasing some "cougar wear" please contact a member of the PTO Executive Board. As a reminder, the last Friday of each month is our Cougar Spirit Day.

Sincerely,
John Capuano
Principal



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Athletic Schedule

- 10-02-Cross Country Tri-Meet Alex.
- 10-05-Cross Country Meet PDS
- 10-06-Soccer Holland A/B
- 10-08-Cross Country Meet South
- 10-09-Soccer Readington
- 010-12-Cross Country Meet Union
- 10-14-Soccer Delaware
- 10-14-Cross Country Meet Delaware
- 10-16-Soccer JP Case
- 10-16-Cross Country Meet Readington
- 10-20-Soccer South
- 10-20-Cross Country Meet New Hope
- 10-22-Soccer Union
- 10-22-Cross Country Meet Union
- 10-26-Soccer Kingwood
- 10-26-Cross Country Meet Stuart Day
- 10-27-Soccer JP Case
- 10-29-Soccer Alexandria
- 10-29-Cross Country Meet Alexandria



Music Club

The East Amwell Music Club will begin meeting during October. Students that are interested in joining Music Club must fill out a permission slip. Parents are advised to check the monthly newsletter for specific dates.



Music Club for Fourth and Fifth Grade students meets on Thursdays after school from 3:15-4:30 PM. If there is a large number of students the group will be split and Fourth Grade students will meet on Wednesdays after school. The students will work in the areas of songwriting, electronic music, percussion instruments, music recording, or creating their own mini-musical dramas.

Music Club for Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Grade students meets on Tuesdays after school from 3:15-4:30 PM. The students will work in the areas of improvisation, songwriting, percussion instruments, electronic music, or music recording.

Students should see Mr. Woolston for permission slips.

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

The Fall Sports season is off to a tremendous start as the Co-Ed Soccer team and the Cross Country squad are having a great start.



The Cross Country team is un-defeated as they have competed against New Hope, South and Union Township. Big meets against Delaware and Alexandria are just over the horizon.

The Co-Ed Soccer team is working hard on the pitch with a nice win over South and a great outing against Readington even though it was a loss. Mr. Shuler has great expectations for his team and he sees great growth in his players.



The Discover Running event is scheduled for



Student Council 7th and 8th grade
dance....October 23....7:30-9:30
in the Auditorium



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

The Scoop: MOODLE



Technology is always advancing. Everyday, tons of new technological advances are made. East Amwell decided it was time to get in on some of this new technology. We are doing this through our new student

website, Moodle.

The idea for this website came from Hunterdon Central Regional High School. They have been using a Moodle website that students can use for some classes. Students can do things like post projects on the site, chat about the class and assignments, view a calendar showing important upcoming dates and events, use website links to help with material in class, and see their homework assignments.

We took most of these features and put them into our own Moodle site. Our site started out with just seventh and eighth grade Language Arts and Computer classes. On Monday, March 23, however, the rest of the seventh and eighth grade teachers launched their Moodle sites. Shortly thereafter, in April, the sixth grade teachers added their sites. Most of the teachers were excited to get their Moodle pages up and running. Some are concerned that students may take advantage of their ability to access homework assignments and class information, but for the most part, there are good feelings towards Moodle.

A lot of the students were also looking forward to being able to access information for all of their classes on the web. "Moodle is a great site for students to get homework, extra credit information, and access to links that will help them be more knowledgeable about their school subjects," says eighth grader Alyssa Applegate. Using the Moodle website is not very difficult. All you have to do is go to the East Amwell School website's homepage. Then, click on the Moodle link at the bottom of the page. Once you get to the website, it will ask you to sign in. All the sixth, seventh, and eighth graders have usernames and passwords.

If you are not a middle school student, you can still sign in as a guest and have a look around. Guests won't be able to use all of the features of the website but will get a good feel for what it's like. Technology keeps advancing, but we're not going to let it get too far ahead of us. The new website, Moodle, is helping us keep up. It is simple to use and helps students easily keep up with their classes. Moodle takes learning beyond the classroom which may be just what some students need.

Poem Of The Month

A Fall Song

by Ellen Robena Field

Golden and red trees
Nod to the soft breeze,
As it whispers, "Winter is near;"
And the brown nuts fall
At the wind's loud call,
For this is the Fall of the year.
Good-by, sweet flowers!
Through bright Summer hours
You have filled our hearts with cheer
We shall miss you so,
And yet you must go,
For this is the Fall of the year.
Now the days grow cold,
As the year grows old,
And the meadows are brown and sere;
Brave robin redbreast
Has gone from his nest,
For this is the Fall of the year.
I do softly pray
At the close of day,
That the little children, so dear,
May as purely grow
As the fleecy snow
That follows the Fall of the year.



Butterflies Are Us...

The Fifth Grade has been studying Monarch Butterflies and their habitats. So far a total of 200 butterflies have been tagged to go to Mexico. Fifth Graders have had the chance to see the stages of the Monarch develop and grow. Additionally, they have been able to watch ladybugs and aphids which are two other creatures that live in the community with the Monarchs. To date we have released 371 Monarchs this season.



Recycling Corner:

The Environmental Club is Recycling a lot of material, but we still need your help in collecting. We collect a variety of chip bags, cookies wrappers/bags, energy bars, Pouch drinks like Capri Sun, ink cartridges, cell phones, used digital cameras, and old DVDs to name a few. New this year are CANDY Wrappers! Please look for a more complete list around the school. Or you can contact Ms. Ernst (908-782-6464 Ext 316) for any additional questions. For the wrappers and bags the Environmental Club receives 0.02 cents for each. Last year we collected over 5,000 Capri Sun Pouches and received roughly 62.00 dollars for the Environmental Club. Thanks for all of your recycling efforts.



Student Council 7th and 8th Grade dance....October 23....7:30-9:30 in the Auditorium



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.

PUMPKINS FOR SALE



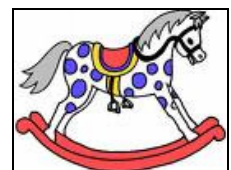
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Quote of the Month

Do not confuse motion with progress. A rocking horse keeps moving but does not make any progress.

Alfred A. Montapert



From The PTO President

Dear East Amwell School Families,

First of all and big thank you to all who have volunteered to help this year as well as those who are participating in the PTO fund raisers. I hope that you are taking the time to read the email blasts that are being sent out announcing the many events that the PTO is sponsoring this school year.

The Gift Card Program was just announced this week and I hope that many take advantage of this worth while program. Don't forget about the Innisbrook fund raiser that is currently in progress. Go to www.innisbrook.com , select Parent EZ and use our school number 1010566. It's that easy!.

In a few weeks you should be receiving information about the PTO Fall Book Fair. The dates for this great fund raiser are October 19th to the 23rd. Believe it or not Frosty's meetings have started. If you want to volunteer send me an email. Everyone's help is welcomed and appreciated.

Thanks again for all of your continued support!!

Thank you.

Lisa Saponara

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SPARK



Johns Hopkins CTY Talent Search

Students in seventh and eighth grade who are eligible to participate in the Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth program received letters and brochures recently. This program is also available to any student in grades 2 through 6 who scored in the ADVANCED PROFICIENT category on the NJ PASS (second grade) or NJ ASK (grades three to six). You can learn more about this on the website, www.cty.jhu.edu. If your child meets the criteria and would like to participate in this program, please contact Mrs. Higgins at jhiggins@eastamwell.org or ext. 331. I will be happy to send you all the necessary information.

Mrs. Janet Higgins

Board Notes

Summary of the September 15, 2009

BOE Meeting: Board Actions

Approved Jacqueline Longo as Math Club Advisor for the 2009-2010 SY.

Approved Tara Meyer as an Intern/Student Teacher with the Child Study Team.

Approved the following mentors for the 2009-2010 SY:

Nardi Beier:	Jaime Fallon
Alice Scott:	Devon Bowman
Michael MacDuff:	Sheila da Barra
Marianne Kaminski:	Laurel King
Clare Tinsman:	JoAnn Love-Hough

Approved the following Unit Leaders for 2009-2010 SY:

K-2 Team:	Jean Hyatt
3-5 Team:	Lauren Parillo
6-8 Team:	Judy Stoll
Specials:	M. Venettone
Reading Specialist:	Janet Higgins
Special Education:	Judi Meeter
Computer Systems Coordinator:	Chris Colt

Acknowledged 1st Reading of the following policies/regulations:

- Policy 1220 – Employment of Chief School Administrator (Revised)
- Policy 3159 – Teaching Staff Member/School District Reporting Responsibilities
- Policy 8760 – Pupil Accident Insurance (Revised)
- Policy 9110 – Quality Assurance Annual Report (Abolished)
- Policy 2631 – NJ Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC)
- Policy 5512.01 – Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (Revised)



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