



The Cougar Courier

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COUGARS ROAR!

East Amwell
Township School

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The Superintendent's Corner

Greetings!

As we begin the New Year, it is also time to begin our budget process. Last year was very difficult and we expect limited state aid this year as well, so we will be working hard to bring a budget to you that is reasonable for the taxpayers and the children of East Amwell School District. We will continue to inform you of our progress as we move through the process. I wish you all the best in 2011.



Sincerely,
Edward Stoloski
Superintendent

Clubs

- JAZZ BAND
- JANUARY 4, 18 8:15-8:45 AM
- MIDDLE SCHOOL STRINGS
- JANUARY 11, 25 8:15-8:45 AM
- MUSIC CLUB GRADES 6-8
- JANUARY 11, 18, 25 3:15-4:15 PM
- MUSIC CLUB GRADES 4&5
- JANUARY 13, 20, 27 3:15-4:15 PM
- COMPUTER CLUB
- Monday—Friday 7:30 AM
- ART CLUB
- Monday: 7th / 8th Wednesday 6th

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 eighth straight year. This year we raised over \$4,700.00 for 50 needy children. This is the largest amount we have ever raised and is an incredible achievement in this economic climate. Thank you to our caring students, parents, and teachers for making the holidays a little brighter for others less fortunate than us.

As of the printing of our Cougar Courier, we are in 1st place in the Terracycle Recycling Contest. In late January we will find out the winner. Regardless if we win or not, I would like to recognize our entire school community for their support of this worthwhile environmental program. In addition to this, I would like to recognize Ms. Ernst, who was the driving force behind this program. She has done an incredible job promoting recycling at East Amwell. Thank you, Ms. Ernst, for your countless hours and dedication to our school and the environment.

I wish you all a happy and healthy New Year!

Sincerely,
John Capuano
Principal



January 2011 Calendar

3: Classes Resume

**5: PTO Meeting 7:30 PM
Orientation**

**17: Martin Luther King
Day: School Closed**

18: BOE Meeting 7:30 PM

28: School Spirit Day

**31: End of the 2nd
Marking Period**



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 Efforts

East Amwell Currently In 1st Place For \$50,000 Grand Prize

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On behalf of our school I would like to thank you for your support of The Terra-cycle Recycling Contest. We received a tremendous amount of material because of your commitment towards this environmental program. We have just learned that the winner will be announced the week of January 17th.

Even though the contest is ending, **we will** continue to collect all of the recycling material. Let's keep the momentum going as this program benefits both the environment and our school.

Have a great holiday!!!

Sincerely,
John Capuano



Keep Up The Good Work

Drink Pouches: Capri Sun, Honest Kids, Kool-Aid, Minute Maid

Cookie Wrappers All Varieties and sizes: some examples are...Nabisco- All Oreo Varieties, Vienna Fingers, Fig Newton's, Nutter butter, Famous Amos, Chip Ahoy Varieties,

Energy Bar Wrappers: Luna Bar Varieties, Cliff Bar Varieties, Nature Valley Varieties, Power Bar Varieties, Balance Bar Varieties, Quaker Bars, All Granola Bars

Chip, Pretzel, Popcorn Bags- ALL VARIETIES/Sizes – Frito Lay Brands, Utz, Smartfood, Herr's, Rold Gold, Baked Lays, Cheetos, Doritos, Tostitos, Veggie Chips, Terra Chips

Candy Wrappers: All Bars, Bags, & Outside Wrappers- All sizes M&Ms, Snickers, Babe Ruth, Hershey's, Skittles, Starburst, 3 Musketeers

Bear Naked Granola Bags: All Bear Naked Bag Varieties

Ziploc Baggies- all sizes of bags and plastic containers too!

Scotch Tape & All Tape Dispensers/Wrappings too!

Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste boxes,

Toothbrush wrappers

Elmer's and other glue sticks and bottles

Writing Tools- Pens, Markers, Highlighters, Expos- all kinds

Spreads Containers- butter spreads plastic containers and lids- all brands (please clean!)

Scott Toilet Tissue Paper- outer plastic wrapping and paper wrapping

Aveno Products- out wrappings and empty bottles or tubes of all products- lotion, shampoo, etc.

Huggies Wrappers- huggies diaper plastic wrappings

NEOSPORIN® Tube Brigade- all bottles, tubes, wrappings

Lunch Kit Brigade- Lunchables

Coffee Bag Brigade- All coffee bags- Dunkin Donuts, Starbucks, etc

Tortilla Wraps- Mission, Ortega, any sandwich wrap plastic bag

Cheese Wrappers- All brands/kinds, shredded, whole cheese, Polly-o, Philadelphia cheese, pre-sliced cheese

A Message from your Board of Education

The Board of Education is pleased to report that we have entered into a shared services agreement with the township. This new agreement has the township providing winter snowplowing, use of grass cutting equipment, routine mower maintenance and access to trucks and trailers for the school to move equipment and furniture when required. The school provides manpower to assist with mowing of parks and municipal grounds, custodial services at the municipal building, information technology assistance and the nurse during summer playground.

With the exception of snow plowing, all other aspects of this agreement have been in place since early fall at no additional cost to either party. We also continue to share the soccer fields. The school mows the fields and the township has provided the lighting and sprinkler system.

On behalf of the Board, we would like to extend our best wishes to all East Amwell families for a happy and healthy New Year.

Happy New Year

East Amwell School Ski and Snowboard Club

It is that time of year again when the weather turns cold and the snow starts to fly. That usually means that the Ski and Snowboard Club is getting ready to go.

This action packed club, directed by Mr. MacDuff is open for students in 5th through 8th grade. The trips start in January and finishes up in mid February.

It is a long day for students who bring in their equipment on the bus, store it on the stage and then get on the bus for Shawnee Mountain at 3 PM. Many students do homework on the trip up and to be honest, most sleep on the way back. The bus usually returns around 9:30 PM.

There are lessons for newbie's and great slopes abound at Shawnee. It is great fun for all.



All About January....

Most of the world uses the Georgian calendar, which has January as the first month of the year.

It is named for Janus, a Roman god. Roman legend has it that the ruler Numa Pompilius added January and February to the end of the 10-month Roman calendar in about 700 B.C. Pompilius gave the month 30 days. Romans later made January the first month.

In 46 B.C., the Roman statesman Julius Caesar added a day to January, making it 31 days long.

The Anglo-Saxons called the first month Wolfmonth because wolves came into the villages in winter in search of food.

- The **garnet** is the birthstone for January.
- The **snowdrop** is the flower for the month of January. It often blooms in the snow.
- NEW YEARS DAY is celebrated in most countries on January 1.
- MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. January 15 is a holiday to celebrate the slain civil rights leader,

PTO

Through the generosity of the East Amwell School PTO, seven teachers were awarded Mini Education Grants this past month.

The \$100 grants were given to those teachers who submitted proposals outlining how the funds would better their classrooms.

Some of the grants went for new flash drives for staff members, a new scanner for 2nd grade and supplies and materials for the PE / Health department.

The dedication of the PTO to the betterment of East Amwell School is very much appreciated by staff and students.

The PTO sends out a BIG THANK YOU to all that made this year's Frosty's such a big success!!

