



# 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 recent In-Service Day, Cindy Lane from Discovery Education instructed our staff on the use of our Smart Boards and how to infuse their use into the curriculum.

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.

The Wertsville Road Bridge has been repaired and transportation should be back to normal.

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

Sincerely,  
Edward Stoloski  
Superintendent



## The Principal's View

**Dear Parents,**

We are pleased to announce starting November 1<sup>st</sup> our Teacher Moodle sites will be up and running. We apologize for the delay and any inconvenience this may have caused you as our system was being updated. Our Moodle sites are a great way to stay in touch with daily homework and various course assignments.

During the month of November we will have our Parent-Teacher Conferences on November 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. 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 eighth **Cougar SHARE Holiday Service Project** starting November 17<sup>th</sup> through December 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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

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## November 2010 Calendar

**2: Fall Drama Production**

**3: PTO Meeting 7:30 PM**

**4-5: School Closed: NJEA Convention**

**12: End of First Marking Period**

**16: BOE Meeting 7:30 PM**

**16: Report Cards Go Home**

**16: Picture Make-up Day**

**17-18: School Closed: Parent / Teacher Conf.**

**19: School Spirit Day**

**24: Early Dismissal**

**25-26: Thanksgiving Break**



### 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.*

## Clubs and Events

<b>JAZZ BAND</b>	NOVEMBER 2, 16, 30	8:15-8:45
<b>MS STRINGS</b>	NOVEMBER 9, 23	8:15-8:45
<b>MUSIC CLUB GR 4 / 5</b>	NOV 3, 11	3:15-4:15
<b>MUSIC CLUB 6-8</b>	NOV 9, 16, 23,30	3:15-4:15
<b>COMPUTER CLUB</b>	MON-FRI	7:30-8:40
<b>PEER LEADERS</b>	Nov 3,10,24	8 AM

## Recycling Efforts

The Environmental Club is in full swing of collecting materials for Terra Cycle to earn money for our school environment. Please help us out by bringing these materials in to the cafeteria bins or to Ms. Ernst room 16.

We have many new and exciting collections...Aveno products, Neosporin, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and the wrappers, Huggies wrappers, Starbucks Coffee bags and Scott Tissue Wrappers- both plastic and paper. Please bring these items in a trash bag.

Of course we are still collecting our older collections: Chip bags, Popcorn, Bags, Pretzels Bags, Cookie Bags, Energy Bars, (all brands!) Pens, Markers, Expos, Highlighters, Capri Sun or other drink pouches, and with Halloween right around the corner...**CANDY WRAPPERS!**

For all the above collections we get 2 cents per items.

Additionally we continue to collect cell phones, ipods, laptops, ink cartridges, and scratched DVD discs. We collect these for Cartridges for Kids.

Our school environmental club has also been composting in the courtyard cafeteria waste and items that can be composted- if you have any questions about the collections please contact Ms. Ernst Ext 316 or email [sernst@eastamwell.org](mailto:sernst@eastamwell.org).

Please look for announcements through the school website and emails that are sent out. Remember you can save your own trash bags and cut down your waste by bringing these materials to the school.



## A Message from your Board of Education:

The Board was very pleased to welcome and get to know new staff members at our October meeting. We wish you all many rewarding years at East Amwell School.

At this time, all parents and guardians have received NJASK test scores. We are happy to announce that we have once again achieved AYP (adequate yearly progress) as designated by the state. Our annual school performance review on these assessments is scheduled for November. We continue to implement programs to support our children's continued success.

## Dressed In Pink

Teachers, staff, and students dressed in Pink on Friday, October 22, 2010 to show their support for the Susan G. Komen for the Cure. East Amwell teachers and staff chose to dress down for a \$5.00 donation while students were encouraged to wear pink and donate any loose change they had after lunch. In total we collected \$305.41 to benefit Breast Cancer Research and Awareness. Thank you to all involved.



## Cougars SHARE Holiday GIFTS

NOVEMBER 17 – DECEMBER 3

*Donations will be collected from Wednesday, November 17 until Friday, December 3.*

*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 7 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!

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## PTO News

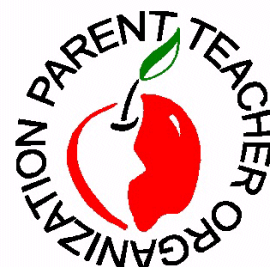
For a couple hours last Saturday the school parking lot was turned into the spookiest place around when the PTO held its annual Trunk-or-Treat. With about 60 families in attendance, kids enjoyed music, games and lots of contests. Prizes were awarded for the best costumes, best decorated cars and best Jack-O-lanterns. While Mother Nature wasn't good to our Haunted House (it blew down twice) we regrouped with a scaled-down version. Everyone had a *Howling Good Time!*

Our on-line Spirit Wear store is now open with T-shirts, sweat shirts, sweat pants, bags and beanies. Some items are available in different colors. And our ever popular Tie-Dyed T-shirts are back. With the on-line store you can choose your items and see how they look on your computer screen. You can access the store from the PTO web site.

With Thanksgiving around the corner are you worried about what to bring for dessert to Aunt Mildred's or what to serve for your Thanksgiving dinner? The PTO has the answer for you...we are selling Maddalena's Cheesecakes and Apple Pies with delivery just in time for Thanksgiving. Place your orders today! Order forms have been sent home or download it from the PTO web site.

**Andy Beck**

[www.EastAmwellPto.com](http://www.EastAmwellPto.com).



**THE EAST AMWELL EDUCATION ASSOCIATIONS'S  
PHILANTHROPIC COMMITTEE  
IS ACCEPTING FOOD DONATIONS TO  
BENEFIT NEEDY FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY**

## **ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE**

Donations can be brought into homeroom classrooms

**November 1-November 17th**

We are accepting:

Non-perishable food items,

Paper goods, Baby food,

Cleaning products,

**NO GLASS PLEASE**

Some suggestions:

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

