



The Cougar Courier

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COUGARS ROAR!

East Amwell
Township School

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The Superintendent's Corner

Greetings!

January and February is budget time. We will be working very hard to finalize numbers for the 2010-2011 budget. Word from Trenton is that our funding may be cut. We will do our best to keep our costs in line while maintaining a quality education for the children of East Amwell, however, this year programs and staff could be affected. Everyone needs to vote in the April Election! If you are not registered to vote, please do so before the deadline. Call the school office if you need registration information.

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: Feb. 3, 17 and 24th

Drama Club: See Info On page 2

Jazz Band Feb. 16 8:15-8:45 am

Music Club Gr 4& 5 Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25 3:15-4:30 pm

Music Club Gr 6-8 Feb. 9, 16, 23 3:15-4:30 pm

Middle School Strings Feb 9, 23 8:15-8:45 am

Cheerleading : Practice: Feb. 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 18

Cheerleading Games: Feb. 1, 11, 17, 19



February 2010 Calendar

End of Second Marking Period	3
Report Cards Sent Home	10
Student Council Dance	11
School Closed	12-
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The Principal's View

Dear Parents,

Our annual School House Reads program will be held on Thursday, February 25th. I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the importance of reading daily. Research has shown that students that read daily perform better academically and have greater success in school.

Remember to save the date, Tuesday, February 9th from 4:30PM ó 9:00PM. We are hosting our 3rd Annual East Amwell Night at the Flemington **Friday's**. This evening was a great success the last two years, and we hope that many of our parents/guardians, students, and staff members will take a moment to attend this event.

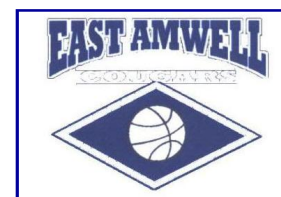
In addition, on February 25th from 6:00PM ó 9:00PM Hunterdon Central is sponsoring an Elementary Science Night. All students in grades K-5 are encouraged to attend this fun-filled night of science demonstrations and hands-on experiments.

Sincerely,
John Capuano, Principal

Athletic Schedule

Basketball: February

1	Holland	B: Home	G: Away
3	JP Case	B: Away	G: Away
11	Kingwood	B: Away	G: Home
17	Alexandria	B: Away	G: Home
19	Delaware	B: Home	G: Away



From The Art Department

Dear East Amwell Artist,

You have been selected to represent East Amwell with your honorable art work. It is on display at South County Branch Library in Ringoes, New Jersey. Make sure you take the time to go and show your family and friend the outstanding job you have done in art class this year so far.

Great Job!!

Sincerely,

Mr. Shuler & Mrs. Gallagher

Winter Deer Paintings

Jocab Moebis IB

Max Reich IB

Jonathan Stack IB

Jeffery Staudt IB

Casey Blaetz IB

Josephine Kohanski IB

Painted Pine Tree Forest

Ryan Mundy 4z

Gabby Truppelli 4z

Joey Bacon 4z

Brian Inglin 4z

Animal Silhouettes Painting

Charles Graycar 8th

Jessica Cavallaro 8th

Grant Parker 8th



DRAMA Club News



The Drama Club has selected the musical Seussical, Jr. for this Springs show. Auditions for Seussical Jr. will be held on February, 23rd from 3:15pm-4pm in the music room.

Here is the rehearsal schedule in the music room for selected cast members:

Feb. 25th from 3:15-4:00 PM Rehearsal



ENROLLMENT FOR SEPTEMBER 2010 KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN

Enrollment for all pre-school children who will be 5 years old on or before October 1, 2010 is now in progress. In preparation for school year 2010-2011, East Amwell will conduct a Kindergarten Visitation Day in our school Library for all incoming students. The visit will give the students the opportunity to see the school and meet our staff as well as have our personnel meet with you and your child in order for us to prepare better for their arrival in September. The visit will last approximately 30 minutes and will involve you and your child meeting with our Teacher(s); School Nurse to review their health and shot records; our Speech Teacher to check for speech and language needs; and a member of our Child Study Team who will conduct a short screening to make us aware of their level of readiness. The visit is designed for the students to become familiar with the school and not to determine eligibility to begin school. The information we gather at this meeting will help us better prepare for your child in September.

Our Visitation dates are **March 22, 24, 25, and 26, 2010**. Please call Janeen Smith at (908) 782-6464, Ext. 210, to schedule an appointment for your visit. We have enclosed paperwork that you can fill out and return on your visitation day. Any questions regarding the paperwork will be addressed at the visit.

We will also have a Kindergarten Round-Up Day in the Spring when the students will be able to visit the classrooms, ride the bus and see the cafeteria. More information on that will follow from Mr. John Capuano, Principal.

We look forward to seeing you in March!

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS VERY CAREFULLY:

The New Jersey State Department of Health has ruled that all Kindergarten children must have the following immunizations:

Five (DPT) Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis doses or one dose given on or after the 4th birthday, or any 5 doses. Four (OPV) or (IPV) Polio doses, with one given on or after 4th birthday. Two doses (MMR) Measles, Mumps, Rubella - first dose given over age 15 months. Three Hepatitis B Vaccinations. Haemophilus B Series One dose of Varicella given over age 12 months or a documented case of Chicken Pox.

A doctor's certificate with dates verifying completion of the above immunizations **must** be presented to us. Your physician must list the exact day, month and year of each immunization.

Each child must have a physical examination before entering school. This should be done by your family doctor as he/she has been most closely involved with your child's growth and development. A **Health Examination Record (Form #89)** is attached. Also, please complete the **Kindergarten School Health Questionnaire (Form #88)** and **Family Record (Form #31)**; returning the forms to the school at the time of your scheduled Visitation Day in March.

Original Birth Certificates must be presented to the school office. Baptismal or hospital certificates cannot be accepted. We must have the **official** certificate registered at the County or City Health Office where your child was born.

An additional requirement is **proof of residency** in East Amwell Township in the form of a copy of a rental agreement, homeowner's tax bill or utility bill for the current year.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Edward F. Stoloski Superintendent



Poem Of The Month

WHEN YOU THOUGHT I WASN'T LOOKING

By Mary Rita Schilke Korzan

(A Poem For My Teacher)

When you thought I wasn't looking, you displayed my first report, and I wanted to do another.

When you thought I wasn't looking, you fed a stray cat, and I thought it was good to be kind to animals.

When you looking, you sticker, and I things were



thought I wasn't gave me a knew that little special things.

When you looking, you around me,

thought I wasn't put your arm and I felt loved.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw tears come from your eyes, and I learned that sometimes things hurt--but that it's all right to cry.

When you thought I wasn't looking, you smiled, and it made me want to look that pretty too.

When you thought I wasn't looking, you cared, and I wanted to be everything I could be.

When you thought I wasn't looking--I looked...and wanted to say thanks for all those things you did when you thought I wasn't looking

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.

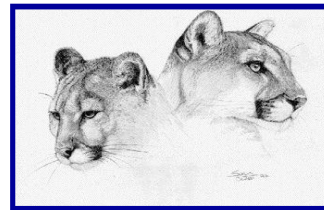


7th & 8th grade Valentines Dance
Thursday Feb. 11th
7:30-9:30 in the AUD



Recycling Corner:

Environmental Club Continues to collect many items- New Collections are Elmer's glue sticks/bottles (empty), Scotch tape holders/inserts, and Writing Utensils (Expo Markers, Sharpies, Highlighters, Paper Mate Pens)- teachers have cans in each room or you can bring to room 16. Total for the year we have collected 8,792 Capri Sun Pouches, 2,320 Chip Bags, 1,544 Candy Wrappers, 730 cookie wrappers, and 460 Energy Bar Wrappers. Thank you for helping the Environmental Club raise funds to help East Amwell's environment and by keeping trash out of landfills.



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,

PTO ó February Cougar Courier

The PTO recently awarded \$100 mini-grants to both Mike Casella and Chris Colt. Both teachers will be using their funds to purchase electronic equipment for their classrooms.

Please continue to collect Box Tops for Education. Our next submission to General Mills will be at the end of the month.

We have several events coming up. Detailed information will be distributed as each event draws near.

- Feb 5th - 5th/6h grade activity night
- Feb 8th - Gertrude Hawk fundraiser begins
- Feb 10th ó Membership Meeting 9:30 am
- March 5th - 5th/6th grade survivor night
- March 19th ó PTO Border's/Chili's Night

We are also planning on Spirit Week activities. Keep a look out for further information. Cougar Clothing is still available. Please check the school website for order forms.

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A Message From Your

Board of Education

A message from your Board of Education:

The Board of Education would like to welcome our newest member, John Bedard. He is replacing Michelle Novak, who served for 11 years. We thank Michelle for her many years of service and wish John all the best.

This month we would like to highlight the Arts program at East Amwell. Our school offers instrumental (Band and Orchestra) and vocal music as well as fine arts classes. The instrumental music program begins in third grade with the recorder for all students and continues in fourth grade. All interested students can pick an instrument of their choice. Chorus begins in fifth grade and continues throughout middle school.

Additionally, extracurricular involvement in art club, music club, drama club, jazz band/ensemble (by audition only) are available to students.

Each year in May, all Hunterdon County middle and high schools participate in the Teen Arts Festival, a two day showcase of student performances and visual arts.



Quote of the Month

**We can't choose what happens to us in life,
 but we can choose how to respond to it.**

A Buddhist Monk

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