

# CANDLEWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL



## Message from Principal Andrew Greene

1st Quarter 2015

I hope the start of the school year has been a positive one for you and your family!

Candlewood has been a busy place since September. We have Arts in Education programs for students, powerful extended advisory conversations, and of course we celebrated Candlewood's 50th Anniversary on November 10th!

Last year, our Site Based Management Team agreed on a set of character traits that we will be focusing on with all students throughout the year. These statements have been posted in all the rooms as well as around the building. The statements are indicated below.

In addition, staff members are working very hard to help ensure the students are well prepared for the work they are required to do. We balance rigor, with an empathetic approach, and we work diligently on constantly assessing our program and practices for the benefit of the students.

We are looking forward to having a great fall semester and we hope that the wonderful partnership that has existed between the community and the staff at Candlewood will continue.

Have a wonderful Holiday season!

### Character Matters

#### Responsibility

I can be responsible for my actions and work, both in and out of school

#### Respect

I can work cooperatively, act respectfully, and be open to different points of view

#### Persistence

I can be persistent in my work and my thinking even when challenged

#### Make It A Habit

WISHING ALL CANDLEWOOD FAMILIES

A VERY HEALTHY AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON AND HAPPY  
NEW YEAR!!

FROM CANDLEWOOD ADMINISTRATION AND STAFF!





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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### December 2015

- 5 Fall Musical Play Annie performance at 7:30 pm
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- 9 PTA Meeting at 9:30 am
- 14 BOE Meeting at 8:00 pm at Paumanok
- 18 2nd Quarter Marking Period Interim
- 12-24-15 -
- 1-1-16 Winter Recess—School Closed

### January 2016

- 11 BOE Meeting at 8:00 pm at Otsego
- 13 PTA Meeting at 9:30 am
- 18 Martin Luther King Jr.—School Closed
- 19 First day of Middle School Late Winter sports tryouts
- 29 2nd Quarter Marking Period ends

### February 2016

- 8 BOE Meeting at 8:00 pm at Fran Greenspan Admin Ctr
- 10 PTA Meeting & Nomination at 9:30 am
- 15-19 Winter Recess-School Closed

## Winter Concerts

### Wednesday, December 2nd at 7:30 pm

Chorus 6th Grade

Orchestra 7th & 8th Grade

### Wednesday, December 9th at 7:30 pm

Concert Choir

Band 8th Grade

### Tuesday, December 15th at 7:30 pm

Band 6th Grade

Orchestra 6th Grade

### Thursday, December 17th at 7:30 pm

Treble Choir

Band 7th Grade

Jazz Band

## MESSAGE TO CANDLEWOOD PARENTS:

When an item is dropped off it is not our policy to interrupt classes to call a student to the main office to come to retrieve an item. The student should come to the main office on their own in between periods or during lunch. The protocol we like to follow is to call students during lunch periods.

For early dismissal, please send the student in with a note, stating the time of dismissal, the student will show that note to their teacher of the period of their dismissal time and that will serve as their pass out of class to go to the main office for dismissal.

Our goal is to protect academic time as much as possible.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Andrew Greene, Principal

## YEARBOOKS

*Candlewood Yearbooks are on sale NOW!*

Order your child's yearbook online today at [www.yearbookordercenter.com](http://www.yearbookordercenter.com)  
use school code 4572.

Yearbooks ordered before January 31st will be sold for a discounted price of \$35. After this date, the price will go up to \$40. Pre-ordering guarantees your child will get a yearbook in June.

Parents of 8th graders can also create a personal message/ad to recognize your child's accomplishments as they graduate middle school. These can be designed at [www.yearbookordercenter.com](http://www.yearbookordercenter.com) and range from business card size to a full page, all in color.

**The deadline for ad creation is March 1st (No exceptions due to printing deadlines!)**

Any questions about the Yearbook can be emailed to Mrs. Stanco or Ms. Yaqubie:

[astanco@hhh.k12.ny.us](mailto:astanco@hhh.k12.ny.us) or [nyaqubie@hhh.k12.ny.us](mailto:nyaqubie@hhh.k12.ny.us).

## Candlewood Cares

Members of the Candlewood Cares community service club (and their parents) woke up early on October 25th to volunteer at the CF Climb at Citi Field. The CF Climb is hosted by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and is designed to raise money to find a cure for cystic fibrosis and provide all people living with the disease the opportunity to lead full and productive lives. Candlewood Cares members stood in the stands and cheered on the participants running the 2,012 steps. Waving pom-poms, high-fiving the runners and offering them encouragement and support was an incredible experience!



Mrs. Jessica Dohnert

Candlewood Cares Advisor



A MESSAGE FROM  
THE CANDLEWOOD PTA

**Hello Candlewood Families! Welcome to the School Year 2015-2016! It has been a fantastic year so far with a great deal of exciting news to report.**

The **Fall Book Fair** was a tremendous success. We thank you for your support and we are looking forward to our Spring Book Fair in March.

Candlewood celebrated the **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** of our building on Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> at the Melville Marriot with a fabulous party, with dancing, raffles and an informative and interesting presentation by the NJHS students. The Jazz Band and Orchestra was a splendid backdrop for the cocktail hour. Thank you all for attending and making the evening a success.

The **Apparel** line has been updated this year with many new and exciting items. Any questions you can call Amy Stone 478-8852 or [astone423@gmail.com](mailto:astone423@gmail.com). A printable order form is available on our website. Get your Cougar Spirit on!!

**Membership** is always open. Your support helps us provide wonderful programs for our students through our Arts in Education Committee. Membership is \$15. Membership forms are on our Website just print, fill out and return to the PTA mailbox in the main office. An email will come to you with your card so please make sure your email address is on the form.

We are always looking for volunteers to help out with our different events in the building. Whether you can give 5 minutes or an hour we would be happy to have you. Please contact Twila Silverman 499-6006 or [silvertris-tar@aol.com](mailto:silvertris-tar@aol.com).

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Holiday Boutique**, a wonderful collection of trinkets and baubles for the Holidays will be available for sale during the students lunch periods. The sale starts Monday Dec. 7 thru Thursday Dec. 10. If you would like to volunteer to work the event contact Janina Ridge 516 581 8842 or Lori Carlone 631 940 7361.

**The next PTA Meeting is Wednesday Dec. 9th at 9:30am in the Library. Please come and join us. You will hear what is happening here in CW and around the district from building administration. They are very informative meetings.**

Warmest Regards,

Colleen Nasti

Desiree Quiles

Candlewood PTA Co- Presidents



Mrs. Gill's class held a Goods and Services Fair in the Auditorium on Thursday, October 22nd. Students created their own businesses and set up a "store" where customers could come and shop. The students and teachers were given "Gill bucks" to shop with and could choose from Lemonade Bros., D&M Cartoon Sticker Shop, Poppin Popcorn, Daniella's Design and many others. A great time shopping was had by all!



### Team 6-2—Box Tops

Mrs. Olsen would like to Congratulate Team 6-2 for bringing in close to 600 Box Tops for the PTA! We had a contest to see which class would have the highest Unit Rate of Box Tops to students. Period 1 had an overwhelming 13 Box Tops per student bringing in 325 Box Tops alone! A special shout out to Kevin Ma for bringing in half of Period 2's total earning them a 2nd place win. Great job by all! How many Box Tops can your class bring in?

Candlewood raised at total of \$185.00 for Box Tops!!

Mrs. Karen Olsen

Team 6-2 Teacher

Mrs. Andres and Mrs. Carlsen at Rising Star meetings will be teaching the Rising Star students to knit lap blankets. The lap blankets will be donated to the patients at the Northport VA Hospital. The following flyers have been posted to support this heart warming fundraiser.

## Please Donate

By Miah Campbell  
(Member of Rising Stars)

Rising Stars will be donating lap blankets  
for  
our Veterans in the Northport VA Hospital.  
Please donate Yarn and Crochet Hooks  
to  
Rooms 206 and 402.



One World Youth Club and Candlewood Middle School supported the JDRF and its fight for the cure for Diabetes during November for American Diabetes Month. There was a successful extended advisory lesson where students learned about Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetes. The club was able to raise money with the sale of blue band bracelets. The One World Youth Club raised \$284 for the cause.

Mrs. Holzman

One World Youth Club Advisor

### A Note From the 7th and 8th grade English Teachers

The 7th and 8th grade English classes are utilizing google classroom for many writing tasks. The online platform keeps responses for future reflection and expedites the submission process. The students are really enjoying this new technology.

### Thanksgiving Fundraiser

Candlewood Middle School sponsored a Thanksgiving pie and bread fundraiser with the help of White Post Farms in Melville. Thank you to all those who participated and ordered the variety of delicious pies and scrumptious jumbo breads! It was a great success!! A special thanks to the PTA for their continuous support in making this another Candlewood success!

Mrs. Balsamo and Ms. Karagiannis  
8th Grade Advisors

### Vocabulary Bowl

The October 2015 results of the New York State Vocabulary Bowl are in and Candlewood received the following achievements:

**New York State Champion**

**New York State Top 10 School**

Every month, thousands of schools across the US and Canada compete in the Vocabulary Bowl. Winning these awards is quite an achievement. Keep up the good work Candlewood students!!!!