

JOSEPH R. DAWE, JR. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2012

Dear Parents,

Even though February is a short month with a vacation, it will be an exciting month at the Dawe School. Our P.T.O. is sponsoring *Ooch World* on Saturday, February 11th at 7:00 p.m. at the Stoughton High School auditorium. Ooch visited the Dawe students during a performance last year and was a huge hit with the audience. It is sure to be an entertaining and memorable family experience.

Also coming up this month is our second Book Talk! On Friday, February 17th at 1:50 p.m. students will meet with their Book Talk group to discuss a "4 star" book that they have read. On a rating scale of 1 to 4 stars, a 4 star book is the highest rating a student can give a book. That means that students may have to read several books to find that special "4 star" book. The result will be a Book Talk with all of the students sharing books that they gave their highest rating. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Mr. Barner, Principal

FOR PARENTS OF PRESCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN

For parents with children entering kindergarten in September 2012, registration for all of the Stoughton elementary schools will be held next month on March 13th and 15th from 9-11 a.m. or 1-2 p.m. Please contact the office at 781-344-7007 if you have any questions. If you have friends or neighbors with children entering kindergarten, please share this information with them. Children must be 5 years old on or before August 31st to be eligible.

MCAS DATES

MCAS (Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System) testing is beginning soon! Please see the schedule below. It is most helpful if students who are being tested are not absent and are not tardy for school. Once the test has begun, tardy students will not be allowed to enter the classroom to begin the test. It is also important that if your child is present in school, but not feeling well, call the teacher or nurse to let us know. Once a child begins a test, he/she must finish the test within the school day. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

TEST	DATE
Grade 3 Reading Practice Test	March 19
Grade 3 Reading Test	March 21, 27
Grade 3 Mathematics Practice Test	May 8
Grade 3 Mathematics	May 9, 16
Grade 4 ELA Practice Test	March 21
Grade 4 Long Composition	March 20
Grade 4 English Language Arts Test	March 22, 28
Grade 4 Mathematics Practice Test	May 7
Grade 4 Mathematics Test	May 8, 15
Grade 5 ELA Practice Test	March 22
Grade 5 English Language Arts	March 23, 29
Grade 5 Mathematics Practice Test	May 4
Grade 5 Mathematics Test	May 7, 14
Grade 5 Science	May 17, 18