Principal Newsletter  
Monday, January 6th

Dear Dawe School Dragon Families and Friends,

I hope that you are all doing well! I hope that all of you enjoyed your winter vacation and Happy New Year! Our Dawe Dragons worked very hard and accomplished many great things during the year 2019, now it is vital that we continue on with the progress to make 2020 a great year!

I wanted to use this Principal Newsletter as a way to pass along some important updates and information regarding various events occurring here at the school in the very near future!

**Caught with Character School-Wide Initiative:**

This Month’s Character Trait is **Self-Control**. Please be sure to include this in your everyday conversations with your children at home during the month of January!

Next Month’s Character Trait is **Integrity/Honesty**. As we get closer to the month of February, please begin discussing what the trait “Integrity/Honesty” means with your children at home. Integrity and Honesty are an important foundational trait that directly correlates to a student’s success both in and out of school.

**Dawe School Book Swap:**

Prior to winter vacation, the Dawe School Literacy Leadership Team hosted a book swap to share a collection of new reading materials for students’ time off from school! Students were asked to gather all of their gently used books to bring to school in order to trade them in for fresh new books. When the students brought their books to school, they gave them to their classroom teachers so that they could be submitted to the Book Swap.
On Thursday, December 20, students were able to “shop” for as many books as they brought in to swap (ex. if a student donated 3 books, they had the opportunity to come home with 3 different/new books). The goal of the Book Swap was to get a new book in every student's hands to read over vacation! By the end of the swap, OVER 1,000 BOOKS WERE SENT HOME! Thanks to all of your generous donations, many students were able to take home at least 1 or more books!

Winter Concert:

On Friday, December 20th, Dawe School students, parents, families, and friends were treated to a beautiful concert where our 4th and 5th grade chorus and band performers sang/played songs of the season and other sensational selections. Our Music teacher, Mr. Weigel, and our band instructors, Mrs. Fiske, Mrs. Horan, and Mr. DeFrias, led our Dawe Dragons through their wonderful performances and inspired them to play/sing with passion! Our Dawe Dragon teachers also got into the festive spirit by participating in a Holiday/Ugly Sweater Contest! A great day was had by all!

4th Grade’s “Holidays Around the World”:

On Thursday, December 19th, our 4th Grade Dawe Dragons held their annual Holidays Around the World event in our cafeteria. For their projects, our 4th grade students had to select a holiday from around the world, research it, and develop a poster board that identified the most important aspects of their holiday! This event was amazing and every student did a wonderful job! I could not believe how creative our Dawe Dragons were and it was nice to have such a great parent/family member turnout for the event!
Dawe School PTO Holiday School Store:

The Dawe PTO hosted the Holiday Store on Monday, December 16th, an annual tradition that gives students the opportunity to shop for presents for family members, friends, and even pets! The gifts are always high quality and low cost, and each student is given “Mr. C. Cash” to ensure that each child can participate. A big “THANK YOU” goes out to our PTO volunteers who made this wonderful holiday experience possible!

Mrs. Perry’s Art Update

Happy 2020!! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and vacation! We continue to be very busy here in the art room. Sculpture center is up and running! The students love being able to create 3D pieces of art using the recyclables being generously donated by all of you. Thank you so much for all of your help! Within the next month, the Fiber Arts center will open. In this center, students will learn about weaving, sewing and stitching.

I am in the process of entering at least one piece of art into the Artsonia website for each child in the school. It is a very lengthy process to do this for each student, but I am hoping to have it done within the next couple of weeks. You will get a notice when the art is ready to be viewed. You can check out www.Artsonia.com for more information about this great way to have a keepsake of your student’s work!

In other news, if you haven’t done so already, please find us on the following social media sites. Here you will be able to find great examples of what is happening in the Dawe School art room!

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More information about Teaching for Artistic Behavior can be found at:  
https://teachingforartisticbehavior.org

REMINDERS:

1. **School Hours**: Students are marked tardy if they are not in the front doors of the school when the 8:30 bell rings. Students arriving after the 8:30 bell must be signed in at the office by an adult.
2. **Parking Lot Etiquette**: As you enter and exit the school parking lot, please drive at a slow rate of speed and be attentive to the crosswalk to ensure the safety of our students. Additionally, please be aware of and do not utilize the designated parking spaces that are intended for the school vans. Furthermore, do not attempt to pass the school buses when they are parked and have their STOP signs out.
3. **School Snacks**: Please be sure to provide your child with a snack to be eaten during snack time each day. Due to allergy and school wellness policies, we are not able to provide students with snacks and we do not allow them to share with one another.
4. **Popcorn Fridays and School Store**: The school store will be open in the school lobby every Friday morning beginning at 8:00 a.m. There is a wide variety of items for sale! Additionally, popcorn will be sold every Friday for 50 cents a bag! Thank you to our PTO!
Upcoming Important Events:

- January 16th – PTO Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- January 20th – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No School
- January 21st – Dawe School Council Meeting @ 3:00 pm
- January 23rd – Early Dismissal Day – Dismissal @ 12:20 pm
- January 27th – Self-Control Character Counts Assembly for Students & Staff
- January 30th – Dawe School 50th Year Anniversary Concert for Students & Staff
- February 4th – Discovery Museum In-School Field Trip for 1st Grade (Lights & Lasers)
- February 6th – PTO Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- February 7th – PTO Sponsored School Dance @ 6:00 pm
- February 13th – Visiting Author – Jared Lerner (Workshops for all Dawe Dragons)
- February 13th – Tentatively Scheduled Cultural Celebration Night @ Dawe (more information to come soon)
- February 17th – February 21st – February Vacation
- February 25th – Dawe School Council Meeting @ 3:00 pm

Have a fantastic rest of your week and weekend! All of us here at the Dawe truly appreciate all of your support from home! A strong partnership between the school and home makes every student’s educational experience that much more meaningful and successful!

Sincerely,

Mr. Cancellieri
Principal

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