Dear Dawe School Families and Friends,

I hope that you are all doing well and that you had a wonderful February vacation. We have officially surpassed our 100th day of school and our Dawe Dragons are continuing to make us proud each and every day with the amazing things that they do!

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 Traits are Tolerance and Patience.* Please be sure to include this in your everyday conversations with your children at home during the month of March!

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

**Valentine’s Day Cards Sent to the Sinai Hospital:**

As a part of an annual tradition, our Dawe Dragons made Valentine’s Day cards for the patients at Sinai Hospital. Kathie Wing, Lead Dietary Technician of New England Sinai Hospital in Stoughton, gratefully received the box full of beautiful Valentines created by Dawe School Students. The Valentines were placed on patients’ lunch trays on Valentine’s Day, and then posted on their bulletin boards to bring continued cheer and brighten their days. Our Dawe Dragons were able to send more than 200 Valentine’s Day cards to the Sinai!
100th Day of School Celebrations:

On Monday, February 10th, our 1st – 5th grade Dawe Dragons celebrated their 100th day of school. On Tuesday, February 11th, our kindergarten students celebrated their 100th day due to their school year starting a day later. Across all of the grade levels, teachers and students celebrated the day in creative and memorable ways. Whether students were designing their 100th day of school hats, or, making giant posters to share their appreciation for staff members around the school, the Dawe was buzzing with excitement! Our students and teachers celebrations of their 100th day of school were recognized across multiple social media platforms!

Diversity at the Dawe Celebration Night:

A Celebration of Diversity at the Dawe! On Thursday, February 13th the Dawe School Dragons learned more about each other as families shared food, stories, and activities with each other. Students took their “passports” with them as they traveled from country to country. The Dawe was filled with pride, love, laughter, and learning. What an amazing, joyful experience for all! Thank you to all our participating families and staff!
**Dawe Food Pantry Challenge:**

Mr. Cancellieri and Mr. Pezza delivered over 600 items to the Stoughton Food Pantry on behalf of the Dawe School. Third Grade student Savannah Isabelle challenged the Dawe Dragons to donate non-perishable food items in recognition of the 100th Day of School. The Fifth Graders won the challenge by donating the most items. This Challenge fits right in with the Dawe School Character Counts initiative, where students, staff, and families practice positive character traits such as kindness and empathy. Many thanks to Savannah and the Dawe School Dragons for your inspiration and generosity!

![Food Pantry Challenge Images]

**Jarrett Lerner Visits the Dawe:**

Published author, Jarrett Lerner, came to visit the Dawe School on Thursday, February 13th! He held workshops with all of our grade-levels about the process of writing and how making mistakes make us stronger authors. All of our students were captivated by his presentation and our Dawe Dragons certainly left his workshops with increased confidence in their own writing abilities! A big “Thank You” goes out to our Literacy Specialist, Mrs. Dowd, for organizing this event!

![Jarrett Lerner Workshop Images]

**Mrs. Perry’s Art Update:**

Happy March everyone! Hopefully everyone enjoyed this nice, mild winter… although truth be told, I would like to have seen a little bit of snow! As we head into the spring months, our thoughts are already turning towards our Fine Arts Night in May. We are very busy trying to finish up our second piece for the show. All students will have at least two pieces in the show. Some artists who are very enthused about presenting will have more to display.

Grades K-5 have been exploring the Printmaking Center. Unlike other permanent centers in the art room, the Printmaking Center is not open all year due to the amount of specific directions and clean up involved. It is sometimes difficult for students to manage this center on their own, so therefore each grade gets to use it for a few weeks and then it is closed. That being said, the majority of students have chosen to experiment with the joyful “unexpected” results that occur with printmaking.

As I included in last month’s principal newsletter, our Dawe School Artsonia site is up and running. There was a blue paper that went home with your student that explained all about this site. In the letter it was stated that you need to go online to give permission to publish your student’s work. In the event that you do not have access to a computer, my
The intent was that you could give me permission to do it for you. Unfortunately after talking with an Artsonia representative, I have learned that I am not able to do that for you and that parents/guardians need to do it themselves. I am including the link so that you can go on to their site and learn about your student’s art gallery and how to give permission for it to be seen. [https://www.artsonia.com/parents/register/artist.asp](https://www.artsonia.com/parents/register/artist.asp) I am very sorry for the confusion.

You can email me at m_perry@stoughtonschools.org with any questions or concerns. We are replacing our previous Square One Art fundraiser with Artsonia, so please check it out!

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!

Follow us at........

Twitter: @daweartists
Facebook: Dawe School Artists
Instagram: dawe.school.artists

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

Thank You!
Meridith Perry

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**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:**

- March 5th - Early Release Day *(12:20 dismissal time)* - Parent-Teacher Conferences *(by appointment only)*
- March 6th – PTO School Dance – from 6:00 to 8:00
- March 12th - 5th Grade Boston Symphony Orchestra Field Trip
- March 12th - Kindergarten Bubbles Science Workshops
- March 12th - PTO Meeting @ 6:30
March 13th - Trimester II Ends
March 18th - SPS Family Literacy and Math Night at SHS from 5:30 until 7:30
March 19th - Afrika Jazz and Rock Band Assembly at 9:30 (for students and staff only)
March 25th - R.A.P. Assembly at 9:15 (for students and staff only)
March 25th - Trimester II Report Cards Issued
March 26th - LifeTouch Spring Pictures
March 27th - SPS Volleyball Tournament
March 27th - 2nd Grade Medication Safety Presentations @ 9:00 (for 2nd grade students only)
March 30th - 5th Grade Electromagnetism Science Workshops
March 31st - School Council @ 3:00
March 31st – Tolerance and Patience Assembly (for staff and students only)
April 2nd - Early Release Day – Dismissal at 12:20
April 2nd - Kindergarten Registration Day/Night
April 13th – Bike Safety Presentations
April 16th – Pedestrian Safety Workshops

MCAS Dates:

- **English Language Arts (Grades 3, 4, and 5)**
  - **Session # 1**: April 28th
  - **Session # 2**: April 29th
- **Mathematics (Grades 3, 4, and 5)**
  - **Session # 1**: May 19th
  - **Session # 2**: May 20th
- **Science & Technology (Grade 5)**
  - **Session # 1**: May 12th
  - **Session # 2**: May 13th

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.*