Dear Dawe School Families and Friends,

I hope that you are all doing well! It has been very busy here at the Joseph R. Dawe, Jr. Elementary School! The teachers and students have been participating in fun activities and there is a strong sense of excitement surrounding the learning taking place inside each classroom.

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:

The buzz has certainly caught on here at the Dawe Elementary School with regards to our newly improved school-wide Character Building initiative. It was such a great moment seeing the students who were acknowledged for their compassionate behavior during the month of September receiving their certificates in front of the whole school and getting their pictures taken to be hung in the lobby. The 30 minute Character assembly we held included a short video on compassion, a video that introduced the concept of Responsibility, and the dispersal of Compassion certificates. This month the Character Trait students and teachers will be/have been focusing on is Responsibility. Teachers have been purposefully including the terms responsibility, ownership, reliability, and leadership in their everyday communication with their students and have even included it in their daily classroom routines and lessons. This month, teachers will be sending me “Moments of Responsibility” via email to include in my morning/afternoon announcements. I am so proud to say that my email inbox is usually inundated with these “moments” – WAY TO GO DRAGONS!

Next Month’s Character Trait is Respect. Please be sure to include this in your everyday conversations with your children at home during the month of November!
Halloween Costume Parade: Thursday, October 31st @ 1:45 pm

You are cordially invited to join the students and staff at the Dawe Elementary School on Thursday, October 31st at 1:45 PM for our annual Halloween costume parade. The intent of our staff in scheduling the costume parade, which is a tradition at the Dawe School over the years, is to reinforce respect for others and the feeling that Halloween is an evening for costumes and fun. It is not an evening for tricks, vandalism, or disregard for the rights and property of others.

All students are invited to bring a costume to school with them for the parade. Students should not wear their costumes to school. They will be allowed to change into their costumes in the afternoon. Students who do not participate in the celebration of Halloween will be given the opportunity to engage in fun technological/engineering activities in the school library.

If you would like to watch the parade, we ask that you go to the cafeteria or to the gym where there will be seats available. Our students will pass through these areas as a part of their parade route. Since we anticipate that a large number of parents, guardians, and grandparents will be attending the costume parade, additional parking will be available on the playground area at the side of the school beginning at 1:20.

Following the parade, parents are strongly requested NOT to dismiss their child. Please let your child follow the normal dismissal routine. We hope that you will be able to join us for our annual costume parade!

Dawe School Fun Run

On Thursday, October 10th, our Dawe School Dragons will participate in their Fun Run event here on our back field. It will be such a great experience and visitors will enjoy watching all of the excitement! I want to personally thank the PTO and all of you at home for your donations, consistent support, and continuous involvement with the fundraiser thus far. During this week, students will have the opportunity to participate in fun classroom activities (crazy sock day, pajama day, extra recess) and school-wide celebrations that include teachers doing crazy things – and even the Principal who will be changing his office location to the school roof for the day! These are the moments that make elementary school so special and memorable, so we appreciate all of your help with them!

Website: www.funrun.com
School Code: 639-841
Dawe School “Walk to School” Update:

The original Walk to School date of Wednesday, October 2nd has been changed to Thursday, October 3rd. Below, please find the details for the event!

We have designated a drop off location at the corner of Oakland Street and Holmes Avenue for Thursday, October 3rd from 8:00 - 8:10 AM. Dawe school staff will be at the drop off spot to assemble the group. We will begin walking together at 8:10 AM. Please join us by dropping off your child to walk with us or by bringing your whole family to walk with us.

It is going to be a great event and I cannot wait to see all of you there!

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! **POPCORN FRIDAY BEGINS ON OCTOBER 11th**! Thank you to our PTO

Upcoming Important Events:

- October 4th - Patriots Spirit Day
- October 10th - Fun Run
  - Kindergarten & 1st Grade: 8:45 – 9:45
  - 2nd Grade & 5th Grade: 10:00 – 11:00
  - 3rd Grade & 4th Grade: 11:10 – 12:10
- October 11th – Popcorn Friday Begins & Patriots Spirit Day
- October 14th - No School - Columbus Day
- October 17th - PTO Meeting
- October 18th – Popcorn Friday & Patriots Spirit Day
- October 21st - October 25th - Scholastic Book Fair
- October 23rd - Protecting All Smiles Dental Day
- October 24th - Early Release Day – Dismissal at 12:20
- October 25th – Popcorn Friday & Patriots Spirit Day
- October 29th - School Council Meeting @ 3:00
- October 29th - Responsibility Assembly @ 9:30 *(for staff and students)*
- October 31st – Halloween Costume Parade @ 1:45
Have a fantastic rest of your week! 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.