Principal Newsletter
Monday, April 2\textsuperscript{nd}

Dear Dawe School Families and Friends,

I hope that you are all doing well and that you had a wonderful three day weekend. Although this weekend gave us some beautiful weather and reminded us of what life was like before our long snowy winter, Mother Nature surprised us again with more snow! Surprisingly, there is only 56 school days left this year; however, there is still a lot of work to be done and great future events to be held at the Dawe!

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 Confidence.** Please be sure to include this in your everyday conversations with your children at home during the month of April!

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

**Chinese Acrobats Assembly:**

On Wednesday, March 28\textsuperscript{th}, our entire Dawe School Community had the pleasure of attending a Chinese Acrobats Assembly that was put on by \textit{The Bureau of Lectures}. The students and teachers were able to see these performers (some as young as 13 years old!) do tricks on a unicycle, juggle hats, spin ceramic pots on their foreheads, and do a handstand on top of a stack of chairs that almost reached our cafeteria ceiling! It was an amazing show that truly captivated all attendees. I would like to extend a big “Thank You” to the PTO for giving us the opportunity to hold this assembly!
Scholastic Partnership and a Visit from Channel 5:

On Monday, March 26th, we had the fantastic opportunity to host a press conference here at the Dawe that celebrated our school district’s partnership with Scholastic and the benefits that our students were able to experience because of this relationship. As a part of the press conference, Superintendent Dr. Marguerite Rizzi, Humanities Director Eileen Sprague, several Dawe Dragon students, and I were able to speak about the great things we have done at the Dawe to help support our commitment to Literacy and Reading. During the event, Channel 5 asked us to record our entire school community in order to be a part of the Eye-Opener Segment during their televised news – this segment will air Wednesday, April 4th @ 5:10 and 6:10 a.m. on Channel 5.

Final Stage of the Bridge Build:

Last week, our 4th and 5th Grade Dawe Dragons completed the final stage of their Bridge Build in Mr. Relihan’s Computer and Technology classroom. In the next coming weeks, students who successfully met their proposed engineering goals that were approved by Mr. Relihan will have the opportunity to test them. The group at each grade level whose bridge holds the most amount of weight will win a prize! Stay tuned for updates in our next newsletter!
Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss:

On Friday, March 2\textsuperscript{nd}, our Dawe School Dragons celebrated the birthday of the infamous Dr. Seuss! We celebrated this beloved children’s author by reading his books in our classrooms, carrying out “buddy reads” that partnered up various grade-level classrooms, enjoying a Dr. Seuss themed cake that was designed by our Cafeteria Manager Mrs. Spencer, and all of our kindergarten students were given their very own Dr. Seuss book - donated by cafeteria worker, Ms. Judith Giunta! In addition to the Dr. Seuss activities and lessons aforementioned, we also hosted a “Read Across America” week that asked students to come into school dressed in different thematic styles each day of the week (\textit{i.e.} crazy socks, twins days, everyone wear blue, etc.).

REMINDERS:

1. New Parking Lot Procedure/Traffic Pattern: Just a reminder, our first day back from April Vacation (Monday, April 23\textsuperscript{rd}) will be the first day for the enforcement of our newly developed Traffic/Parking Lot Pattern that was described in a letter sent to the school community on March 14\textsuperscript{th}.
2. 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.
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.

Upcoming Important Events:

- April Popcorn Friday’s: 4/6, 4/13, 4/27
- April 3\textsuperscript{rd} – 5:45 – 7:30 Math Game Night @ the OMS
- April 4\textsuperscript{th} - Channel 5 Eye-opener Airs @ 5:10 and 6:10 am
- April 5\textsuperscript{th} - Early Dismissal
- April 6\textsuperscript{th} - Walk to School for National Autism Awareness Month: Walk in the morning before school and then laps around the building at 1:30
- April 7\textsuperscript{th} - School Fair (10:00 AM to 2:00 pm)
- April 11\textsuperscript{th} – TLC Field Trip
- April 12\textsuperscript{th} - PTO Meeting
- April 16\textsuperscript{th} - Start of April Vacation
- April 23\textsuperscript{rd} – School Re-Opens after April Vacation
- April 23\textsuperscript{rd} - 4th Grade Science Workshops
- April 25\textsuperscript{th}, 26\textsuperscript{th}, and 27\textsuperscript{th} - ELA MCAS
- April 30\textsuperscript{th} - 2nd Grade Science Workshops
- May 1\textsuperscript{st} – 2\textsuperscript{nd} Grade Field Trip
- May 1\textsuperscript{st} – School Council
- May 3\textsuperscript{rd} – 3\textsuperscript{rd} Grade Science Workshops
MCAS Testing Dates:

- **English Language Arts (3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade)**
  - Wednesday, April 25th
  - Thursday, April 26th
  - Friday, April 27th

- **Mathematics (3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade)**
  - Thursday, May 17th
  - Friday, May 18th

- **Science & Technology (5th Grade)**
  - Monday, May 21st
  - Tuesday, May 22nd

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.*