Dear Dawe School Families and Friends,

I hope that you are all doing well! The culture at the Dawe Elementary School is buzzing with excitement and our Dawe Dragons continue to amaze all of the teachers each and every day!

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 Integrity and Honesty. Please be sure to include this in your everyday conversations with your children at home during the month of February!

Next Month’s Character Traits are Tolerance and Patience. As we get closer to the month of March, please begin discussing what the trait “Tolerance and Patience” means with your children at home. Tolerance and Patience are both important foundational traits that directly correlate to a student’s success both in and out of school.

SEED (Science and Engineering Development) Scientists Visit the Dawe

Dr. Elizabeth Bless and Dr. Sandra Pearl from SEED (Science and Engineering Development) brought their hands-on educational program to grade four students at all the Stoughton elementary schools. These photos are from their week-long visit to the Dawe. Through a series of experiments, the students learned about light and sound waves. They recorded info, hypotheses, and observations in their science journals. This program was made possible through a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Thank you to SPS STEM Coordinator Ms. Diane McDonough and SEED for "Making Waves" at the Dawe.
**Dawe Buddies:**

First & Fourth Friendships! The Dawe School Room 2 First Graders met with their Room 23 Fourth Grade Buddies to read Leo Lionni’s classic Caldecott Honor picture book, Inch by Inch, about a clever inchworm. After reading the story, the students collaborated as they created their own inchworms. This project incorporated literacy, math, art, and social-emotional skills. The classroom teachers are Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. DeLello. This sort of “Buddy Partnership” happens across many grade-levels and classrooms throughout the school!

![Image of inchworms created by students]

**The Dawe Celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day:**

The Dawe School Dragons learned about the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. These photos show just a few of their projects. The Lobby bulletin board features the First Graders’ self-portraits as they imagine themselves to be crayons of diverse and beautiful colors, brightening the world. The portraits of Dr. King were created by Kindergartners. And the First Graders shared their ideas for making Dr. King’s dreams come true.

![Image of self-portraits and portraits of Dr. King]

**Celebrating the Dawe’s 50th Year Anniversary:**

On January 30th, the Dawe School Community celebrated the school’s 50th Year Anniversary! It was an amazing event where many retirees were able to attend a breakfast put on by current Dawe staff members and then we able to enjoy a concert where our unbelievable Dawe Dragons rocked! Each grade-level sang a song from each of the decades that span the life of the Dawe Elementary School. Here are the songs that our guests had the pleasure of hearing:

- Kindergarten (1960’s): I’m A Believer by the Monkees
- 1st Grade (1970’s): Lean on Me by Bill Withers
- 2nd Grade (1980’s): Eye of the Tiger by Survivor
- 3rd Grade (1990’s): I Want it That Way by The Backstreet Boys
- 4th Grade (2000’s): Viva La Vida by Coldplay
- 5th Grade (2010’s): Shake it Off by Taylor Swift

![Image of Dawe Dragons performing at the 50th Year Anniversary]

![Image of Dawe School staff at the 50th Year Anniversary celebration]
Makerspace Egg Drop Challenge at the Dawe:

Our Awesome Dawesome 5th Graders are currently involved in the second day of their Egg Drop Challenge. Prior to being allowed to utilize the various materials available in Mr. Relihan’s Makerspace, our 5th Graders had to draft and receive approval for their material lists and blueprints. Mr. Relihan will be testing these egg-protecting vessels as soon as their build process is complete!

Mrs. Perry’s Art Update

Happy February! Hopefully your student is telling you all about the great things we are doing in the art room but if not, I will fill you in!! The fiber arts center is officially open!! In this much anticipated center, students are learning how to weave, do basic embroidery stitches and eventually sew. Students in grades 2-5 are learning how to thread and knot a school safe needle in preparation for their weaving and stitching projects. Kindergarten and first grade are learning basic weaving techniques using paper, ribbons and a loom. This center is so popular, that on any given day I sometimes have between 15-20 students asking to come into my room for recess so that they can continue to work on their fiber arts project.

In other news, our Dawe School site on Artsonia is ready to be viewed. In the upcoming days, you will get a paper with your student’s Artsonia code on it. It will also give you the option to make their artwork public so that the rest of the Dawe community can see it. If you wish to make your child’s work public, only first names are shown in order to protect their privacy. Please go to www.Artsonia.com to get more information about any questions or concerns. If for some reason you do not see your student’s name on the site, please let me know. You can email me at m_perry@stoughtonschools.org. 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

Thank You!
Meridith Perry
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:

- February 4th - 1st Grade Lights and Lasers Workshop - Discovery Museum
- February 6th - PTO Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- February 7th - School Dance from 6:00 to 8:00 pm
- February 10th - 100th Day of School
- February 13th - Diversity at the Dawe Celebration Night from 6:00 to 7:30 pm
- February 13th - Guest Author Jared Lerner (*In-School Workshops with Students!*)
- February 14th - Valentine’s Day
- February 17th - February 21st - February Vacation
- February 25th - School Council @ 3:00 pm
- February 27th - Honesty & Integrity Assembly @ 9:30 am (*for students and staff only*)
- March 5th – Early Dismissal Day (Dismissal @ 12:20) Parent-Teacher Conferences – *by appointment only*
- March 12th – Kindergarten Bubbles Workshop – Discovery Museum
- March 12th – PTO Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- March 19th – African Rock and Jazz Band Assembly for Students & Staff
- March 25th – R.A.P. (Realize Anything’s Possible) Assembly for Students & Staff
- March 27th – 2nd Grade Medication Safety Assembly
- March 30th – 5th Grade Electromagnetism Workshop – Discovery Museum

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.*