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 new 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 and getting their pictures taken to be hung in the lobby. This month the Character Trait students and teachers 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 have been 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 consistently 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!

**Fire Safety Prevention Assemblies: Wednesday, October 11th**

Lieutenant Goldberg from the Stoughton Fire Department will be here on October 11th to conduct 45 minute assemblies with our Dawe Dragons about fire safety and fire prevention. During the assembly he will be using kid-friendly language and vocabulary to help inform the students as to how they can prevent fires at home.

**Halloween Costume Parade: Tuesday, October 31st @ 1:45 pm**

You are cordially invited to join the students and staff at the Dawe Elementary School on Tuesday, 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.

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**

Yesterday, October 10th, our Dawe School Dragons participated in their Fun Run event here on our back field. It was such a great experience and watching all of the excitement was proof of the fundraising program’s success! I wanted to personally thank the PTO and all of you at home for your donations, consistent support, and continuous involvement with the fundraiser. During the week leading up to yesterday, our Dawe Dragons got to see Mr. Egan get slimed by all of their teachers and Iron Man even made a visit to our school. Additionally, because we met our goal of raising funds for schoolwide enrichment programs and activities, the Dawe Dragons will also be seeing me camp out on the front lawn for the entire school day today! These are the moments that make elementary school so special and memorable so we appreciate all of your help with them!

**Dawe School “Walk to School” Update:**

Just as a quick update, it is estimated that we had roughly double the attendance at this year’s Walk to School Day when compared to last year! It was fantastic seeing all of the smiling students walking down the street to get to school! It was a great “community moment” and I hope for many more of these types of events to take place here at the Dawe! We really appreciate the time that all of our attendees took to participate in the event. Be on the lookout for future notifications regarding upcoming Walk to School Day events!

**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.

**Upcoming Important Events:**

- October 13th - Parent Engagement Craft Night
- October 16th - October 20th - Scholastic Book Fair
- October 19th - Bus Evacuation Drills at 9:30
- October 19th - PTO Meeting (School Library)
- October 26th - Early Release Day
- October 31st - Halloween Costume Parade
- November 7th - No School for Students - Professional Development Day for Staff
- November 10th - Veteran's Day - No School
- November 22nd - Early Release to begin Thanksgiving Break
- November 23rd and 24th - No School (Thanksgiving)
- December 1st - Barnes and Noble Fundraiser
- December 7th - Parent-Teacher Conferences

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.*