Principal Newsletter
Monday, November 4th

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 excitement and buzz surrounding our Caught with Character program here at the Dawe Elementary School is certainly going strong! It was such a great moment seeing the students who were acknowledged for their responsible behavior during the month of October receiving their certificates in front of the whole school and getting their pictures taken to be hung in the lobby. This month the Character Trait students and teachers will be/have been focusing on is Respect. Teachers have been purposefully including the terms respect, honor, courtesy, and self-control 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 Respect” 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 Cooperation. Please be sure to include this in your everyday conversations with your children at home during the month of December!
Halloween Costume Parade

Our annual Halloween Costume Parade was another great success! I really enjoyed participating in my third one here at the Dawe! The students’ costumes were so creative and it was fun watching the excitement that the parade caused throughout the whole school building! Now it is time for me to start thinking about what I will be next year since being a pirate, a lumberjack, and Mickey Mouse are now checked off the list!

Dawe Dragons Get a Visit From the Stoughton Fire Department

“Not every hero wears a cape. Plan and practice your escape.” That’s the National Fire Prevention Association’s theme for National Fire Safety Month 2019. Our own “Capeless Crusader” - SFD Lt. Greg Goldberg - brought that lifesaving message to our SPS students and staff on October 18th. Lt. Goldberg also helps maintain the SFD’s website with important information on carbon monoxide safety, home exit drills, holiday and seasonal safety, and much more. Please visit https://www.stoughton.org/fire-rescue/public-fire-education often to help your family stay informed and ready to prevent and handle emergencies.
Dawe Dragon Fun Run Was a Major Success:

Rainy weather turned the Dawe School Fun Run into an indoor Glow Run, but spirits weren’t dampened by the change of venue! Families cheered on the Dawe Dragons students and staff as they walked, skipped, danced, and ran laps to earn funds for field trips, in-school enrichments, playground equipment, and so much more. Many thanks to everyone who organized, participated in, and supported this event, including the Dawe PTO, Boosterthon Fun Run, and Dawe School staff, students, and families.

Clothes for Colder Weather:

Just a quick reminder, now that the temperature we are experiencing during the morning/afternoon recess times is sometimes in the low 50’s and will only be dropping lower as winter approaches, please make every effort to send your child to school with a jacket so that they are warm while playing outside. If you have any trouble at all obtaining a jacket for your child, please reach out to me via a phone call or email.

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:

- November 5th – No School – Teacher Professional Development Day
- November 7th - LifeTouch Picture Retake Day
- November 11th - No School - Veterans Day
- November 14th - Dawe Movie Day for Fun Run Incentive
- November 14th - PTO Meeting @ 6:30
- November 19th - School Council Meeting @ 3:00
- November 19th - Dawe Kindness Night @ 6:00
- November 25th - Harlem Wizards Assembly
- November 27th - Respect Assembly for students and staff
- November 27th - Early Dismissal @ 11:45
- November 28th & November 29th - No School for Thanksgiving

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._