Principal Newsletter
Thursday, February 1st

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.

**Block Kids Building Challenge:**

Our first grade Dawe Dragons were lucky to have been given the opportunity to participate in an engineering challenge that was sponsored by the *National Association of Women in Construction*. During the building competition and experience, students were given a set of building materials (i.e. Legos, string, paper, etc.) and asked to construct any structure that they could imagine. Block Kids Building Competition is a National building competition that is sponsored on the local level by NAWIC chapters and other organizations. The award-winning program introduces children to the construction industry in an effort to create awareness and promote careers in the industry. All of the students had a fantastic time during this building challenge!
Dawe Dragons and LEGO Marketing:

After the LEGO Company came to the Dawe School to run activities with our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade Dawe Dragons, we were informed that many of our students’ photographs taken during LEGO’s visit were now being used for LEGO marketing and advertising purposes. I wanted to be sure to share the excitement of having some of our Dawe Dragons included in LEGO catalogues and brochures that were shared on an international level!

Live Morning Announcements:

Beginning soon, we will be having live morning announcements that all students will be able to watch through their classroom Smartboards each day. The Stoughton Public School District’s Technology Department has been able to get us a portable recording device that connects to an iPad, a green screen for creative backgrounds, and an audio recording system. With this new technology we will be able to offer our students exciting morning announcements and the opportunity to practice their public speaking.
Safety Patrol Officers:

On Monday, February 5th I will be training our next group of 5th grade Safety Patrol Officers. Our Safety Patrol Officer program is made up of volunteering 5th grade students who offer up their recess time to help younger students and the schoolwide community. During my training with the Safety Patrol Officers, we review the purpose of their position, we discuss the importance of safety at our school, and then each student is assigned a specific responsibility. Student assignments can range from being on duty during kindergarten recess to being in charge of opening the front door when inclement weather requires that we have indoor morning recess. A big shout out goes to our volunteering 5th grade students who help to keep the Dawe School community safe!

REMINDERS:

1. **New “One-Way Signage”:** Be sure to follow the roadway direction of the new one-way signage that has been installed at the school site during all hours of the day and every day of the week. The installation of this one-way signage was explained in the letter I sent home Monday, November 20th. By following these new signs we are creating a safer school environment for all of our Dawe Dragons. I appreciate your cooperation with this new traffic pattern protocol.

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. **Winter Clothing for Outdoor Recess:** Just as a quick reminder, now that the temperature we are experiencing during morning/afternoon recess is sometimes in the low 30’s and will only be getting lower as winter continues, 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.

4. **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.

5. **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:

- February 1st - World Read-Aloud Day
- February 2nd - Patriots Spirit Day/Popcorn Friday/School Store
- February 4th - Super Bowl LII
- February 5th - Safety Patrol Training
- February 7th - Walk to School Day
- February 8th - 2nd Grade Medication Safety Assembly @ 10:00 in the cafeteria
- February 8th - PTO Meeting
- February 9th - Popcorn Friday
- February 16th - Popcorn Friday
- February 19th - Start of February Vacation
- February 26th - School Reopens after February Vacation
- February 28th - Box Top Collection
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.