Dear Dawe School Families and Friends,

As the school year comes to a close, our minds and hearts are filled to the brim. It’s been a great year! What a school! I am so lucky and proud to be your Dawe School Principal – I could not ask for a better place to be! Together we’ve learned much and shared experiences that will long remain with us in the years to come. The strength of our community and wholehearted passion to make our school a wonderful place of learning for our children primarily but for all of us makes the Dawe Elementary School truly a special place.

Special thanks to all of you who have contributed in ways small, large and unimaginable! Copying for classroom teachers, providing food and/or organizing lunches for teachers, organizing events, working at these events, showing up to support your children, helping on field trips, serving on councils and organizations, sharing your talents, helping with traffic, picking up trash, hosting late night meetings, brainstorming the “what ifs”… supporting our work in countless ways and providing the resources to do what we dream and know is good for children. Thanks for getting your kids to school on time each day, for kind notes of encouragement that mean so much, for sending your kids with healthy lunches obviously packed with love, for making sure homework gets done… and turned in. Thank you for providing rich and engaging, well-rounded experiences for your children and knowing that education is about joy, wonder and fostering curiosity, along with the development of social skills so needed to succeed. For these, and a million other things, we are truly grateful.

Recently, I’ve been reading a bit about play-based learning and how play contributes significantly to brain growth and development. My summer reading list includes a book entitled, Last Child in the Woods, by Richard Louv. This book describes what he calls “Nature Deficit Disorder” and the positive benefits of outdoor exploration on children’s physical and emotional health. May your summer be filled with play, exploration, and lots of time spent outdoors. This is a great way to learn and we live in an amazing place for it, don’t we?!

To those of you who are leaving us for new places and adventures, we wish you all the best. Congratulations to our very capable 5th graders who are onto a new stage in their academic career! You’ve been a gift to us this year and will undoubtedly be a great asset to your new schools.

Until next year, enjoy a restful and replenishing summer with your families!

Caught with Character School-Wide Initiative:

This Month’s Character Trait is Citizenship. Please be sure to include this in your everyday conversations with your children at home during the month of June!

Upcoming Important Events:

- June 5th - 1st Grade Science Workshops
- June 5th - Kindergarten Field Trip
- June 6th - Dawe School Field Day
  - Grades 3, 4, and 5: 9:00 – 11:15 a.m.
  - Kindergarten, Grade 1, and Grade 2: 12:25 – 2:30
- June 7th - Early Release
- June 8th - 5th Grade Field Trip to OMS
- June 11th - Kindergarten Science Workshops
- June 12th - Kindergarten Orientation from 10:00 to 10:40 a.m.
- June 13th - SHS Students Science Experiments for 4th Graders
- June 14th - Flag Day Ceremony @ 10:00
- June 14th - 5th Grade Spelling Bee at SHS
- June 15th - Community Reader Day
- June 18th - 5th Grade Neponset River Watershed Association water conservation and storm water pollution presentation
- June 20th – 3rd Grade Recorder Concert at 10:15 a.m.
- June 21st – Kindergarten Celebration Rehearsal
- June 21st - 5th Grade Invention Convention
- June 22nd - 5th Grade Shark Tank Invention Convention
- June 22nd - Kindergarten Celebration and Concert at 9:00 a.m.
- June 25th - SHS Jazz Band Show at 10:30 a.m.
- June 25th – Library Summer Program Visit
- June 26th - 5th Grade Class Night at 6:00 p.m.
- June 27th - Last Day of School – Dismissal at 12:00 p.m.

Have a fantastic rest of your week and month of June! 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!

Most sincerely,

Mr. Robert C. Cancellieri
Principal

*If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.*