Principal Newsletter
Thursday, March 1st

Dear Dawe School Families and Friends,

I hope that you are all doing well and that you had a wonderful February vacation. We have officially surpassed our 100th day of school and our Dawe Dragons are continuing to make us proud each and every day with the amazing things that they do!

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 Tolerance and Patience. Please be sure to include this in your everyday conversations with your children at home during the month of March!

Next Month’s Character Trait is Confidence. As we get closer to the month of April, please begin discussing what the trait “Confidence” means with your children at home. Confidence is an important foundational trait that directly correlates to a student’s success both in and out of school.

**Winter Walk to School:**

On Wednesday, February 7th, over 40 Dawe School students, teachers, and family members joined us for our Winter Walk to School. Although the temperature was only in the mid-twenties, the enthusiasm and excitement for the walk definitely warmed us all up! Students who participated in the walk received bracelets, stickers, and bookmarks. The event was a major success and the picture below was recognized all over Twitter and the Stoughton Public School Facebook Page. Way to go Dawe Dragons!
Aluminum Boat Engineering Challenge:

During the month of February, our students’ STEM Challenge was to build a boat out of aluminum foil that could hold the most amount of weight possible. It was fantastic to see our Dawe Dragons working in collaborative partnerships as they tackled the challenge with focus and determination. The students and teachers had a great time as they further strengthened their engineering and 21st century skillset!

Valentine’s Day Cards Sent to the Sinai Hospital:

As a part of an annual tradition, our kindergarten and 1st grade Dawe Dragons made Valentine’s Day cards for the patients at Sinai Hospital. A representative from the hospital came to the Dawe to pick up the Valentine’s Day cards and shared with me how these Valentine’s Day cards truly make the patients smile when they receive them on Valentine’s Day morning with their breakfast. Our kindergarten and 1st grade Dawe Dragons were able to send more than 120 Valentine’s Day cards to the Sinai!

100th Day of School Celebrations:

On Tuesday, February 13th, our 1st – 5th grade Dawe Dragons celebrated their 100th day of school. On Wednesday, February 14th, our kindergarten students celebrated their 100th day due to their school year starting a day later. Across all of the grade levels, teachers and students celebrated the day in creative and memorable ways. Whether students were designing their 100th day of school hats, or, making giant posters to share their appreciation for staff members around the school, the Dawe was buzzing with excitement! Our students and teachers celebrations of their 100th day of school were even recognized in a Brockton Enterprise article!
5th Grade Spelling Bee:

Our Dawe Dragon 5th graders participated in another grade-level spelling bee during the month of February! This spelling bee involved only our 5th grade Dawe students; however, this event acted as another great practice opportunity for when the 5th graders compete later in the year for a chance to earn a spot at the district-wide 5th grade spelling bee! Eleven students participated in the finals of the Dawe Dragon 5th Grade Spelling Bee. After many rounds, the finalists were narrowed down to the Top 3, and then to 1 Top Speller. Congrats to all!

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:

- **March Popcorn Friday’s:** 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23
- **March 1st – Family Literacy Game Night from 5:45 to 7:30 pm (@O’Donnell Middle School)**
- **March 2nd – March 9th – Dawe School Read Across American Dr. Seuss Spirit Week**
- **March 4th – PTO Providence Bruins Game Event**
- **March 5th – Safety Patrol Switch/Training**
- **March 6th - School Council**
- **March 8th - Parent Teacher Conferences/Early Release at 12:20**
- **March 8th – PTO Bake Sale during conferences**
- **March 14th – Kindergarten Registration from 6:00 to 7:30 pm (@ Dawe School)**
- **March 15th – PTO Meeting at 6:30**
- **March 16th – PTO Sponsored School/Family Dance from 6:00 to 7:30 pm**
- **March 17th - Saint Patrick’s Day**
- **March 21st – Stoughton Parent Engagement Center Event – Family Kickboxing from 6:00 to 7:00 pm (@ Gibbons School)**
March 26th – Pennies for Patients Assembly (students only)
March 29th - Spring Lifetouch Picture Day
March 30th - Good Friday - No School

MCAS Testing Dates:

• English Language Arts (3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade)
  o Wednesday, April 25th
  o Thursday, April 26th
  o Friday, April 27th
• Mathematics (3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade)
  o Thursday, May 17th
  o Friday, May 18th
• Science & Technology (5th Grade)
  o Monday, May 21st
  o Tuesday, May 22nd

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.