Dear Dawe School Families and Friends,

I hope that you are all doing well and that you are having a wonderful week so far! The sun has been shining a bit more and the weather has been getting warmer around the Dawe recently, and I think everyone is enjoying getting outside for recess on a more consistent basis! Surprisingly, there is only 39 school days left this year; however, there is still a lot of work to be done and great future events to be held at the Dawe!

I wanted to use this Principal Newsletter as a way to pass along some important updates and information regarding various events that have taken place this past month and others that will be occurring here at the school in the very near future!

**Caught with Character School-Wide Initiative:**

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

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

**Discovery Museum's Traveling Science Workshops:**

Over the next couple of weeks, every grade level at the Dawe School will have the opportunity to attend science workshops that are being put on by the Discovery Museum. Students will have the opportunity to participate in hands-on science experiments that are related to concepts that parallel the science standards being covered in their grade level curriculum. We have already had our 2nd Grade and 4th Grade Dawe Dragons attend the workshops and they absolutely loved them! Thank you to the Dawe School PTO for funding these exciting workshops!
Dawe PTO School Fair:

On Saturday, April 7th, our Dawe School PTO held another exciting and successful Dawe PTO School Fair! It was such a great experience seeing all of our Dawe Dragon families and friends attend and participate in the events going on at the fair. The fair’s activities included a game room, a silent auction, themed prize baskets, tasty treats and snacks, a cake walk, and awesome prizes that kids were excited to earn! Being that it was my first experience at the Dawe PTO School Fair, I was absolutely blown away by the excitement that surrounded the event and the hard work that our PTO put into it in order to make it as successful as it was. Once again, a big thank you to our Dawe School PTO and all of the other volunteers who helped to make this memorable event run smoothly!

National Autism Awareness Month at the Dawe:

During the entire month of April, the staff and students at the Dawe celebrated Autism Awareness Month. The celebration and recognition of this particular month was seen during our Walk to School Day, our Walk for Now that we did at our school site with our entire school community, school staff members wearing their Autism Awareness t-shirts every Friday to work, our thematically designed lobby bulletin boards, and various activities and conversations that we had within our Dawe Dragon’s classrooms!
Dawe School Egg Drop:

On Thursday, April 12th, many of our Dawe Dragons had the opportunity to test their egg drop vessels that they had constructed as a part of their STEM Challenge for the month of April. It was fascinating to see all of our Dawe Dragon’s engineering minds at work as they thought “outside of the box” to come up with unique and impressive egg protectors! A big thank you to Ms. Milne and Mrs. Jacobs for being brave enough to drop the eggs from the school’s roof!

REMINDERS:

1. **Clothing/Dress Code/Appearance** *(the language that follows was taken directly from the SPS Student and Parent Handbook 2017 – 2018)*: We realize that style of dress is a matter of personal taste. However, we do expect that students will dress in a neat, clean, safe, and modest manner. Concern for personal appearance is an indication of self-respect and of courtesy toward others. Clothing or jewelry that displays obscene or profane language, offensive images, and/or illegal substances is not acceptable in school. Clothing such as halter tops, half shirts, tube tops, low cut shirts, spaghetti straps and shorts (no shorter than mid-thigh) are not allowed. Hats and hoods are not allowed to be worn in the building. Hats worn for religious or medical reasons are allowed.

For safety purposes, children should not wear shoes without backs or open toe sandals, as these may cause children to slip and fall during recess and on stairwells. Footwear, such as heelies, that would scratch, discolor or mar any floor in the school is not acceptable. Sneakers are highly recommended. If any items of clothing/footwear are deemed to be inappropriate or offensive, the principal may ask the student to change his/her clothing and/or call home to obtain more suitable attire.

Upcoming Important Events:

- **May Popcorn Friday**: 5/4, 5/11, 5/18, 5/25
- May 3rd – 3rd Grade Science Workshops
- May 4th – 1st Grade Field Trip
- May 9th – 5th Grade Science Workshops
- May 10th – Early Dismissal
- May 11th – All Smiles Dental is here
- May 17th – Math MCAS Session #1 (Grades 3, 4, and 5)
- May 18th – Math MCAS Session #2 (Grades 3, 4, and 5)
- May 21st – Science MCAS Session #1 (Grade 5)
- May 22nd – Science MCAS Session #2 (Grade 5)
- May 23rd – SHS Senior Walk Through @ 9:15
- May 24th – Dawe Fine Arts Showcase
  - 6:00 – Art Show Portion Opens
  - 7:00 – Fine Arts Concert
- May 25th – 3rd Grade Field Trip
- May 28th – Memorial Day – No School
- May 29th – Catie Chamberlain (5th Grade Dawe Dragon) is our “Principal for the Day”
- May 31st – 5th Grade Field Trip
- June 1st – PTO Spirit Day

**MCAS Testing Dates:**
- Mathematics (3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade)
  - Thursday, May 17th
  - Friday, May 18th
- Science & Technology (5th Grade)
  - Monday, May 21st
  - 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.*