Principal Newsletter
Thursday, November 2nd

Dear Dawe School Families and Friends,

I hope that you are all doing well! It has been fun watching the leaves change colors around our school building as the fall has arrived! I hope you are all staying warm as the warm weather has passed and cooler days have come!

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 continues here at the Dawe Elementary School with regards to our new school-wide Character Building initiative. It was such a great moment seeing the students who were acknowledged for their responsible behavior during the month of October receiving their certificates and getting their pictures taken to be hung in the lobby. This month the Character Trait students and teachers will be focusing on is Respect. Little do your children know, on the final day of November I will certainly be playing Aretha Franklin’s song, “Respect”, to really drive home how important this character trait is! Teachers will be purposefully including the terms respect, understanding, courtesy, honor, and appreciation in their everyday communication with their students and their lesson plans.

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!

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.

Halloween Costume Parade:

This year’s Halloween Costume Parade was a great success and I really enjoyed participating in my first one here at the Dawe. The student’s 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 is now checked off the list!

MCAS Student Results

Tomorrow, 4th and 5th grade students’ score reports for their MCAS assessments taken last year will be sent home through the mail. The score reports come with an explanatory section to help clarify any misunderstandings you may
have when reading/analyzing your child’s results. To learn more about the next-generation MCAS and your child’s score, go to: http://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/parents/.

* In addition to the link listed above, please also see the attached letter from Jeff Wulfson, the Acting Commissioner of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, which also acts as a nice informative guide to understanding your child’s score reports.

**Clothes for Colder Weather:**

Just as a quick reminder, now that the temperature we are experiencing during morning/afternoon recess is sometimes in the low 50’s and will only be getting 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.

**Upcoming Important Events:**

- November 1st – November 15th – Meadow Farms Fundraiser
- November 7th - No School for Students - Professional Development Day for Staff
- November 8th – All Smiles Dental will be at the school
- November 9th – Lifetouch Picture Re-Take Day
- November 10th - Veteran’s Day - No School
- November 14th – Stoughton’s Parent Engagement Center’s Raising Safe Stoughton Citizens at the Gibbons Elementary School – 6:00 – 7:30
- November 16th – PTO Meeting – 6:30 to 7:30
- November 22nd - Early Release (No Lunch Served) to begin Thanksgiving Break
- November 23rd and 24th - No School (Thanksgiving)
- November 30th – Box Tops Due
- December 1st - Barnes and Noble Fundraiser
- December 7th - Parent-Teacher Conferences

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.*