Dear Dawe School Parents and Families,

The Dawe School Community Conducts Itself with Character

This year at the Joseph R. Dawe, Jr. Elementary School, we will have a schoolwide focus on the character development of our students. Our students will be expected to conduct themselves with character each day. The character traits we will focus on are as follows: compassion, responsibility, respect, cooperation, self-control, integrity/honesty, tolerance/patience, confidence, perseverance, citizenship. Each month a new trait will be introduced and reinforced in the classrooms through morning meeting, classroom procedures, class expectations and any other time that seems appropriate in the classroom. Outside the classroom, everyone is encouraged to use the language and comment to students when they are conducting themselves with character such as, “Be sure to conduct yourself with character.” or “Did you conduct yourself with character?” and “I saw that you were being responsible.” These words give us a powerful, common language to use when talking about character with the students.

In September, all of the words will be introduced to the students. Every classroom, including the gym and cafeteria, will display all of the traits throughout the year while highlighting the monthly focus trait.

Each month we will recognize students who exemplify each trait. Students will have their picture taken and it will be displayed in the display case in the lobby!

As parents, we encourage you to reinforce ‘Conducting Ourselves with Character’ outside of school. Ask your children to explain which trait they are working on and how they are demonstrating their knowledge of the trait and how they have conducted themselves using that trait. Ask them how they can use the trait at home with their family and friends.

‘Conducting Ourselves with Character’ helps to create a positive learning environment for our school community!

Thank you all in advance for your support!

Robert C. Cancellieri

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COMPASSION – caring for others with kindness