Dear Dawe School Families and Friends,

I hope that you are all doing well and that you have had a wonderful week thus far! The Spring is finally upon us and our Dawe Dragons are loving being outside for recess each day! Surprisingly, there is only 49 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 occurring here at the school in the very near future!

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

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

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

**Dawe PTO School Fair:**

On Saturday, March 23rd, 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! Once again, 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. Additionally, we had a special visit from our future Superintendent - Dr. John Marcus! A big thank you to our Dawe School PTO and all of the other volunteers who helped to make this memorable event run smoothly!
Cup Stacking Engineering Challenge/Tournament:

During the month of March, our students’ STEM Challenge was to build the tallest tower using plastic cups. Our STEM team put together a tournament style bracket where students were able to face-off in class-to-class cup stacking competitions. The entire tournament concluded with a grand finale championship that was held in our gymnasium for the entire Dawe School Community to watch. In the end, the finalists were a kindergarten student and a 5th grade student! The students and teachers had a great time as they further strengthened their engineering and 21st century skillset!

3rd Grade Straw Rockets:

During their Computer time, 3rd Grade Dawe Dragons had the opportunity to utilize materials from our MakerSpace to design and build their own straw rockets. Discussions regarding suitable weights and launch angles were held in a collaborative environment that helped to support and strengthen their 21st Century Skills! Observing these students using their critical thinking skills and problem-solving with one another was quite the sight! Way to go Dawe Dragons!

5th Grade Dawe Dragons Visit the Boston Symphony Youth Orchestra:

On March 27th, our 5th Grade Dawe Dragons had the fantastic opportunity to attend a performance held by the Boston Symphony Youth Orchestra! The field trip for all 5th Graders across the entire town of Stoughton was funded by each school’s PTO! The students had an amazing time and this experience is surely one they will never forget!
Stoughton Public Library Comes to the Dawe:
On March 18th, our 1st Grade Dawe Dragons had the pleasure of welcoming Amy Dean from the Stoughton Public Library into their classrooms. Mrs. Dean read aloud a story to our 1st Graders, encouraged them to make good use of their library cards, and answered questions about resources and events available at our beautiful new library. Since Mrs. Dean’s visit, our Reading Specialist, Mrs. Fisher, has increased the number of our Dawe Dragons who now have their very own library cards exponentially!

Mrs. Perry’s Art Update:
Dawe School students are very busy preparing for our yearly Fine Arts Night. Many students are putting the finishing touches on their pieces in anticipation of the big night. Right now we are concentrating on our 2D and fiber art pieces. After vacation, the students will come back to a fully stocked sculpture center with new types of supplies so that they can create more exciting pieces for the show.

If anyone has any small wood scraps, small pieces of hardware (like nuts, bolts, washers, etc.) or old cd’s that they wish to donate to our sculpture center, it would be greatly appreciated.

Our annual art show is Thursday, May 23rd from 6:30-7:30. Please join us so you can see all of the fantastic choice-based / Teaching for Artistic Behavior pieces of art that the students have worked hard on all year long.

In other news, if you haven’t done so already, please find us on the following social media sites. Here you will be able to find great examples of what is happening in the Dawe School art room!

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Twitter: @daweartists
Facebook: Dawe School Artists
Instagram: dawe.school.artists

More information about Teaching for Artistic Behavior can be found at:
https://teachingforartisticbehavior.org
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.

4. **Popcorn Fridays and School Store:** The school store will be open in the school lobby every Friday morning beginning at 8:00 a.m. There is a wide variety of items for sale! Additionally, popcorn will be sold every Friday for 50 cents a bag! Thank you to our PTO!

**Upcoming Important Events:**

- April 5th – Stoughton Public Schools *Kathleen M. Bedrosian Scholarship Volleyball Tournament* @ 5:30 at the OMS
- April 9th – School Council @ 3:00
- April 11th – PTO Meeting @ 6:30
- April 15th – April 19th – April Vacation
- April 25th – Character Counts “Confidence” Assembly for Students & Teachers @ 9:15
- April 26th – Walk to School Day for Autism Awareness Month
- April 29th – Kindergarten – 2nd Grade Spring Concert @ 10:00 a.m.
- April 30th and May 1st – ELA MCAS for Grades 3, 4, and 5
- May 6th – Dental Day @ the Dawe
- May 7th – School Council @ 3:00
- May 9th – Early Dismissal Day – Dismissal @ 12:20
- May 13th & May 14th – Mathematics MCAS for Grades 3, 4, and 5
- May 16th – PTO Meeting @ 6:30
- May 20th – May 24th – Scholastic Book Fair
- May 21st & May 22nd – Science & Technology MCAS for Grade 5
- May 22nd – 5th Grade Showcase Night @ the OMS at 6:30
- May 23rd – Dawe School Fine Arts Night from 6:30 – 7:30
- May 27th – No School – Memorial Day
- May 31st - Buddy Pedestrian Safety Program for 2nd and 5th Grade
  - 5th Grade Training Component - 1:00 - 1:20
  - Room 9 Training - 1:20 - 1:40
  - Room 10 Training - 1:40 - 2:00
  - Room 11 Training - 2:00 - 2:20

**MCAS Dates:**

- English Language Arts (Grades 3, 4, and 5)
  - Session # 1: April 30th
  - Session # 2: May 1st
- Mathematics (Grades 3, 4, and 5)
  - Session # 1: May 13th
  - Session # 2: May 14th
- Science & Technology (Grade 5)
  - Session # 1: May 21st
  - Session # 2: 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.*