Principal Newsletter
Wednesday, January 2nd

Dear Dawe School Dragon Families and Friends,

I hope that you are all doing well! I hope that all of you enjoyed your winter vacation and Happy New Year! Our Dawe Dragons worked very hard and accomplished many great things during the year 2018, now it is vital that we continue on with the progress to make 2019 a great year!

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 Self-Control. Please be sure to include this in your everyday conversations with your children at home during the month of January!

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

Makerspace at the Dawe and an “Hour of Code”:

Students participated in the “Hour of Code” in Mr. Relihan’s 5th grade technology classes at the Dawe School during the month of December – the students’ experiences during the “Hour of Code” included various coding activities that were developmentally appropriate for their grade-level. Additionally, as a part of a Makerspace Project, 5th grade Dawe students were tasked with drafting blue prints for their air gliders they will be making out of balsa wood. The gliders, once done, will be tested off the school roof. These engineers are learning quickly that accurate measurements are vital when ordering materials for this build.
Dawe School Book Swap:

Prior to winter vacation, the Dawe School Literacy Leadership Team hosted a book swap to share a collection of new reading materials for students’ time off from school! Students were asked to gather all of their gently used books to bring to school in order to trade them in for fresh new books. When the students brought their books to school, they gave them to their classroom teachers so that they could be submitted to the Book Swap.

On Thursday, December 20, students were able to “shop” for as many books as they brought in to swap (ex. if a student donated 3 books, they had the opportunity to come home with 3 different/new books). The goal of the Book Swap was to get a new book in every student’s hands to read over vacation! By the end of the swap, OVER 1,000 BOOKS WERE SENT HOME! Thanks to all of your generous donations, many students were able to take home at least 1 or more books!

Winter Concert:

On Friday, December 21st, Dawe School students, parents, families, and friends were treated to a beautiful concert where our 4th and 5th grade chorus and band performers sang/played songs of the season and other sensational selections. Our Music teacher, Mr. Weigel, and our band instructors, Mrs. Fiske, Mrs. Horan, and Mr. DeFrias, led our Dawe Dragons through their wonderful performances and inspired them to play/sing with passion! Our Dawe Dragon teachers also got into the festive spirit by participating in a Holiday/Ugly Sweater Contest! It was a great day had by all!
4th Grade’s “Holidays Around the World”:

On Thursday, December 20th, our 4th Grade Dawe Dragons held their annual Holidays Around the World event in our cafeteria. For their projects, our 4th grade students had to select a holiday from around the world, research it, and develop a poster board that identified the most important aspects of their holiday! This event was amazing and every student did a wonderful job! I could not believe how creative our Dawe Dragons were and it was nice to have such a great parent/family member turnout for the event!

![Poster boards from Holidays Around the World event](image)

Dawe School PTO Holiday School Store:

The Dawe PTO hosted the Holiday Store on December 3rd, an annual tradition that gives students the opportunity to shop for presents for family members, friends, and even pets! The gifts are always high quality and low cost, and each student is given Dawe Dollars to ensure that each child can participate. A big “THANK YOU” goes out to our PTO volunteers who made this wonderful holiday experience possible!

![Students shopping at Holiday Store](image)

Mrs. Perry’s Art Update

Happy 2019!! I hope everyone’s year is off to a great start! Here at the Dawe, we are about to start our yearly Square 1 Art fundraiser. For those of you new to our school, Square 1 Art is a fundraiser in which your child’s artwork can be purchased on a variety of different keepsakes including water bottles, iPhone covers, mouse pads, aprons, etc. Students will be creating their drawing in art class during the next two weeks of school. Any student who needs more than two classes to finish their work, will be allowed to take it home to finish with the expectation that they return it to me the next day. Once everyone has finished, Square 1 Art will then create a catalog for each individual student showing all of the items that are available for purchase. Your student will also receive a free page of stickers with their art on it. This whole process generally takes a few months, so be on the lookout later in the year for information on how you can buy these items.

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!

Follow us at………..

Twitter: @daweartists
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:

- January 11th - SHS Track and Field Program for 4th/5th Grade Dawe Students @ 3:00
- January 14th - 3rd Grade Traveling Science Workshops
- January 16th - Rob Surette Artist Assembly for students and staff @ 9:15
- January 17th - PTO Meeting @ 6:30
- January 18th - PTO Adult Social from 6:00 – 10:00
- January 21st - No School - MLK, Jr. Day
- January 22nd - School Council @ 3:00
- January 23rd - 1st Grade Traveling Science Workshops
- January 24th - Early Dismissal @ 12:20
- January 31st - Self-Control Assembly @ 9:20
- February 14th - Bike Safety Presentations in the Cafeteria
  - Kindergarten/First Grade - 8:45 to 9:15
  - Second/Third Grade - 9:20 - 9:50
  - Fourth/Fifth Grade - 9:55 - 10:25
- April 3rd - Bike Rodeo for all students (held after school by MassDOT)
- May 31st - Buddy Pedestrian Safety Program for 2nd and 5th Grade

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.*