Dear Dawe School Families and Friends,

I hope that you are all doing well and that you had a wonderful February vacation. We have officially surpassed our 100th day of school and our Dawe Dragons are continuing to make us proud each and every day with the amazing things that they do!

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 Traits are Tolerance and Patience. Please be sure to include this in your everyday conversations with your children at home during the month of March!

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

**Valentine’s Day Cards Sent to the Sinai Hospital:**

As a part of an annual tradition, our Dawe Dragons made Valentine’s Day cards for the patients at Sinai Hospital. A representative from the hospital came to the Dawe to pick up the Valentine’s Day cards and shared with me how these Valentine’s Day cards truly make the patients smile when they receive them on Valentine’s Day morning with their breakfast. Our Dawe Dragons were able to send more than 200 Valentine’s Day cards to the Sinai!
Bike Safety Training at the Dawe:
On Friday, February 15th Tom Francis, Bike Enthusiast, and Vivian Ortiz, Outreach Coordinator with Massachusetts Safe Routes to School, visited with the Dawe School students to demonstrate safe biking practices, including proper helmet use, bike maintenance, and hand signals. Every Dawe Dragon had the opportunity to attend this informative training and we will be hosting a Bike Rodeo and Pedestrian Safety Training ran by the Massachusetts Safe Routes to School in the very near future!

100th Day of School Celebrations:
On Tuesday, February 12th, our 1st – 5th grade Dawe Dragons celebrated their 100th day of school. On Wednesday, February 13th, our kindergarten students celebrated their 100th day due to their school year starting a day later. Across all of the grade levels, teachers and students celebrated the day in creative and memorable ways. Whether students were designing their 100th day of school hats, or, making giant posters to share their appreciation for staff members around the school, the Dawe was buzzing with excitement! Our students and teachers celebrations of their 100th day of school were recognized across multiple social media platforms!

5th Grade Spelling Bee:
Our Dawe Dragon 5th graders participated in another grade-level spelling bee during the month of February! This spelling bee involved only our 5th grade Dawe students; however, this event acted as another great practice opportunity for when the 5th graders compete later in the year for a chance to earn a spot at the district-wide 5th grade spelling bee! Twelve students participated in the finals of the Dawe Dragon 5th Grade Spelling Bee. After many rounds, the finalists were narrowed down to the Top 4 – these top 4 spellers will be our Dawe School Representatives at the district-wide spelling bee on April 1st! The 4 students moving on are Spencer Tran, Jake Mooney, Hans Avellan, and Max Pokraka! Congrats to all!
Mrs. Perry’s Art Update:

It is hard to believe that March is already here! Our yearly Fine Arts Night is a little over 2 months away! Right now, we are very busy trying to finish up work and to also create new and creative masterpieces to put on display. Students in K-5 all participate in this wonderful showcase of choice-based art. The Fine Arts Night takes place at the end of May, so stay tuned for the specific date and time.

As I look back at the month of February, I think about all of the enthusiasm and creativity that was flowing throughout the art room. Fourth and fifth graders learned about using chalk pastels. Students spent many class periods learning the basics of drawing with and blending these colorful (and often messy) pastels. Students in grades 1-3 learned how to paint with India Ink. Ink is an excellent medium for students to choose if they would like to create large scale paintings. Kindergarten is continuing to explore the joys of collage. Students used a multitude of papers, fabrics, and other materials to create collages of their choice.

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
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:**
- March 7th – Parent Teacher Conferences
- March 12th – Kindergarten Discovery Museum Traveling Science Workshops
- March 14th – PTO Meeting @ 6:30
- March 14th – Stoughton Public Library visits our 1st Grade Dawe Dragons
- March 15th – 2nd Grade Medication Safety Presentation
- March 19th – School Council @ 3:00
- March 20th – Kindergarten Registration from 5:00 – 6:30
- March 28th – 5th Grade Discovery Museum Traveling Science Workshops
- March 28th – LifeTouch Spring Picture Day
- April 1st – 5th Grade District-Wide Spelling Bee at SHS (more details to follow regarding time of the event)
- April 2nd – District-Wide Math Night @ OMS (more details to follow regarding time and location)
- April 3rd – Bike Rodeo for all students (held after school by MassDOT)
- 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.*