

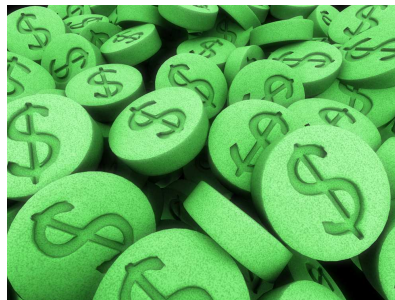
Around Dawson

With Assistant Principal Barbara Diamond

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Student Council Completes Third Community Service Project

Student Council members have just completed Dawson's third community service project in conjunction with the Dawson PTA which was collecting funds for Haitian Relief. The school raised \$639.51. The funds will be sent to the Red Cross. Prior to that Council members worked with the Health Office on the Second Annual Pet Food Drive. Through generous donations from students and their families and the Dawson staff, 268 items of pet food were collected and donated to the Wachusett Food Pantry and the Sweet Pea Animal Shelter in Rutland. This project was highlighted in the Telegram Towns section of the Telegram & Gazette as well as the Holden Landmark. Earlier in the year, Student Council sponsored Hats on Day for The Foundation for Children with Cancer which recently recognized Dawson School with a certificate for making a difference for kids with cancer.



Earth Songs Concert Enjoyed by Dawson Community

Dawson students presented a celebration of music for their families based on the theme of Earth Songs. Parents heard lyrics about the sounds of nature, and a recognition of the mountains, rain, rivers flowing, enjoying fresh air and observing fireflies. To quote Edward Elgar, "My idea is that there is music in the air, music all around us; the world is full of it, and you simply take as much as you require." Students highlighted all that music from the natural world in a program that reminded us of spring while we are in the midst of winter.

Fifth Grade Book Club Performs at an IALAC Assembly

Book Club was formed in October to provide enrichment to any fifth grader who loves to read. Club members have been reading short stories, Reader's Theater scripts or books and discussing the material. After reading *Just Kidding*, a story of emotional bullying, they put the story into script format and presented it to the whole school at an IALAC assembly. The performers enjoyed the opportunity to share an interesting story that related to the program on how to STAMP Out Bullying which was sponsored by the Dawson PTA in the fall.



Until next time, Barbara Diamond