

# Dawson Elementary School Newsletter

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## Principal's News

Welcome Back!

Here it is September 6th and we are into our second week of school. Thank you for your patience as we work through bus schedules in the pickup and drop off times. We had a great opening and everything went smoothly. I see many happy faces eager to learn and start a new day.

Curriculum Nights are approaching quickly. We tried to coordinate our nights with Mount View so there was no over lapping. Teachers will be sending home information as to the time and date.

We have a few new staff members that joined us this year. Mandie Flynn is our new half time K teacher and Ryan Engebretson is our new music teacher. We also have 3 new support staff to help our students and staff.

There is an opening for a parent member on the Dawson School Improvement Council. We meet once a month to discuss our goals for the school and our vision for the year. If you are interested please fill out the nomination form and return it to me by September 16th. A general election will be held at the PTA meeting on October 11th. Our first meeting will be October 18th at 7:00 PM in the school library.

This year school insurance forms have not been included in the back to school packets. Forms are located on our school website. If you are interested and unable to download a form, please contact the office and one will be sent home to you.

## Dear Parents

On behalf of the Dawson School community I would like to thank you for all your support last year and your continued support for this upcoming

*"Developing our students' knowledge, skills and talents to the fullest so they can make the world a better place for all".*

year. Due to hard work from the many volunteers and the fundraising committees, the PTA will again generously support our academic program through enrichment programs coordinated by Heather Tarantino and Barbara Diamond.

You will notice that our website is improving with more news and dates. I am going to keep the website updated with all our upcoming events, newsletters, etc. Please check it often as it will change throughout the year.

The PTA also has a link from the Dawson website. They have worked hard to provide up-to-date information regarding their program and upcoming school events.

IALAC will continue as it has been in the past. To ensure consistency in being IALAC, the classrooms are developing individual classroom Constitutions which simply state, *We the undersigned agree to be...Safe...Respectful....Responsible.* You will also see a copy of the school constitution on the bulletin board outside the cafeteria. Each grade and staff member has signed this agreement and it will be posted on Constitution Day.

If your child is out and you do not report his/her absence we are required to call each home to be sure that all children are safe. Please call in before 9:00 AM when your child is not going to be in school.

Thank you for being cautious in the driveway during the AM drop off. I appreciate you walking the children across the driveway.

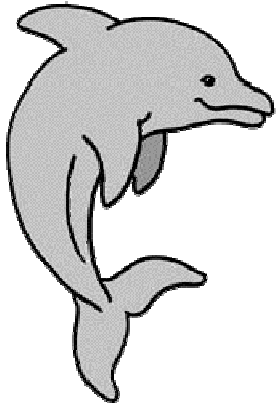
For those of you who use rear door pickup, thanks for the large sign with your name on it. It helps the pickup go more smoothly.

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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ PTA Meeting
- ◆ Fall Festival
- ◆ September 21<sup>st</sup> early release 12:20 no PM K
- ◆ September 8th- K and 1 Curriculum Night
- ◆ September 15th- GR. 2 and 3 Curriculum Night



“has demonstrated an understanding that all people and things have value; being kind, loyal, supportive, honest, and accepting.

Our first theme of the year is **Friendship**. As students move on to new classrooms they may be in classrooms with others that they have not been in class with before. The first few weeks of school teachers work hard to develop the classroom community and prepare activities that allow students to get to know one another. Being friends means being there for each other at all times, whether it's good or bad. It means sharing, listening, and saying nice things about you. True friends support each other and listen. Please talk about this trait at home as we talk about it in school.

## Upcoming Events

Watch the school and PTA calendar for upcoming events as they are always changing. Visit the school website for updated news! As of now.....

- **September 5<sup>th</sup>**- No School Labor Day
- **September 8-** K Curriculum Night 6-7PM  
Gr. 1 Curriculum Night 7-8PM
- **September 8th** - Papa Gino's Night
- **September 13th**- First PTA meeting 7:00 in the cafeteria. 6:30 "Social"
- **September 15th**- Gr. 2 Curriculum Night 6-7PM
- **September 15th**- Gr. 3 Curriculum Night 7-8PM
- **September 21<sup>st</sup>**- Early Release 12:20- No School
- **September 23<sup>rd</sup>**- Fall Festival

Information will also be found on the school website.

## School Survey

In the spring a parent survey was sent out. One hundred forty surveys were returned. One of the sections was *Bus Transportation*. The first section was on bus behavior. To address bus behavior I met with the drivers before school began and shared the school and District's behavioral expectations. I have strongly urged drivers to report instances of inappropriate behavior to the administration. Once I receive the report it is immediately looked into and consequences are given as outlined in the handbook. A copy of the bus notice and District's Expectations were provided in the back to school packet. Please go over the bus rules and consequences with your child.

Teachers have reviewed the rules for bus behavior with their students as well. We will continue to remind students of the expectations on the bus throughout the year. I also reviewed bus expectations at our first school-wide assembly.

For safety reasons drivers were reminded to have students seated at all times and to wait until all students are seated before moving.

Areas are labeled by grade so there should never be a problem as to where each grade sits.

I look forward to another exciting school year. Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions or concerns.

I will see you all at Curriculum Night and throughout the school year!

*Yours in IALAC,*  
*Patricia A. Scales, Principal*