

Dawson Elementary School Newsletter

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Principal's News

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ June 2- Gr. 3 Invention Convention
- ◆ June 3rd - Field Day
- ◆ June 7th- 3:45 Volunteer Appreciation
- ◆ SIMCO- 7:00
- ◆ June 9th-K Author's Tea
- ◆ June 13th-Grade 2 Field Trip
- ◆ June 17th- Grade 5 Play and Art Show
- ◆ June 22- last day of School- 12:20 dismissal

Well, here it is June! Where has the year gone? With just a few weeks left you might think that things slow down, but in school we are busy preparing for the close of school and preparing for next year. We are busier than ever!

I would like to share some news with you. If you have not already heard, we are losing two very valuable members of Dawson School. MaryJane Rasku will be retiring this year. She has provided the kids with a warm and nurturing classroom where her kids learn, grow socially and developmentally and feel valued. Thank you Mrs. Rasku for all that you do and have done for the students and staff at Dawson.

Melinda Johnson, our school nurse is also retiring this year. We depend on Mrs. Johnson for providing ALL of us with her care and expertise. She does so much more than you can imagine: everything from bug bites, to the loose tooth! Our school will be missing them next year. I am sure you will join me in wishing them the best!

Dear Parents

What a wonderful year! I want to say thank you to the very people who make Dawson Elementary a special place to be. It is easy for me to say that Dawson is a place where our children can learn, mature, be challenged, feel safe, and feel appreciated. I use the word our, because that is how we feel about our children. Dawson is truly a community school where you can always find parent volunteers working in and out of classrooms.

We have worked hard with our children. Dawson students should be proud of their accomplishments this year as they move forward to another grade or another school. Parents have provided the much-needed support at home as well, helping their children with homework, projects, and reinforcing the importance of

The teachers take pride in their work with our children. They have spent the year working endless hours preparing for classes, correcting homework, and conferencing with the students and parents. They have planned special programs that were presented to parents and the school.

The PTA has been unstoppable this year! Enrichment programs, field trips, support material, and special events, are just a few of the ways that they have been involved this year. **From all of us at Dawson, Thank you!**

The custodial staff works hard on our building. It always looks fabulous inside and out.

The cafeteria staff provides a nutritious and appealing lunch. They are friendly and make the cafeteria a fun place to eat. **June 8th will be the last day to get an IOU from the cafeteria. . All IOUs need to be paid by June 10th.**

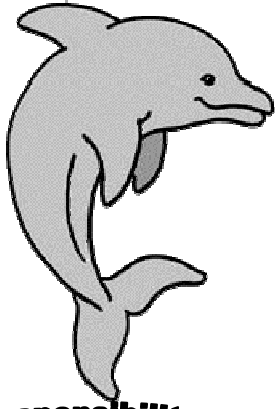
All medications need to be picked up by an adult before the last day of school.

Next year SIMCO will be looking for new members. We will need a parent member. Please consider participating on SIMCO to help us shape and guide our school. Look for more information in the fall.

As the year draws to a close many of you like to show appreciation to your child's teacher by buying an end of the school year gift. Please keep in mind the new Ethics Law. (Guidelines are on the website) Your gifts are always thoughtful and appreciated. I know how much your children like to give back to their teachers. As your child looks for that special gift, your child may also want to consider a gift to the classroom. Feel free to contact your child's teacher for specific items that they may like.

There are many, many items in the Lost and Found. Please look there for lost items. Items left on the last day of school will be donated to a charity.

IALAC



Responsibility

“in recognition for demonstrating the qualities of responsibility. You follow through on what you start. You take your actions seriously, and are trustworthy. You use good judgment and believe in yourself!

May’s IALAC theme was Responsibility and June’s theme is Teamwork. Our goal was to reinforce the belief that you need to set a goal for yourself and achieve it. We wanted our children to see responsibility as a very powerful tool that can be developed for achieving about anything that they could dream. Responsible individuals follow through on what they start, and take their actions seriously. They are trustworthy and people know they can count on you. You think things through and use good judgment.

June’s theme is “Working Together.” Nothing gets done faster than when we work together. We need to be there to support each other in and out of the classroom. Team work is what we are all about at Dawson School. It is a lesson from the geese. We all work together “to make the world a better place for all.”

Upcoming Events

As of now.....

- June 1&2- Grade 4 Watershed Field Trips
- June 2- Invention Convention and Recorder Concert- Grade 3..
- June 3- Field Day
- June 6- Field Day rain date
- June 7- Volunteer Appreciation 3:45-4:30
- June 7- SIMCO- 7:00 library
- June 8- Poetry Slam - 4R + 4L
- June 9- K- Author's Tea
- June 13th- Grade 2 to Mystic
- June 14th- Grade 3 walking trip to Holden Center
- June 16th - Grade 5 Play for the School
- June 17th Grade 5 Play for Parents and Grade 5 Art Show
- June 22nd- Last Day of School

Students will be dismissed at 12:20 and teachers will have a full day.

August 30th - School Begins!

Summer Activities

Throughout the year, teachers have worked hard to develop lessons that are engaging and meaningful. These lessons are developed to provide the best in instructional practices.

Over the summer have your child continue to read their “just right” books. Read all kinds of books! The more your child reads the better writer and communicator they will become! Practice sight words with your children, ask thick and thin questions, make connections, and build background knowledge.

Although there are no formal summer reading requirements, it is helpful to keep a log of all the books that they have read. A copy of this log is on line and you can have your child bring it in and share it with their teacher in the fall. A list of school supplies will be sent home with your child and will be available on the web.

Keep those reading, writing, and math skills up! Keep a journal of your summer adventures! Even a trip to the backyard can become an adventure. Take pictures and write about them. Use your math skills everyday. Look for opportunities that will challenge you! Join a book club at the library, read at camp, or with your friends!

Practice those math facts. It will help us get back into the swing of things in the fall.

Class Lists



As we have done in the past, class lists will be posted on the front doors, Friday August 26th. If for any reason you choose not to have your child's name posted please contact the school.

Class lists are developed with input from the surveys that you gave to the school, balancing girls and boys, as well as ability levels to maintain a balanced classroom.

Transportation

Transportation routes will be sent to you as they have been in the past. We are aware that some buses are more crowded this year. As a result some of the routes have been revised and your child may not be taking the same bus as last year.

Summer Reading Lists

Students in K-5 do not have summer reading lists. Instead we would like to encourage your child to pick a "just right book, and to keep a reading log of all the books that they read over the summer!

School Supplies



This year all students will be given a materials supply list for items that they will need next year. It will also be listed on the school web site.

Reminders.....

Students are reminded that all library books are due this week.

All school texts need to be returned to the school before school ends.

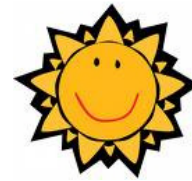
There are no IOUs from the cafeteria.

The last day of school is June 22nd . It will be a half day for students and a full day for teachers.

Summer Hours

The school office hours are:
Monday- Friday 7:30- 3:30
We are closed for lunch from 12:00- 12:30
Office phone- 508-829-6828

Happy Summer!



I hope you all have the chance to spend some family time together. Relaxing, reading a book, having a picnic at the beach, sounds pretty nice to me! I will be away July 5-12th, and July 29th- Aug. 3rd. I will be in the rest of the summer.

Stay safe, enjoy the summer months, and remember to wear sunscreen!

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