

Around Dawson

With Assistant Principal Barbara Diamond

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Grade Four Presents a Celebration of Young Authors



Fourth Grade classes presented a Celebration of Young Authors for their parents. Class members set a welcoming tone with musical performances on piano and flute. Some students volunteered to sit in the author's chair and read their personal narrative to the audience. Other class members had time to share their narrative one on one with their parents. As one parent observed "it is good to have the opportunity to see how much our children are capable of and how much they carry around inside. This program reminds me to make time to talk with my children, no matter how busy I may be". Since starting Writer's Workshop this year, this was the first opportunity for students to publish and share outside the class. A follow up is planned this spring to showcase the fourth grade writers' growth.

The Season of Giving Continues with a Pet Food Drive



The Second Annual Pet Food Drive started January 3rd and continues until February vacation. Students are asked to donate any kind of pet food which will be going to the Wachusett Food Pantry. This drive is organized by School Nurse Melinda Johnson with assistance from Student Council who made posters. Dawson has been involved in many community service projects in this season of giving. Examples include the providing of gifts for a holiday party at Sherry's House in Worcester, Mrs. Koziol's students weaving placemats for the Senior Center and Miss Delorme's class collecting needed items for the Children's Pediatric ER at Floating Hospital for Children in Boston and the ChildLife Program at UMass Memorial in Worcester. The Student Council also sponsored Hats on Day, asking for a contribution of \$1.00 from everyone wearing a hat in school December 11th. The funds are going to the Foundation for Children with Cancer which provides financial assistance for families of children with pediatric cancer.

Until next time,

Barbara Diamond