

# Around Dawson

With Assistant Principal Barbara Diamond

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## STAMP Out Bullying Program Presented at Dawson



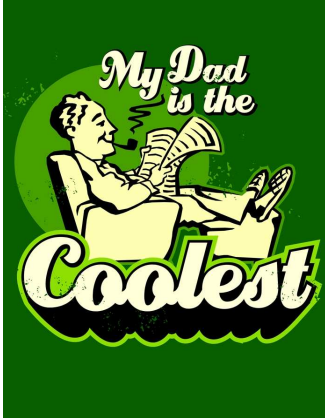
"We can't let people with bad behavior rule the school," Jay Banks told students at a recent assembly entitled *STAMP Out Bullying*. STAMP is the acronym Mr. Banks used to teach students to Stay away from bullies, Tell someone, Avoid bad situations, Make friends and Project confidence. The students learned a simple definition for bullying as having someone trying to be the boss of you. Mr. Banks also explained to older students that bullying can be physical or emotional when your feelings are involved or social when people are talking about you. He encouraged students to feel comfortable about reporting bullying by reminding them that teachers have been bullied before so they understand how it feels and they know what to do about it. Students and teachers alike enjoyed the high energy mix of music and slapstick comedy that delivered a relevant message.

## Fifth Graders are Holding Student Council Elections



Students hoping to be part of Student Council have brought in campaign posters and are giving speeches to classmates in preparation for upcoming Council elections. Each class will have two representatives who will help facilitate activities such as community service projects, an IALAC poster contest and a Spelling Bee for grades 3 - 5 as well as special events such as Hat Day.

## Calling All Dads.....



We'd like to have a male presence at school so we are looking for dads who can volunteer to offer the Junior Achievement program in classrooms. Although the Worcester office of the organization is closed, Junior Achievement of Boston will sponsor the program at Dawson School. All that is involved is presenting the activities once a week for six weeks. On line training is available and teachers will set times that are mutually convenient to the volunteer and the classroom schedule. Junior Achievement teaches social studies and economics that meet Massachusetts Curriculum Framework standards. Please contact me (508-829-6828 x349) if you are interested.

**Until next time,**

Barbara Diamond