

Around Dawson

With Assistant Principal Barbara Diamond

December 2011

Fourth Grade Fundraiser Supports Alex's Lemonade Stand to Raise Awareness of Childhood Cancer and Raise Money to Battle the Disease

Grade Four students demonstrated that when life hands you a lemon, make lemonade! The fourth graders sponsored the Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation by selling lemonade juice boxes one Friday morning and collecting additional donations through the purchase of Lemon Pledges which were on display in the school cafeteria. Students had a goal of raising \$500 and succeeded in raising \$634.40. The Foundation's goals are to raise awareness of childhood cancer and contribute money to battle the disease.

Holiday Helper Program Supports Why Me/ Sherry's House

In keeping with the spirit of community service, many Dawson students and their families sponsored a child from Why Me/Sherry's House for the holidays. Families brought in newly purchased gifts and gift cards to school. which will be distributed to participating clients during the annual Sherry's House holiday party. Sherry's House assists children and families who are affected by cancer.

Winter Concert Time at Dawson!

On December 20th students will present a Winter Concert of seasonal music for their families facilitated by music teacher Ryan Engebretson. In addition to music for Christmas, Hanukkah and the winter season, the concert will feature the Dawson Patriots (a small fourth grade chorus performing two American patriotic songs) and Los Cantantes (a small fifth grade chorus performing two songs in the Spanish language). The concert will be performed at 10:00-11:00 a.m. and again at 1:45-2:45 for families and Dawson students will get to hear each other at a dress rehearsal on December 19th.

Until next time, *Barbara Diamond*