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

Dear Parent/Guardian

Dawson Elementary School will be conducting annual postural screens during the week of February 13, 2012.

The postural screen is a state-mandated screening and is required for all students in **grades 5-9**. Like other screening programs conducted in the schools, this program is not intended to provide medical diagnosis, but rather to detect possible spinal problems that should have further medical evaluation. Postural screening is a brief observation of the child’s back while standing and bending forward. More information about this process may be found on the Dawson School website.

The school nurse will be conducting the postural screens during your student’s physical education classes. If your child has any unusual findings, you will be notified recommending further evaluation by your child’s physician.

To allow for optimal viewing of the spine, boys will be asked to remove their shirts and girls are asked to wear or bring a halter top, bathing suit top and/or sports bra to school during the days of screening. Girls and boys will be screened separately and student privacy will be respected at all times.

Postural screening will take place during physical education classes. Please note the schedule:

5H Tuesday	February 14, 2012
5C Wednesday	February 15, 2012
5W Thursday	February 16, 2012
5S Friday	February 17, 2012

(if screening is not completed on those days it will be completed during the next scheduled gym class)

If you have questions about postural screening, please contact Gina Brown, R.N. at 508-829-6536 or visit the school website for more information.

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Scales, Principal