

# Dawson Elementary School Newsletter

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## Principal's News

Welcome Back!

Has the summer gone by already? I write this first newsletter with hopes that you all had a wonderful, restful summer. Hopefully you were all able to enjoy some quality family time and enjoy the summer sun. You and your child have a wonderful new adventure ahead. Each year brings new challenges and meeting those challenges brings forth a feeling of accomplishment.

I would like to thank the custodial staff for their hard work. Our building looks great in and out. The teachers spent many hours preparing the classroom and making the first day a memorable one. Our school secretary worked many hours getting classes set up, ordering materials and getting our school supplies ready for the upcoming year. Our assistant principal has been working with me developing our schedule for the upcoming year, organizing and preparing for all the programs that we are putting into place.

I know we will have another great year!

## Dear Parents

On behalf of the Dawson School community I would like to thank you for all your support last year and your continued support for this upcoming year. Due to hard work from the many volunteers and the fundraising committees, the PTA generously supported our academic program.

We are busy getting ready for the school year, and planning enrichment programs. Please watch for notices and mark the dates as they appear. You will notice that our website is improving with more news and dates. I am going

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to keep the website updated with all our upcoming events, newsletters, etc. Please check it often as it will change throughout the year.

The PTA also has a link from the Dawson website. They have worked hard to provide up-to-date information regarding their program and upcoming school events.

As you were aware, Elizabeth Petrasovic, our past school psychologist has moved back to New York. We will miss her, but wish her well. After many interviews we found the perfect candidate and she was hired. However I found out late Monday afternoon that there were circumstances beyond her control to keep her from fulfilling this position. We will post the position again and get someone as soon as possible.

This year we will be introducing a few new programs. As you know we are an *IALAC* school. To enhance this program we will be introducing *The Bully Free Classroom*. The intent of this program is to get students thinking about bullying and how they can stop it. This program will teach students how they can stick up for themselves and be a good friend. You will see and hear a lot about this throughout the year.

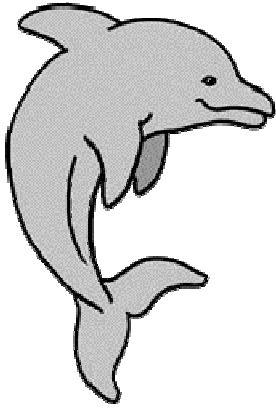
Writer's Workshop will be introduced this year. This program will follow the same steps as Reader's Workshop. Teachers will be trained in this model and will be implementing new writing strategies throughout the year.

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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ PTA Meeting
- ◆ Grade 3 Curriculum Night
- ◆ Grade 4 Curriculum Night
- ◆ K-Curriculum Night
- ◆ Fall Festival



“has demonstrated an understanding that all people and things have value being kind, loyal, supportive, honest, and accepting.

## IALAC

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Our first theme of the year is on **Friendship**. As students move on to new classrooms they may be in classrooms with others that they have not been in class with before. The first few weeks of school teachers work hard to develop the classroom community and prepare activities that allow students to get to know one another. Being friends means being there for each other at all times, whether it’s good or bad. It means sharing, listening, and saying nice things about you. True friends support each other and listen. Please talk about this trait at home as we talk about it in school.

## Upcoming Events

Watch the school and PTA calendar for upcoming events as they are always changing. Visit the school website for updated news! As of now.....

- September 8th- First PTA meeting 7:00 in the cafeteria
- September 21<sup>st</sup> Curriculum Night- info to follow
- September 23<sup>rd</sup>- Grade 4 orientation-info to follow
- September 24<sup>th</sup> - Grade 4 Curriculum Night- info to follow
- September 24<sup>th</sup>- Mother Goose Program for K
- September 25<sup>th</sup> -Fall Festival

Information will also be found on the school website.

## Study Tips

Each month I try to provide tips on developing good study skills. Developing good study skills may not seem important now, but developing study skills help you become successful in all things that you do.

- Pay attention in class.
- Listen and follow through on assignments.
- Ask questions if you don’t understand.
- Try to complete all assignments.
- Read as much as you can.
- Check over assignments to make sure that they are correct.
- Visit the library often.
- Stay in shape.
- Eat properly.
- Get plenty of rest.

## Safety

If your child rides a bus to and from school, please take some time with him/her to go over the rules of the bus as outlined in the Student Handbook. It is very important that students be familiar with the rules of safety, as we would like the bus to be a positive experience for them. A copy is also in the student folder.

If your child is out and you do not report his/her absence we are required to call each home to be sure that all children are safe. Please call in before 9:00 AM when your child is not going to be in school.

In the event that we need to call you, please make sure that all information located on the emergency form is accurate and up to date.

I look forward to another exciting school year. Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions or concerns. I will see you all at Curriculum Night and throughout the school year!

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