

Dawson Elementary School Newsletter

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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".

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Principal's News



It is November and we are well underway. Conferences are being held for parents of students in grades K-2. Individual times have been arranged for parents to meet with their child's teacher. Phone conferences are held for those parents who are unable to attend daytime conferences.

The Book Fair was a success! A special thank you to parents who volunteered to make this a success for all!

Remember there is no school on Wednesday November 11th in observance of Veteran's Day. We will also have a full day off on November 25th in observance of Thanksgiving. School resumes on November 30th.

Students in grades 3-5 will be receiving their report cards on November 13th.

Dear Parents

We have had a very mild fall, but as you know we have some cooler weather ahead.

Please be sure to dress your child for the cold weather. Remember those hats, mittens, gloves, and boots! Labeling your child's belongings is a good idea as we always seem to have many lost items in our lost and found. Unless it is very cold or rainy we like to have the children get some fresh air. It is important that you label your child's belongings. We have a growing lost and found. If you are missing any jackets, sweaters, or other articles you may want to check the table in the cafeteria. We have a big selection of lost clothing. Please be sure to check often as we will give all unclaimed articles to a worthy charity.

In the past we participated in The

Bay State Savings program. We have noticed that there has been a decline of student participation. As a result I am sending home a questionnaire to see if there will be enough participation to have this program this year. For new parents, students in grades 3-5 are able to participate in a banking program that teaches the importance of saving and responsibility. All of the banking takes place in school.

I would like to thank you all for your cooperation regarding the end of the school dismissal. Please continue to use the rear door for end of day pick-up for ease of dismissal. Also thank you for informing the office early in the day in regards to changes in routine dismissal.

Picture re-takes are scheduled for December 10th, as well as the 5th Grade group picture. Information regarding school retakes will be coming home to you.

As you know the cold and flu season is upon us. We are taking precautions here at school to help stem the spread of germs. All students participated in a hand washing program under the direction of Mrs. Judy Kenary and students from her leadership class at Anna Maria College. There is also an informational letter about colds and flu from the school nurse linked to the school website.

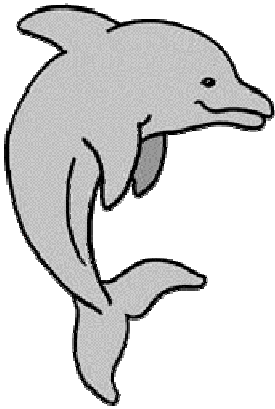
I would like to thank parent Dawn Ertel for volunteering to serve as our school liaison to the Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council. She will meet once a month and share parent and school concerns with other parents in the District. I am still looking for a community member to serve on SIMCO. If you know anyone outside that school that may like to be a representative please let me know.

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Upcoming Events

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Respect

“has demonstrated respect by taking turns, compromising, doing your part, showing appreciation, encouraging people, making people feel needed, and never excluding anyone.

IALAC

This month’s theme is Respect and Courtesy.

Respect means taking the time to realize that everyone sees and experiences the world in a unique way. Once you realize these differences you can make efforts to treat people in a way to make them feel respected.

In school and at home it is important that we treat others as we would like to be treated and being open to all different ideas.

Being respectful and courteous teaches us to be tolerant of others and do the “right thing.”

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.....

November 2nd- Open House and Book Fair- 6:30- 8:30.

November 3rd-7th students attend the Book Fair

November 10th- PTA @7:00- School Library

November 11th -**Veteran’s Day observed no school**

November 12th- Grade 2 program- Eyes on Owls

November 13th - Progress Reports for grades 3-5

November 17th- SIMCO 7:00 in library

PLEASE NOTE Thanksgiving recess.....

November 25th- 27th- Thanksgiving Recess no school. There is **NO** school on **Wednesday the 25th**.

Study Tip

It is no surprise when we say that reading is the foundation of success in school and in life.

The ability to read and write is important in order to master other content areas and to be able to communicate what is learned.

Parents’ have an important role in the development of their child’s reading skills. Help your child develop good reading skills by following some simple steps:

Read aloud to your child. Children learn to be good readers by listening to the flow of language and being exposed to new vocabulary.

Try this...stop before the end of the story. Ask you child what she/he thinks will happen next. Making predictions is important in developing critical thinking skills.

Practicing your number facts for fluency will improve your performance on your daily work in math. Take some time to practice and you will see the difference.

Developing good work-study habits is important. We encourage students to use their assignment notebook, write assignments in carefully, and begin the assignments right away. Parents can support their child by checking the assignment notebook and homework assignments for completion. The notebook can offer another method of communication with the teacher.

Some children will change their specials this term beginning November 9th. Your child’s teacher will share their schedule with you so your child can be prepared for those classes.

Thank you for your continued support and hard work as we move into our second term of the school year.

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