

BOOK FAIRS - The PTO sponsors two Scholastic Book Fairs per year. The first one is held during a week in October and the second is held during a week in June. The Book Fairs are held in the school library and students are able to purchase books in conjunction with their library period during the week. VOLUNTEERS are needed to help run the Book Fair. Actually, it could not run without volunteers. Volunteer signup notices will go home before each fair. For more information you can contact Melissa Nelson, our Book Fair Chairperson, at dmch.nelson@verizon.net.

FAMILY NIGHTS - The PTO offers two Family Nights during the year. Each event is free to Dawe School families. We do ask that you bring a non-perishable food item for the local food pantry for admission.

Bingo Night is typically held on a Friday night in November in the school cafeteria. This is a very popular event and fills up fast - so get there early! Prizes are awarded to all winners and light concessions are offered for sale. Julia Dubovy has been running Bingo Night for the past several years and, sadly, this will be her last year at the Dawe School. If you are interested in chairing Bingo Night in the future, please contact PTO Presidents Joyce Foley at joycefoley65@comcast.net or Barbara Corrigan at bjcorrigan@verizon.net.

Movie Night made its debut last year at the Dawe School and what a success it was! This event will be held on a Friday night in March in the school cafeteria. The kids can come in their PJ's and bring a pillow and blanket to enjoy a movie with their classmates. Concessions are offered for sale to defray the cost of the movie license we need to purchase and for the custodian. Jenn Mullen is the Chairperson for Movie Night and will be sending out a notice beforehand looking for volunteers to help out.

HIGH TOUCH HIGH TECH programs are taught right in the classrooms twice a year by highly trained High Touch High Tech scientists. All students in grades K - 5 become real scientists and learn by doing "hands on" experiments. Programs are aligned with the Massachusetts Curriculum Framework in Science. Click on the following link to get a preview of what may be coming to your child's classroom this year:
<http://www.sciencemadefun.net/CMS/17/e2.pdf>

IN-SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS are presentations held three times during the school year that focus on Arts and Sciences. The programs are typically held in an assembly format with a performer or a team of performers. Past years have included programs such as "Bully Free Is the Choice for Me", a fabulous presentation about Helen Keller, Andrea Lovett, Storyteller and Slim Goodbody's presentation of "The Musical Health Show" and "Lighten Up". Each year the programs vary. Kristin Berteletti is the Chairperson for these programs - she does all the research and bookings.

HOLIDAY STORE is an actual “store” that is set up right in the school just before the Holidays. The children are able to purchase gifts for family members and even for their pets! Many VOLUNTEERS are needed to assist the children with shopping and wrapping. Gifts range from 50 cents to \$5.00 each and the children typically bring in a list for whom they need to buy gifts for and how much to spend on each one. Each classroom has an allotted time to shop during the school day. A notice is sent home in advance looking for volunteers along with a classroom shopping schedule to ensure that students bring in money to shop when it is their day.

MCAS CAMPS were introduced to the Dawe School last year. They consist of two eight week sessions held after school – one for ELA and one for Math. Students in grades 3-5 are able to participate. These classes are designed to help better prepare students and offer them more practice for MCAS testing. Classes are offered at no cost to students and are filled on a first come first served basis. Signup sheets will be sent out before each session begins.

TEACHER STIPENDS are cash gifts given annually to each teacher to help them purchase any needed supplies for their classrooms.

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS are eight week extra curricular programs offered twice a year to all students for a nominal fee. There is one session offered in the Fall and one session offered in the Spring. Each session is made up of various classes broken down by age group. Signups are held at the Dawe School during a designated evening the week before classes are scheduled to begin. Some past classes have been Kids Can Cook, Dancing with the Stars, Chess, Poetry, Arts & Crafts, Board Games, Fuse Beads, Open Gym, Babysitting and Cheerleading. These classes are run by paid (\$200 per session) VOLUNTEERS – some are teachers and some are parents. Volunteer sheets are sent out beforehand looking for teachers. So if you have a special talent or interest that you would like to share it with the students, please let us know! Classes fill up fast and are offered on a first come first served basis. So get there early!

TEACHER/STAFF APPRECIATION is held for a whole week in May. Each day the teachers and staff at the Dawe School receive many treats and surprises to show how much they are appreciated! In the past, a special breakfast and luncheon have been provided and over the past couple of years parents have been able to send in nice notes to staff members that have been displayed on the Dawe PTO’s website for all to see! Each year a new committee is formed. If you are interested in helping out this May, please contact PTO Co-Presidents Joyce Foley at joycefoley65@comcast.net or Barbara Corrigan at bjcorrigan@verizon.net.

FIELD TRIPS GRADES K – 5 Each year the PTO funds all field trips for Grades K-5. This includes the price of admission for all students, teachers and chaperones as well as transportation costs. The cost of field trips has been rising each year especially due to the rising gas costs. That is why The PTO is always looking for support from the Dawe School families throughout the year. The children look forward to these trips each year! Typically, the field trips offered each year have been:

Kindergarten – Wards Berry Farm or Capron Park Zoo
Grade 1 – a performance at the Providence Performing Arts Center
Grade 2 – The New England Aquarium
Grade 3 – Plimouth Plantation
Grade 4 – Museum of Science
Grade 5 – Sturbridge Village
PAC/TLC – varies each year – last year they went to the Big Apple Circus!

The Dawe School PTO purchases the **FOLDERS FOR GRADES K-2**. These are the blue folders that come home with your K-2 child each day. We also purchase the **AGENDAS FOR GRADES 3-5**. These are the assignment books that come home each day with the 3rd, 4th and 5th graders.

Each year the Dawe PTO funds the **SCHOOL MUSICAL** for grades 3-5. This is an extra curricular activity that is offered on a voluntary basis to all students in grades 3 -5. Rehearsals are typically held once a week beginning in January and the performance is held during a weeknight in April..

This year, the Dawe School PTO will be providing volunteers for **KIDS VOTING U.S.A.** Children will be able to accompany their parents to the voting polls throughout town where separate Kids Voting booths will be set up. Kids can actually take part in their own election and feel like they are a part of the electoral process. Results are actually tallied and revealed.

