

## **What does the Dawe School PTO do?**

Well, we do a number of different things.

Here are a few.....

**Book Fairs** (2 per year)

**Family Nights** (Bingo & Movie nights)

**High Touch High Tech** (2 per year)

**In-School Enrichment Programs** (3 per year)

**Holiday Store**

**MCAS camps**

**Teacher Stipends**

**Afterschool Enrichment Programs** (2X a year)

**Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week**

**Field Trips for Grades K – 5**

**Kids Voting USA**

**Folders for Grades K- 2**

**Agendas for Grades 3 – 5**

**Fifth Grade Class Night**

## **How Does the Dawe PTO raise funds?**

We hold many fundraisers – both large and small – during the school year. We depend on YOUR support so we can offer so many AWESOME programs to our students.

- **Yankee Candle Fundraiser**
- **Fall Book Fair**
- **Pie/Cookie Dough Fundraiser**
- **Evening of Giving**
- **Box Tops for Education (ongoing)**
- **Adult Social**
- **Popcorn Fridays (ongoing)**
- **PTO Membership Drive**
- **Dawe School T-Shirt/Sweatshirt Sales (ongoing)**
- **Dawe School Fair**

There's a lot to be done! These days schools are asked to do more with less. Your support and participation is needed more than ever to fill the gaps

The objectives of the Dawe PTO are:

- To promote activities that benefit all students of the Joseph R. Dawe Jr. Elementary School
- To promote open communication between teachers, parents and students
- To encourage school spirit and pride
- To nurture closer relationships between home and school for the educational benefit of the students
- To raise funds to benefit school activities.

## Why You Should Get Involved:

Getting involved in your child's school has long-lasting, positive effects on both their academic performance and their overall attitude about school. Hundreds of research studies over the last three decades have highlighted the tremendous benefits to school, students, and community when parents get involved in their children's education. Here are some highlights.

### **Benefits to Students**

When parents are involved in their children's education, the children are more likely to:

- Earn better grades
- Score higher on tests
- Pass their classes
- Attend school regularly
- Have better social skills
- Show improved behavior
- Be more positive in their attitude toward school
- Complete homework assignments
- Graduate and go on to post-secondary school.

### **Benefits to Schools**

Schools with involved parents enjoy:

- Better morale among teachers
- Higher ratings of teachers by parents
- More support from families
- A better reputation in the community

### **Benefits to Parents**

When parents become involved in their children's education, the parents are more likely to:

- Be more confident at school
- Be more confident in themselves as parents and their ability to help their children learn
- Be held in higher opinion by teachers and have teachers expect more from their children
- Enroll in continuing education to advance their own schooling