



DAWESOME DETAILS

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Phone: (403) 343-3288

Attendance Line: Press "1"

Welcome Back! We hope you enjoyed the summer. This is such an exciting time of year. Our staff is looking forward to working with you and your child (ren) to ensure an enjoyable and successful learning experience. It is a pleasure to welcome new and returning students and their families to G.H. Dawe.

STAFF AT DAWE BELIEVE that every single student can learn and be successful. Staff connect, inspire, and energize every student. Our BIG goal is for all our students to graduate and be college or career ready. From day one, we build relationships with students. We believe that relationships and academics are equally important.

We are in our 4th year of our 7 Strength Program. The character strengths are curiosity, enthusiasm, gratitude, grit, hope, respect, and self-control. We believe the infusion of character education into our lessons is key to helping our students graduate and be college or career ready. Character is 51% and academics is 49%.

Be sure to check the Handbook for important dates and information.

We are very honored that you have entrusted the education of your children to the staff of G.H. Dawe. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher, myself or Mr. Horlings.

Yours truly,

Sue Carmichael, Principal

Jeremy Horlings, Vice Principal

"MEET THE STAFF" BBQ

(food supplied by the school)

Thursday, September 14 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

We invite all our school families to attend this event.

- ⇒ **ABSENTEE MESSAGES** - Remember to phone the school at (403) 343-3288. Absentee messages are checked each morning. If we have not received a call from you, Mrs. Shaw or Mrs. Hamilton, will call the home phone and alternate numbers. A quick phone call from you saves us so much time.
- ⇒ **NO SCHOOL - Friday, September 15** for Staff Learning and Planning Day.
- ⇒ **DAWE RUN** - for grades 4 to 8 students on **Tuesday, September 19**. Field Trip forms and further details will be coming home next week.
- ⇒ **SWIM PROGRAM - Grades 1 to 5 students. Please sign & return permission forms.**
- ⇒ **PARENT VOLUNTEER FORMS** - All adults who plan to volunteer, must provide the school with a Police Information Check and Reference forms. If you completed these forms last school year and brought to the school office, you do not have to redo them. The Police Information Check is valid for five years.

Community Liaison Workers strive to enhance the school district's mission by providing services which strengthen home, school, and community partnerships. CLW's actively address barriers that interfere with student achievement by bringing people together while creating an environment that is conducive to effective problem solving and learning. The goal of each school social worker/CLW is to provide every student with the opportunity to develop to his or her maximum potential.

At G. H. Dawe, your school social worker's official title is Community Liaison Worker or CLW. Her name is MJ Jaworski, or (Ms. J !). MJ has a Bachelor's Degree in social work from the University of Calgary and is a Registered Social Worker with the Alberta College of Social Workers. Community Liaison Workers work 12 months a year and are here to support families year-round!

Services include (but are not limited to) the following:

- *Serves as the liaison between the school, family, and community agencies.
- *Provides outreach services, like counselling or family support work, to students, parents, and families.
- *Refers and helps families access community, medical, mental health, and social welfare services.
- *Coordinates services with other agencies to bridge gaps between organizations and G. H Dawe school.
- *Consults with classroom teachers, administrators, and others to provide insight and an understanding regarding a particular child's (or group of children's needs) behavior.
- *Assists students experiencing attendance, academic, social, emotional, and/or health problems by providing 1:1 counselling or specific, goal-oriented groups.
- *Advocates ensuring that the child and family's rights are observed.

Please join MJ's Remind 101 class @ghdawes to get event updates and direct messaging! If you have any questions or would like to book an appointment, please don't hesitate to connect with me!

Cell: [403-598-2218](tel:403-598-2218)

Email: maegann.jaworski@rdpsd.ab.ca

Remind 101 Classroom: @ghdawes

Facebook: G. H. Dawe Community Liaison Worker

The Alberta Child— Your kids deserve good health

Get **free** eyeglasses, prescriptions and dental visits for your child through the Alberta Child Health Benefit plan. It helps pay health care bills for families with limited incomes. Knowing your children's health is cared for will bring peace of mind.

Signing up is easy. Visit

www.humanservices.alberta.ca/financial-support/2076.html

or call 1-877-469-5437 (toll free) for more information on how to apply

for this plan or visit your nearest Community Health Centre.



There are also health benefits available for adults with a limited income through the Alberta Adult Health Benefit. Visit www.humanservices.alberta.ca/financial-support/2085.html to find out if you would qualify for this benefit. Or call (toll free) 1-877-469-5437.

RECYCLING

G.H. Dawe School runs several recycling/environmental programs and we encourage parents to make use of them as well! Below is a list of items that we collect at our school and then we ship them off to be recycled or placed in a hazardous waste centre. If you have any of the following, please feel free to bring them to our office and we will place them in their appropriate bins.

- dead batteries
- paper
- juice boxes and milk cartons
- cardboard
- used and emptied Keurig cups and Tassimo discs
- plastic writing tools such as markers, pens and mechanical pencils

As well, each week a class is assigned to pick up garbage around our school yard. We would like you to know that we are a "NO IDLING" zone in front of our school.

Thanks for taking part in these programs and for modeling mindful behaviour when it comes to waste and pollution.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The Annual General Meetings for both the School Council and the Dawe Parent and Community Support Society will be held on **Wednesday, September 20 at 6:30 p.m.** at the school. Elections for all positions will be held during this meeting.

All parents/guardians are welcome to attend these meetings. We would like our council to expand to have a representative from each classroom.

****The ADmazing Savings Fundraiser Information has been sent home with each student.**

A DAY @ THE MUSEUM
DAY CAMPS

THEMES & DATES

From Chalk Boards to Smart Boards
September 15, 2017

\$25/day MAG Members
 \$30/day Non Members



Visit the www.reddeermuseum.com to see the complete schedule and camp information. Register online, or by calling 403-309-8405, or drop in at the Red Deer Museum + Art Gallery.

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magnificent **SATURDAYS**

September 2: Wired Portraits
September 9: An Assemblage of Found Objects
September 16: Beautiful Bee Portraits
September 23: Foxy Oil Paintings
September 30: Drawing Highland Dancers*

** FREE to attend for Alberta Culture Days!*

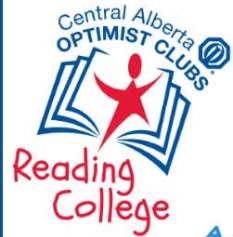
ART MAKING EVERY SATURDAY AFTERNOON FROM 1-4 PM

Included with an annual MAG family/grandparent membership; or \$5/person & \$10/family





*Smile Cookies Are Back!!!
September 11 - 17, 2017*



**Proceeds to support the
Reading College Program:
Inspiring Kids to Read!**

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Your Children,
Our Students,
Everyone's Future
**Become a School
Board Trustee**
Nomination Deadline
September 18



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school board trustee elections
are taking place on October 16th!



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