

# Weekly Rattler

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We had a great first week of school, as students engaged in learning the Dawes Way, re-connected with old friends, developed new relationships, and began studying coursework. We are very impressed with student engagement and teacher instruction! Below you will see our 2019–2020 Dawes family photo, including an excited parent representative!



**Arrival and Dismissal Plan:** Thank you for keeping our students safe by following the Dawes arrival and dismissal plan, we appreciate your support and positivity! Please continue to drive West on Colfax Avenue during designated drop off and pick up times.

### **School Improvement Goal:**

We will increase the number of passing grades within each content area. For Real.

### **Mission Statement:**

Engaging every student every day.

### **Vision Statement:**

We Care. We learn. We hope.

### **Dawes Creed:**

We care, we hope, we succeed,  
we believe, we are Dawes.

## ★ **Calendar**

### **Monday, August 19**

Students will bring picture order form home.

### **Tuesday, August 20**

### **Wednesday, August 21**

### **Thursday, August 22**

### **Picture Day!**

### **Friday, August 23**

## **Picture Day is This Week!**

- **Picture day is Thursday, August 22, 2019.**
- Students will bring home picture packet information tomorrow, Monday, August 19, 2019.
- We could use 2-3 parent volunteers on picture day from 8-11 am. If you are available and willing to help, please call Terri in the main office. Thank you!

## **Homework Zone:**

- Begins Monday, August 26, 2019
- Room 122
- 3:00 – 4:00 PM
- Students will receive help on homework, missing work, questions they have, or content they need additional instruction to master from Dawes teachers.

## **Student Message Board:**

One of our top priorities is to protect the instructional focus in our classrooms. Beginning this week, we will adopt a student message board in the main office. When a family needs to leave a message for a student, we will list the students name on the message board, which is visible to students as they pass by the main office. As students see their name listed on the message board, they may enter the main office to receive their message. We will make an effort to minimize calls into classrooms.

Please be proactive in developing a pick up plan for your student(s) prior to drop off each morning. We understand that pick-up plans can change throughout the day, and are happy to help in notifying students and delivering messages via the student message board.

If you are experiencing an emergency, please communicate your needs with the main office.

**MTSS-B** or Multi-tiered System of Supports for Behavior (MTSS-B) is a research-based framework for teaching and supporting positive behaviors for ALL students. This school-wide approach to discipline focuses on building a safe and positive environment in which all students can learn. The benefits of implementing MTSS-B include:

- fewer behavior issues
- more instructional time
- increased attendance for student success.

The foundation of MTSS-B in Lincoln Public Schools lies in the fundamental expectations developed by each of our schools. At Dawes Middle School, our expectations are aligned with our Vision, We Care. We Learn. We Hope.

# We Care

*We are respectful to ourselves, our peers, our teachers, and our school.*

- 1. Follow directions**
- 2. Honor each other's space**
- 3. Engage in positive interactions**

Common Area

# We Learn

*We are responsible for our learning environment.*

- 1. Be on time, in seat, with materials**
- 2. Be a positive contributor**
- 3. Complete work**

Classrooms

# We Hope

*We persevere through difficult times and find success.*

- 1. Expect struggles, keep trying**
- 2. Recognize emotions in self and others**
- 3. Ask for help**

YD/ Attitude/Everywhere

**Mark Your Calendars:**

MAP Testing will take place in September.

Reading Assessment - All Grade Levels 9/4-9/6

Math Assessment - All Grade Levels 9/11-9/13

**Reminder:** Please plan your routine for charging your Chromebook each night!

Meet the Dawes  
Administrative  
Team:

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