



Weekly Rattler

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Grit (week 2)

As a reminder, grit refers to a student's ability to persist after setbacks. To try, especially when faced with a difficult or confusing task.

E-school news shared an article, *8 Ways to Help Student Grow Their Grit*, by Laura Ascione, reminding us that making a plan, taking action, and keeping a sense of optimism helps develop grit. Educators and parents can encourage students to develop grit using a few strategies.

For example, it's important to have optimism and a growth mindset, but behavior has to follow that determination.

"Helping students understand the value of practice" is especially important in a world where people are used to instant gratification and don't always understand, or want to put in, the effort required to reach their goals.

Practice in school, is assigned work, both in class and as homework. In addition, practice can also be how we respond behaviorally.

"It's also terrific for parents and educators to model behaviors," Ascione adds. "If we can share our failures, our challenges, how we rebounded, how we persisted, with our kids—that's a really important message."

To recap, some of the strategies Ascione recommends to increase student grit are;

1. Make a plan – We recommend the steps of the plan be written down, to help students remember the plan they made and to mark steps as completed.
2. Take action – Follow through on the steps of the plan, to ensure success or to know when to ask for help.
3. Keep a sense of optimism – Engage in a positive attitude, and believe that with practice school work, learning and behavior will become easier and improve overtime.

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, November 18

Tuesday, November 19

Wednesday, November 20

Thursday, November 21

Friday, November 22

DAWES ANNUAL FUNDRAISER:

Thank you for your support of the Dawes Annual Fundraiser, the main office will calculate totals this week!

CLC News:

Reminder: We will not have CLC on November 26th due to PLC day.

SHOUT Out!

Dawes Middle School has advanced in a national STEM competition! Dawes was selected from thousands of entries nationwide, one of five schools that have been named Nebraska State Finalists in the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Contest – a nationwide competition that challenges students in grades 6th-12th to creatively use STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) skills to address real-world issues in their communities.

Congratulations to Mrs. Page and our 8th grade students for a job well done, we are proud of your hard work and innovation as you work to develop a way to monitor water usage to decrease the amount of waste water!

