

Weekly Rattler

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True Grit - Update and Thanks!

In our first week of the semester, students that were asked to attend True Grit, 86% of students attended and were able to complete work. Thank you for your support! Below is a shortened version of the purpose and schedule of our True Grit opportunity.

Each daily lesson is a building block for our students to learn and master the skills and knowledge they will need to be successful in high school.

Therefore, we believe it is essential that we provide students the time they need to complete their daily work before and after school. If a student does not complete a daily assignment in class or as homework, we will provide time and support to complete daily assignments before and after school everyday. We have titled this time, "True Grit", to ensure students understand that their daily effort or "grit" in school is one of the most important factors in their success.

Your student will call you and let you know that they need more time to complete their work, and you can decide as a family if attending the after school or next morning session of True Grit will work best for your family. Please understand, True Grit is not a punishment. We are dedicated to ensuring each student at Dawes learns on grade level skills and knowledge and know that completing daily practice of those skills are essential to student success. Therefore we are providing adult support everyday for students who need more time to complete assigned work.

Please see the schedule below:

Day	Location	Morning	After School
Monday	Room 121	7:40 – 7:55 AM	3:05 – 3:20 PM
Tuesday	Room 121	7:40 – 7:55 AM	3:05 – 3:20 PM
Wednesday	Room 121	7:40 – 7:55 AM	3:05 – 3:20 PM
Thursday	Room 121	7:40 – 7:55 AM	3:05 – 3:20 PM
Friday	Room 121	7:40 – 7:55 AM	3:05 – 3:20 PM

** Students that ride the bus may report to True Grit when they arrive to school in the morning.

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, January 13

True Grit Continues, Morning and Afternoon

Homework Zone Daily

Tuesday, January 14

6:30 8th Grade Information Night @ Southeast

Wednesday, January 15

6:30 8th Grade Information Night @ Southwest

Thursday, January 16

6:30 8th Grade Information Night @ Northstar

Friday, January 17**MTSS - B**

This week our school-wide focus will be arriving on-time to class. Students will complete a survey as to what their class would like to earn for students that have five or less tardies in third quarter. Random tardy checks will also be done every week, classrooms with all students on-time and in their seats when the bell rings will win a prize. Ask your student if they were on time today and earned a prize.

Recess - Wear Winter Layers

Please remind students to dress in layers in the upcoming weeks. When the temperature is above 18 degrees, we will be going outside for recess. Students are welcome to check-out the clothing closet if they are in need of warm layers. Please check with your grade-level administrator.

Food Market--Friday

We will have our monthly Food Market this Friday after school. Students that ride the bus will be dismissed a few minutes early so that they can attend as well. All families are welcome to attend after school.

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Tomorrow Monday January 13th we will have our club signups for second semester. It is important that your student attends to choose their clubs for the week. Our club sign-ups are first come first serve.

Dawes Step Team has an exciting opportunity to take a Field Trip to Scott Middle School and Don D. Sherrill Education Center, Thursday January 16th 2020. Step Team Members will report to the Commons Area at 9:20am and return back to Dawes Middle School around 2:00PM.

Attention 8th Grade Families

High School Informational Meetings for all six LPS High Schools are scheduled this month!

Lincoln Southeast: Tuesday January 14 @ 6:30 PM

Lincoln Southwest: Wednesday, January 15 @ 6:30 PM

Lincoln North Star: Thursday, January 16 @ 6:30 PM

Lincoln High: Tuesday, January 21 @ 6:30 PM

Lincoln Northeast: Wednesday, January 29 @ 6:30 PM

Highschool choice forms are due to the main the office by January 31, 2020. If you plan on attending a highschool outside of your attendance, this form needs to be completed and turned in by January 31.

Biometric Finger Scanning System in the Food Zone

Dear Parent and/or Guardian,

Dawes will be using a biometric finger scanning identification system in an effort to provide accurate student identification as well as faster meal service at breakfast and lunch.

How does finger scanning identification work? Each student's finger will be scanned using a finger scanner. Software uses the scan to identify unique points on the finger and creates and stores individual templates that identify each student in a database. Each time the student purchases a meal and scans his/her finger, the software will search for a match in its database to identify a student.

What about our students' privacy? We are not fingerprinting students. The software does not store a copy of fingerprints. Instead, it creates a template of unique points on the finger. The template is converted to a unique identification number and is stored in the school's database with the same high level of security as all of our records. The templates are also protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). FERPA is the Federal Law that protects all student records. At no time are fingerprint images stored. **No fingerprint can be recreated or delivered to any agency governmental or otherwise.** This way of identifying our students is safe, easy, accurate, efficient and secure.

Beginning January 21-23, we will be scanning the fingers of students. If you decide that you would *not* like your student to participate in the finger scan please notify the school office. Additional information regarding biometric finger scanning can be found on the Nutrition Services website at lps.org

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Edith Zumwalt, Director of Nutrition Services, at ezum@lps.org or 402-436-1742.

Thank you!

Traffic Pattern Plan

For the safety of our students, please review the traffic plan below. We ask that all Dawes families follow the traffic plan and use patience as our students return to school and learn the Dawes drop-off and pick-up routine.

