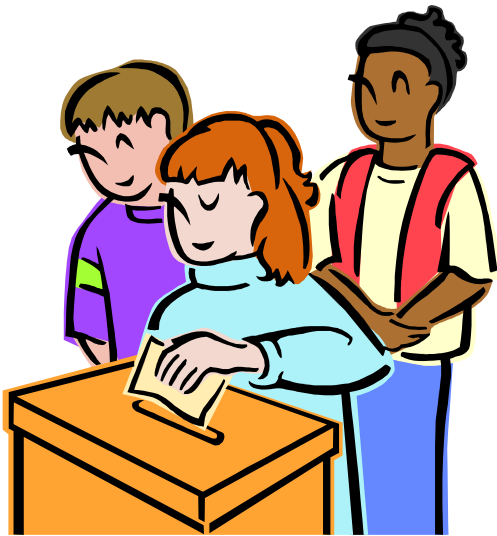


Dawson Student Council 2009-2010

Student Council is a group of eight 5th graders, two from each class, who plan activities for the school that help make Dawson a bit more fun, that contribute to the community and also provide a positive atmosphere for learning.

Each Council member had to run a campaign complete with designing a poster and giving a speech to his/her class. School elections were held on November 4th. Fifth graders voted for representation the same day their parents voted for community representation.



What is it like to run for Student Council?

Council members say it was an awesome experience to create a powerful campaign and even more awesome that it worked and they got elected! Some members had siblings on the Council so they wanted to be involved since first grade. Members say they felt confident after overcoming the fear of giving a speech and enjoyed coming up with a campaign slogan as well as using their computer skills for the poster design. Their advice to other students who may want to run for Council in the future - have a positive attitude, practice your speech, spell out your ideas, don't be tense, look at the audience, don't speak too fast and most of all have fun.



Events 2009-2010

- **Hats on Day**

Students and staff were invited to wear a hat and donate \$1.00 for the privilege of keeping it on during the day. Anyone wishing to create a hat, was welcomed to do so. The money was donated to the Foundation for Children with Cancer, which provides financial assistance for families of children with pediatric cancer. Hats on Day at Dawson raised \$354.



- **Dawson School Pet Food Drive**

The Student Council, in conjunction with the Dawson Health Office, sponsored the 2nd Annual Pet Food Drive in January. Through generous donations from students and their families and the Dawson staff, 268 items of pet food were collected. The pet food was donated to the Wachusett Food Pantry and the SweetPea Animal Shelter in Rutland.



- **“Help Change Haiti”** by donating pocket change to Haitian Relief. A week long drive in conjunction with the Dawson PTA resulted in raising \$650. At a school wide assembly, the Student Council presented Mrs. Nicole Valentine of the American Red Cross with a check that would be used to send needed supplies to the people of Haiti as they recovered from a tsunami. Mrs. Valentine presented the school with a white flannel blanket that has the American Red Cross design on it. The blanket is one of the items that was sent to Haiti and was on display in the school hallway for all to see.



- **IALAC Poster Contest**

The Student Council sponsored a school wide IALAC Poster Contest with the goal of filling our school corridors with positive reminders of the IALAC theme (I am Loveable and Caring). We believe this encourages IALAC behavior and makes Dawson a good place to be a student. Student Council members will judge the posters and one winner from each grade level will be selected. Winners will be announced at an IALAC assembly and prizes will be awarded.

