

CHALKMARKS

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Get Ready For Christmas!

Don't forget!! Our sophomores and juniors want to help you get ready for a festive Christmas season by having available for sale evergreen wreaths, swags, centerpieces and poinsettias. For further information, contact DCS, or see your favorite sophomore or junior. All profit will go to help offset costs for this year's Washington, D.C. trip.



Grandparents' Day 2005 – A Delightful Time

One of the highlights of each fall is the DCS Grandparents' Day. The purpose is to honor our students' grandparents and to let them see first-hand our program. This year's event was enthusiastically attended and greatly appreciated.

The morning began in the auditorium with a wonderful *PowerPoint* presentation by Ginny Nevin spotlighting DCS elementary students involved with various activities. The Damascus Christian Mission Statement was reviewed and grandparents were challenged to provide godly leadership to their grandchildren. Pastor Steve Hardy welcomed the grandparents and opened our morning in prayer. Elementary and junior high choir director Mandy Russau led the children in a selection of songs – "Every Autumn," "In My Heart There Rings a Melody," the "Apple Song," and "Happy Grandparents' Day Song." Kindergarten had their own version of "Grandma's House." Each grade, kindergarten through sixth grade shared what was special about their grade level.

Grandparents were recognized for their special achievements – *Who traveled the furthest?* – Florida! *Who has the most grandchildren?* – 20!! *Who has the most grandchildren at DCS?* 4! And *who has been married the longest to the same person?* 61 years!!! Each "winner" received *Scrip* gift cards.

Following the presentations, the children led their grandparents to see their classrooms where they were able to look over the children's work, see the curriculum, and talk with the teachers.

What did the Grandparents think of the morning? "I, as a grandparent, appreciate the wonderful job you have done with the children. God bless you all." Another wrote, "It is enjoyable and encouraging to see what the kids are doing and learning. (I'm) so thankful to have them in a Christian (school) that goes hand-in-hand with the home guidance. I thank God for both my son and daughter-in-law and their love for God and the training of their children." Still another commented, "My first impression was that things are orderly and well run which contributes to a good learning environment. Thank you so much for your commitment to Christian education." One grandparent put it simply, "Thank you for providing a special day to support our grandchildren. One, who has attended earlier Grandparent Day celebrations wrote, "Great program this year!" and then offered to share some children's music she had. Thanks! Another "veteran" DCS Grandparent Day attender wrote, "We couldn't be more pleased that we can have our granddaughter's class here. Thank you for all the efforts; they do pay off. Our granddaughter prays out **continued on back**



loud every day on the way to school. I was a part of this this morning. What a blessing. My daughter-in-law is an incredible Christian mom and we truly admire our son's dedication to his family." And finally, "Again, we are so thankful for DCS. The years are slipping by so quickly but the godly contributions you continue to make in the lives of our precious grandchildren as well as all others will last for eternity. We thank you sincerely. God bless you."

We thank God for our grandparents, whose godly influence and interest in the hearts and lives of their grandchildren *will* have profound affects over the years. Thank you Grandparents, for helping make this year's Grandparents' Day so special.

Harvest Festival Next Monday



This year's DCC/DCS Harvest Festival is almost here! Monday, October 31st, 5-8 PM, in the gym. This popular annual event is a positive alternative to Halloween and trick or treating. Games, prizes, candy, and food are here in abundance. This safe and secure event is wonderful for parents to bring their children to for an evening of fun and excitement.

Booth helpers and donations of bagged candy are still needed. For further information, contact Dorian Forrar (503) 658-4100, ext. 111, or go to www.damascuscc.org.

Elementary Talent Night Entertaining

Our first-ever Elementary Talent Night was a delightful time of songs, skits, and something special! Who would have known the talent lurking within the first through sixth grade students? Piano numbers beautifully played, songs sung (one while standing on her head!), skits and movie clips energetically played out, and original compositions shared.

Thanks to our elementary students who performed so well, Kenny Bedlion for his expertise in MCing, and thanks to Mrs. Russau for her inspiration and coordination of this wonderful event!

A Solid View of Melting

As we watch the bright summer days melt into the autumn hues, with their portend of winter's gloom, yearnings for a spot of indoor comfort tug with gentle insistence. Outdoor pursuits will soon yield to the ease of a cozy couch near a fire to melt away the chill. What better companion than a solid book to transport us to realms bound only by the imagination of the author and our willingness to read.

To encourage this wise pursuit, the DCS Library is sponsoring its first guessing jar of the season. **This week only**, come into the library and enter your solid guess of how many items the jar holds. Check out a good book while you're there, knowing that if you win the jar's contents, you can enjoy them both together. The one may melt your heart, the other "melts in your mouth, not your hand."



November Happenings



- 1st – Red Cross Blood Drive – 2-7 PM
- 3rd – Boys' Basketball Team Open House – Aloha Coffee Co., 3-7 PM
- 4th – End of first quarter – noon dismissal
- 7th – School Picture retakes – morning
- 10th – Parent-Teacher Conference – No School
- 11th – Veterans' Day – No School
- 23rd-25th – Thanksgiving Break

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