

# CHALK MARKS

A Weekly Newsletter for DCS Family & Friends

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## Fresh Apples and Pears For Only 56¢ A Pound???? Yes!!!

If you haven't yet placed your order for apples or pears through our Discovery Department, time is running out!! This makes a perfect gift for the holidays – gift-giving or simply to have on hand for family and guests. Orders must be turned in to DCS no later than Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Fruit will be delivered to DCS on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> and can be picked up between 2 and 5 PM.

Apple varieties include the following: Granny Smith, Fuji, Braeburn, Gala, Red and Yellow Delicious, and Newtown Pippin. Pear varieties include: Comice, Green and Red Anjou, and Bosc. Boxes weigh 23 pounds and your cost is just \$13 - 56¢ a pound!!!

Once again, the DCS Discovery Department would like to thank Walter Wells & Sons of Hood River for supplying us with quality fruit. We also want to thank each of you for placing an order. Your support of this vital program is deeply appreciated. Monies from this fundraiser will help make it possible for our educational therapists and classroom teachers to continue their professional growth at the National Institute for Learning Disabilities Winter Conference.

## Secondary Students Earn Academic Honors

At the conclusion of each grading period, students who earn all A's qualify for *Highest Honors* while those who make all A's and B's receive the *Honors* certificate. We are pleased to list the following seventh through twelfth graders who meet the above criteria:

Seventh Grade *Highest Honors* – Kelsey Y. *Honors* – Isaiah A., Olivia B., Luke D., Michael G., Justin J., Shandel N., Katie S., Trevor U., Jeffrey W. and Matthew Y. Eighth Grade *Highest Honors* – Anna S. *Honors* – Peter B., Jeffrey B., Kaitlyn D., Clarissa K. and Tanner M. Ninth Grade *Highest Honors* – Brittany A., Jonathan H., Rebecca H., Anne H., Michelle H., Andrew J., Jonathan N., Daniel R., Seth R., Kirstina R., Colleen T. and Lexi Y. *Honors* – William B., Naomi C., Meegan C., Michael D., Sean L., Jessica R., Emily S., Daniel S. and Bethany T. Tenth Grade *Highest Honors* – Joel M., Brenna S., Kimberly S., Kevin U., Alex W. and Laramie W. *Honors* – Matthew D., Nathan F., Maggie G., Eric L., Danika M., Rebekah S., Haylee T., Alyssa W. and Candice W. Eleventh Grade *Highest Honors* – Trista B., Lois C., Linsey C., Ryan C., Sarah H., Jeff H., Emily H., Aaron I., Anna S., Alissa T. and Ben W. *Honors* – Matthew B., Keaton C., Andrea C., Kayla D., Kaitlyn J., Seth L., Sarah M., Chris O., John R., Jamie S., Andrew T., Seth W. and Brittani Y. Twelfth Grade *Highest Honor* – Emily B., Katie B., Stephen D., Clara G., Toby H., Erin H., Marc M., Amanda M., Mychal M., Bonnie M., Jennifer N., Jonathan N., Naomi P., Caleb R., Kaitlyn R., Ellen S., Kristiania W. and Amy Y. *Honors* – Crystal A., Kenny B. and Rebekah J.

## Got Scrip For The Holidays???

Purchasing *Scrip* on a regular basis just makes sense!!! It's just like cash. It can be used at dozens and dozens of local retailers. A portion of the vendors' profits come back to DCS as a tuition credit for parents who purchase *Scrip* and for the school for extra educational resources (This past week, *Scrip* made \$623 - \$312 went back to parents as tuition credit and \$311 went to the school's designated *Scrip* fund.) It makes a terrific gift. What's there not to like about *Scrip*???

Congratulations to Michelle Ikemoto, our latest *Scrip* contest winner – she received a \$30 Fred Meyer gift card. All she had to do was purchase *Scrip* and her name went into the hat!

There are only three order weeks remaining to purchase *Scrip* before Christmas. Got *Scrip*???

## Pastries With The Principal Beneficial To All

Last Friday, principal Tim Oakley met with parents who showed up either at the 8:30-9:30 AM session or the 2-3 PM gathering to discuss the good, bad, and misunderstood issues of DCS. There were *lots* of positive comments regarding teachers, policies, and procedures. There were some issues that had not been clearly communicated which were clarified (modesty and neatness guidelines, backpacks/lockers, hallway procedures). Then there were insights and suggestions regarding a variety of topics pertaining to certain aspects of our sports' program, registration procedures, rules (real or imagined), and the interest in non-athletic activities such as science, chess, computer, ski, swim, guitar/vocal clubs and after-school classes taught by paid instructors.

Each of these issues will be looked into and hopefully implemented where and when possible. Thanks to those who participated. Because of the value of such a gathering, plans are underway to host a *Pastries with the Principal* each quarter.

## Student Council Gains Leadership Skills At Conference

Last Wednesday through Friday our Student Council attended the ACSI Student Leadership Conference at Twin Rocks Retreat Center. There they heard about and discussed principles of godly leadership and what that would look like on our campus. Our council members recommitted themselves to providing pro-active servant-leadership for our school. Student Council is made up of Marc M., president, Sarah H., vice-president, Erin H., secretary, Joel M., treasurer, Keaton C., social chairman, Clara G., senior class rep, Jeff H. and Buddy I., junior class rep, Kimmy S., sophomore class rep, Kristina R. and Bethany T., frosh class rep, Austin C. and Tanner M., eight grade reps, and Isaiah A. and Matthew R., seventh grade reps. Mrs. Tillstrom serves as our Student Council Advisor.

Look for renewed vision and enthusiastic leadership from our student council!

## DCS Cheer Camp Coming Soon!

We are gearing up for another exciting Cheer Camp on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>! Participants will enjoy a morning filled with fun, age-appropriate instruction from our very own DCS Cheerleaders. The Camp is open to all elementary students (K-5—\$20) and junior high girls (6-8—\$22). This is also a great opportunity for parents to have some free time to get ready for Christmas!

Students are welcome to register anytime before December 1<sup>st</sup>. Registration forms were sent home with students this week and extras are available from your child's teacher or from the school office. The Camp is open to non-DCS students as well. Please contact Angela Davis, DCS Cheer Coach, with any questions.

Visit our website at [dcs.damascuscc.org](http://dcs.damascuscc.org) or email us at

[DCS@damascuscc.org](mailto:DCS@damascuscc.org)

"Bless the  
Lord, O my  
soul, and  
forget none  
of His  
benefits"

(Psm. 103:2 NASB)

Have a blessed  
and joyful  
thanksgiving as  
you recount all  
the Lord's  
benefits!

