

CHALKMARKS

To Be a Blessing is to Be Blessed

How did you spend this year's National Day of Prayer? Let's take a peek at what our fourth grade class did on that very special day, and how they were able to be a blessing and in return, be blessed themselves.

This year for the annual fourth grade field trip to the Oregon State Capitol, it was decided to go May 4th, on the National Day of Prayer. Mrs. Klingbile contacted State Representative Linda Flores to set up a time for the class to visit her office and have a time of prayer with her. Mrs. Flores is the representative where many of the fourth grade students live. She was also going to give the students a state of Oregon lapel pin, a state seal, and, of course, goodies from her own goodie jar.

On the tour itself, the fourth graders had the BEST tour guide they have ever had. He gave little tidbits of information about the capitol building never heard before in a tour. He explained how a bill becomes a bill and then becomes a law. Each student was mesmerized. After this portion of the tour, all climbed the 121 step tower to see the Gold Pioneer.

Upon returning from this trek, students, teachers, and chaperones met Mrs. Flores in the rotunda to go to her office. She first took us into the office of Speaker of the House, Karen Minnis. Students were enthralled. It was in this office that the fourth grade students prayed for Mrs. Flores. Students, teachers, and chaperones formed a circle, including Mrs. Flores, and one by one, students prayed for her. They prayed that she would have God's wisdom in making decisions about laws. They prayed that she would make a difference for Christ in that building. They prayed that she would stand firm in her faith, and they prayed that God would use her in a mighty way. When this time of prayer was finished, it took Mrs. Flores a few moments before she could speak. Then her words were, "Wow, I am so blessed!" It was obvious that the prayers of these students had touched her deeply. These fourth graders took their task of praying for her very seriously, and as a deep honor. They prayed also for Karen Minnis, that God's presence would remain in her office.

After praying for Mrs. Flores, students took some time to pray on the Capitol steps. A chaperone accompanied each prayed for our state, our national leaders, and for our Again, each fourth grader took this time of prayer as solemn thing.

Before leaving DCS, the fourth graders had prayed that they would be a blessing in the Capitol building. These students were truly a blessing to all they came into contact with. And, in being such a deep blessing, with their faithful, trusting prayers, they were indeed blessed. This National Day of Prayer is one that the DCS fourth graders will never forget.



DA VINCI CODE CLARIFICATION

As reported earlier, there has been a huge amount of discussion and debate about Dan Brown's fictional novel *The Da Vinci Code*, soon to be released in movie form. Even though it is supposed to be a work of fiction, Mr. Brown makes statements to the effect that the historical events are true and accurate; only the characters are fictitious.

Numbers of history and Biblical scholars have read the book and have found numerous errors in those events purported as factual. In order to help our families dissect truth from fiction, we have ordered a book by Josh McDowell, to help set the record straight. We have received word from the publisher that they were swamped with orders and have not been able to keep up with the demand, therefore, we will receive our shipment later than anticipated. As soon as those arrive, we will make sure each family has a copy. We encourage you to read it and discuss it as a family. In addition, if you are not planning on attending this week's high school choir concert this Thursday, there is a seminar being given by Dr. Paul Maier, History Chair at Western Michigan University, at the Columbia Ballroom at Portland State at 7:30 PM, entitled *Da Vinci Code – Fact or Fiction?*

Basketball
News

Girls and Boys Basketball Teams Awarded North Casco League Sportsmanship Trophies!
Boy's Basketball Championship T-Shirts for sale until this Friday, May 12 - order form in school office.
DCC Summer Basketball Camp - June 19 - 22, 2006, 3rd - 9th Grades

DCHS Track Team Does Well At Harrisburg Meet

Our high school Eagles track teams participated in the Harrisburg Twilight Track Meet last Friday, competing with 1-A through 3-A schools. When the last race was run and the last field event concluded, our girls came away with the first place trophy while our boys garnered second place. In addition, four new school records were set and one tied. Not a bad showing!



On the girls' side, Emily H. took first in the 100 M hurdles, while sister Rebecca placed second. Emily also took first in the 100 M preliminary dash with Rebecca finishing third. In the final dash, Emily came in first and Rebecca fourth. Emily's time of 12.50 seconds tied our school record. In the 4X100 M relay, the DCHS girls - Brittany A., Rebecca H., Amanda M., and Alissa T. - crossed the finish line first. Alissa T. finished sixth in the one mile run and eighth in the 800 M run. Brittany A. was sixth in the 200 M dash while Emily H., Rebecca H., and Kimberly S. finished first, third and fourth, respectively in the 300 M hurdles. In the high jump, Colleen T. finished sixth while Emily Holding came in first in the long jump preliminaries; Amanda M. was fifth. In the finals, Emily again was first with Amanda sixth. Amanda was fourth in the girls triple jump in both the prelims and finals. When it came to tossing the discus, Jessica R. placed eighth. Finally, Kimberly S. came in sixth in the shot put. Their total points posted them to the first place meet win.

The boys - Sean L. - second in the 110 M hurdles and tied for second in the 100 M preliminary dash; he then

came back in the finals to win it. Our boys 4X100 relay was DCS finishing fifth - Jeff H., AJ I., Seth L. and Ben W. In the one mile run, Jordi B. came in second with Mychal M. finishing fifth. Jordi B. was second in the 800 M run, setting a new school record. In the 200 M dash, Sean L. was first, then finished second in the 300 M hurdles. Our boys - William B., AJ I., Mychal M. and Ben W. - finished fifth in the 4X400 M relay. Seth L. took first in the high jump at 6'3" - a new school record. In the boys long jump, Seth came in second in both the prelims and finals. In the preliminary triple jump - Seth placed first with Jeff H. coming in sixth; they placed the same in the finals. In the javelin, AJ I. came in second, setting a new school record. Marc M. placed seventh. The boys' team total points gave them second place in the final meet standings.

Congratulations to Coach Kelly Holding and the outstanding efforts by her teams. Thanks too, for the assistant coaches and the great job they do in preparing our kids for the meets, focusing on beating their own personal bests in the events in which they participate.

Please note - numbers of our students whose names were not mentioned placed in various events at the Harrisburg Meet. We noted only those who placed eighth or higher; meet points are scored only on the top eight finishers in each event.

End-Of-Year Happenings

May is always a busy time of the school year as we seek to finish on a strong note. Please remember the following events: Hales High School Ensemble Concert, May 11th; Student Council Evening of Praise & Worship, 7:30 PM, Auditorium; Junior-Senior Banquet, May 16th; Elementary Vocal Concert, May 18th, 7:00 PM; Seniors' Award Chapel, May 19th, 8:35 AM; Band Concert, May 23rd, 7:00 PM; Seniors' Last half-day of school, May 23rd; Senior Commencement, May 26th, 7:00 PM. Kindergarten Promotion, June 1st, 10 AM, Last half-day of school for 8th grade and promotion, 7 PM, June 1st; Last day of school, noon dismissal, June 2nd; Washington, D.C., trip, sophomores and juniors, June 3rd-10th. Report cards mailed home, June 12th.

Friday Feast Next Year - Still Need Some Help

Another year is coming to an end. That always means change in one form or another. Students graduate. New students arrive. God moves teachers and volunteer parents on to other assignments. Such is the case with our Friday Feast Coordinator, Cary Franklin. After many years of faithful service overseeing Friday Feast, she is moving on to a new season in her life. There are a number of ladies already involved in our Friday food distribution program who will continue to serve. There are still some openings. If you would like to be a part of this ministry or would like further information about time commitment, etc., please contact Cary at DCS.

Hales Singers To Present Spring Concert Thursday
The DCHS choral group, The Hales Singers, will present excerpts from Phantom of the Opera and other vocal numbers at their Spring Concert, this Thursday, May 11th, 7 PM, in the auditorium. It will be a visual and vocal delight! Don't miss it!!

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