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A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR DCS FAMILY AND FRIENDS

2005-2006 – The DCS Year In Review

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Beginning in Genesis and continuing through Revelation, Scripture often reminds us to remember – one hundred forty-eight times – the things that the Lord has done. And I will remember My covenant... Gen. 9:15; Remember what the Lord thy God did... Deut. 24:9; Remember His marvelous works... I Chron. 16:12; I will remember the works of the Lord... Psm. 77:11, and on it goes. Remember. Think back on certain things, both difficult and delightful. Keep in mind, memorize, take into account, don't forget – remember. Remember God's faithfulness.

As we come to the last week of school, we want to take some time to review and remember what the Lord has done at DCS this year. There

are those tangible things that have been special – the School Commission's growing vision and plans, the strong enrollment and stronger re-enrollment, RenWeb, the spring drama and choir presentations, new classes – high school art and French, five teams that qualified for State championships, three State championship trophies in boys basketball and boys and girls track, wonderful, new school families, new bleachers, new swings, this year's auction and provisions for the fine arts department – a new piano, new choir risers, new art equipment, and a new portable stage for drama, a growing scholarship fund, growing involvement with Scrip, a successful Friday Feast program with a new coordinator for next year, numerous volunteers in numerous capacities, high academic achievements by the students, and... the list could go on.

More significantly are those intangible, often unseen accomplishments brought about by the movement of God's Spirit and responsiveness of God's people. His hand of mercy and protection as two of our teachers experienced serious auto accidents totaling their cars but protecting their lives and that of loved ones. His provision in so many ways – financially, health-wise, and wisdom and discernment for daily decisions. The DCHS Student Council's response to the challenge to provide spiritual leadership to our school. His leading in every step of preparation for the Junior-Senior Banquet, assigned

to a teacher who had never attended or planned one; it was one of the best! The lives that have been changed through the consistently compelling work of the Holy Spirit. Lives that moved from an admittedly self-centered walk to a humble, others-centered relationship with the Lord and His people. That is the crux of what DCS strives to be and do – assist Christian parents in the Biblical training of their children, to help prepare them to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ for God's glory and the building of His Kingdom.

One DCS teacher summed it up best. "God has proven Himself faithful on a daily basis for wisdom and strength for each task. There are probably daily examples of my inadequacy and His sufficiency perfectly matched. It is good to remember His faithfulness, His care, and His provision.

Seek the Lord and His strength; Seek His face continually. Remember His wonders which He has done, His marvels, and the judgments uttered by His mouth... Psm. 105:4-5 NASB.

Remember the Lord, for He is good.



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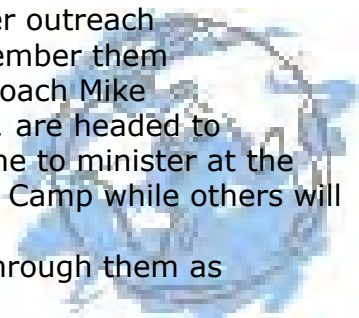
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DCS Students' Involved In Summer Outreach Opportunities

Numbers of DCS students are going to be involved in short-term summer outreach ministry opportunities. Here is a partial list of those participating; please remember them in prayer. News Release European basketball outreach under the direction of coach Mike Mai – Ryan C., Jeff H., Seth L., Mychal M. and Ben W. Kaitlyn D. and Clarissa K. are headed to Mexico with their church youth group. Jordi B. and Alex W. are headed to Maine to minister at the Frontier Bible Camp. A number of students will be heading to the Dune's Bible Camp while others will be ministering through Gleanings for the Hungry in August.

Please remember these students in prayer, that God would touch lives through them as He touches their life.



Welcome 2006-2007 Student Council

Each spring, elections are held to allow our secondary students the opportunity of running for a DCS Student Council office. Elected for the 2006-2007 school year are: President – Keaton C.; Vice President – Buddy I.; Secretary – Kristina R.; Social Chairman – Wil L.; 9th grade class representatives – Austin C. and Tanner M., 10th grade class representatives – Brent L. and Jon N., and 11th grade class rep – Danika M.

Congratulations to these student leaders who have been raised up for such a time as this.

Summer At The DCS Library

It's that time of year when all library materials must be returned by Friday, June 2nd. Please check your locker, in your backpack, under your bed, behind the couch, beneath the car seat, on the nightstand and any other place a book might be hiding. Then return them by this Friday.

I also have some great news! When school is out, the library will continue to be available throughout the summer. Hours will be every Wednesday from 9:00-12:00 and Sundays from 10:50-12:30. We will be having a great selection of Storytellers at 10:00 on Wednesdays during June and July. More information about this will be coming home soon. Be sure to put Wednesday mornings on your summer calendar!

This Week At A Glance

Thursday, June 1st – Kindergarten Promotion, 10 AM, Auditorium

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Friday, June 2nd – Secondary End-of-the-Year Praise Chapel, 8:35 AM

Friday, June 2nd – Elementary Praise Chapel, 9:20 AM, Auditorium

Friday, June 2nd – Early Dismissal
– 1st-3rd Grades – 11:40;
4th-6th Grades – 11:50; 7th,
9th-11th Grades – noon.

Morphemes Mean Mastery

Rachel Velez, our Discovery Director is convinced that morpheme awareness means better reading and language skills. So what is a morpheme???! According to Mrs. Velez in her article "Morphemes: The Building Blocks of Language Learning", published in the spring issue of the National Institute for Learning Disabilities journal "Discoveries", "Morphology is the study of meaningful parts of words and how they are combined. ...a morpheme is a little piece of a word that carries meaning. It may be a prefix, suffix, or root. It can be as small as adding an 's' to make a word plural, or an 'ed' to make it past tense."

Mrs. Velez is a master of morphology. Her expertise, along with our other three educational therapists, help students in Discovery become more confident and competent when it comes to reading and spelling. We so appreciate the plus-dimension Mrs. Velez, Lori Kaiser, Karen Oakley and Barbara Rutherford bring to DCS through our Discovery program. After all, you never know when you might need another morpheme.

Have a wonderful summer!!! See you Wednesday, September 6th!