

Damascus Christian School Chalkmarks



A Weekly Newsletter for DCS Family and Friends

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Grandparents' Day October 13th

Friday, October 13th, Damascus Christian School will be hosting its annual Grandparents' Day celebration. This is an opportunity for grandparents to participate in a little of what their grandchildren experience each school day. This wonderful time is for grandparents with grandchildren in kindergarten through sixth grade. There will be a general session in the auditorium complete with class songs and other offerings. Grandma and Grandpa can then go with their grandchild to the classroom, where they may participate in various activities.

We want every elementary child to have a grandparent representative present on Grandparents' Day. If your child's grandparent is not available, please be sure to line up a stand-in - a trusted friend, relative, neighbor, etc.

Mark your calendar - Friday, October 13th, 10:30 to noon. This will be a half day of school for all grades.

DCS Teachers Selected For Who's Who

Three Damascus Christian School teachers have been recognized for academic excellence by *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*. The three teachers are **Emily Chesney**, sixth grade, **Margo Gandara**, seventh grade and **Carol Thompson**, first grade.

Congratulations to these outstanding teachers!



**No School this Thursday & Friday
ACSI Teachers' Conference**

High School Lunch Clubs Meeting

For those of you who were not able to attend the Back-to-School Parent Night Orientation or need more information about the Lunch Clubs for the high school students, here's the scoop. Lunch Clubs have been established to give our students more opportunities for enhancing their education and developing leadership and teamwork skills. Thus, these clubs are to be student-driven with teachers as advisers to give some guidance and perhaps make suggestions. If you have further questions or have other ideas for Lunch Clubs, please feel free to call **Jo Nielsen** at 503-658-4100. **Please see the DCS web site for the entire year of club meeting dates.**

Thespian Club has **Lisa Clossner** as its adviser. **It meets two Wednesdays a month in the Friendship Center.** It will provide opportunities for students to earn points toward their drama letter. Trips are planned to local plays, Comedian Sports, and a mission opportunity to an orphanage in Honduras. At the first meeting, Lisa introduced the head of the Honduras orphanage.

Spanish Club will meet on **Fridays once a month in Room 109 with Andy McClellan** as the adviser. This club will give the students an opportunity to embellish on the Hispanic culture outside the classroom. Trips to local Mexican restaurants are planned as a chance to enjoy speaking in Spanish outside the classroom. In May, the members will go downtown to celebrate Cinco de Mayo.

Creative Writing Club definitely needs a more creative name! It meets on **Thursdays once a month in Room 225. Terri Huggins** is the adviser. This club will give students an opportunity to read each others' works. Perhaps the members will want to publish a collection of DCS students' poems, songs, short stories, etc. They may critique each others' works and encourage submission of entries into contests for scholarships. Enjoyment and

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encouragement are equally to be encompassed in this entertaining endeavor.

Science Club will meet on Tuesdays with Steve Hayley in the Science Lab. Already there are plans for field trips, including a back packing adventure this summer. All of you know how interesting Mr. Hayley can make science so that it becomes applicable and real. Maybe the students will help Mrs. Klingbile with the Science Fair and/or do some experiments for the grade school students, too.



Art Club will be meeting on Tuesdays with Brenda Schmidt in the kindergarten room, starting October 3rd. She already has ideas for some sketching projects and field trips to art museums and exhibits. Anyone interested in art should be sure to sign up. You don't have to be taking her class to join. Many parents will probably volunteer to drive so they can enjoy the art, too.

We are so thankful for these enrichment opportunities for our students. Take advantage of it!

SCRIP Be sure to turn in your Safeway eScrip to the school office before October 17th!!!



Elementary Talent Show
Coming Thursday,
October 26th!
Save The Date!

SHEPHERDING PARENTS SEMINAR

MANY PARENTS feel inadequate when it comes to raising children. George Barna, research expert recently wrote, "A majority of the parents surveyed are going it alone in the vital and challenging task of raising children and teenagers." Parents have searching and sometimes urgent questions. They want answers that will provide them with insight, guidance and support.

THE RORHEIM INSTITUTE - A leadership development network that is here to help. Our Shepherding Parents Seminar will continue the focus on:

1. Raising the priority of ministry to children and youth.
2. Deepening their biblical worldview starting with parents and church leaders.
3. Broadening the shepherding of parents and leaders who train them.



THE SHEPHERDING PARENTS SEMINAR WILL:

1. Clarify the need for churches to equip parents for discipleship.
2. Train ministry leaders to develop relationships, not only with children and youth but also with parents.
3. Affirm the truth of the gospel and the Word in fresh and winsome ways.
4. Build team cooperation between church and home to disciple children and youth.

Saturday, October 21, 2006 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
Damascus Community Church 503.658.3179

COST: \$15.00 PER PERSON W/1 WORKBOOK - LUNCH INCLUDED
\$25.00 PER COUPLE W/2 WORKBOOKS - LUNCH INCLUDED



I WANT TO ATTEND A RORHEIM INSTITUTE SHEPHERDING PARENTS SEMINAR

REGISTRATION

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Daytime phone _____

E-mail _____

INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION SUMMARY

Registration fee enclosed (\$15 individual, \$25 couple) \$ _____ Check # _____

Send check (payable to DCC) to: Damascus Community Church, 14251 SE Rust Way, Damascus, OR 97089