

Damascus Christian School Chalkmarks



A Weekly Newsletter for DCS Family and Friends

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First-Ever Spiritual Emphasis Week In Progress

After months of prayer and planning, we have embarked upon our first-ever Spiritual Emphasis Week, October 23rd - 27th. The purpose of this concentrated time of teaching, challenge and worship is to focus our attention and hearts upon the One who is able to refresh and renew our hearts and souls, **Jesus Christ**. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday during our secondary Bible period,



students and staff will participate in special presentations by Luke Hendrix, head of Youth Ministries at CB Northwest, and his son Jake. All presentations will be centered on the theme *Making Your Faith Real*. On Tuesday, students and staff will discuss what was presented on

Monday. Friday, we culminate our week in worship with a concert by up-and-coming recording artist Evie Haskell.

Join us in praying that each of us will be open and sensitive to the working of God's Spirit in our lives. Secondary chapels are at 12:35 PM, in the auditorium.

Elementary Talent Show This Thursday

Want to enjoy a great evening of entertainment and talent? Then you will not want to miss this year's Elementary Talent Show, Thursday, October 26th, 7 PM, in the auditorium.

What sorts of things will our kindergar-

ten through sixth graders be presenting? How about the famous "Cheese Opera" by **Jonah**? But wait!! That's not all - piano solos, singing, speedy stacking cups!, a drum solo, skits and *THE HUMAN PUPPET!!!*

This is one event you will not want to miss. It happens only once a year and this Thursday is the night. We can guarantee you will walk away with a lighter step and a new appreciation of what our students can do!



September Manners Matter Winners

Each month, our elementary teachers select students who have demonstrated on-going good manners during the month. For September, the following students received the *Eagle Award* for great manners: 1st grade - **Payton G.** and **Jacob N.**; 2nd - **Ian G.** and **Hunter H.**; 3rd - **Joshua G.** and **Luke P.**; 4th - **Rachel G.**, **Grace K.** and **Sienna R.**; 5th - **Keira B.** and **Carrie O.**

Congratulations!!

AUCTION ACTION

You might be one of many who are sitting around scratching your heads wondering what the theme of this year's DCS auction is. Set your minds at ease for a little while; we have NOT yet chosen a theme!!! It is just so hard to settle on one thing



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where there are so many wonderful ideas floating around. The fund designation for the auction will be equipping the classrooms - upgrading technology and enhancing other teaching resources. We are looking for a catchy theme to emphasize this direction; we have a contest among our students to come up with a theme. As soon as it is in concrete, you will be the first to know!!

So, let's focus on what we DO know about this year's auction.

DATE: March 10, 2007

MEAL: Of course, and it will be wonderful as usual!!

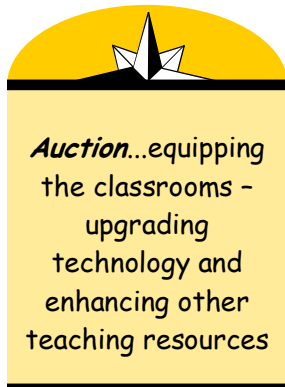
FRIENDS AND FELLOWSHIP: Guaranteed

BARGAINS: Definitely!

You will want to set this date aside as a priority. You do not want to miss the 2007 DCS Auction!!

NOTE: If you would like to be THE PERSON who makes this year's DCS auction the best ever, there is still a need for people to procure donations. Dorian Forrar is the chair of the procurement committee so, if you have anything to donate or are able to help in the procurement of donations, **PLEASE** call the school office. They will make sure that Dorian gets that information. Also, it is NOT too early to donate an item.

VOLUNTEER NOW if you want to be part of what is "happening" with the DCS Auction 2007. Call the DCS office: 503-658-4100 NOW before all the volunteer spots are taken and you are left out of all the fun!!

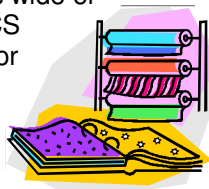


Christmas Wreaths, Poinsettias and More!

Please remember to order your Christmas wreaths and poinsettias from a DCS 9th or 10th grader. All profits go to help raise funds for their Washington, DC, trip. In addition, shipping boxes may be ordered for only \$3.75. These are 18", 22" or 30" boxes; simply write in which size(s) and how many on your wreath orders and turn in to the student approaching you for an order or the school office. All orders need to be turned in by November 3rd. Thanks for your support!!

Are You A Quilter?

Calling all quilters - do you have plans to clean out your stash of left-over fabric? If you have any cotton fabric 1/4 yard or larger or batting nine inches wide or wider that you no longer can use, the DCS quilting class would love to put it to use for projects they are working on this year. Please contact **Mrs. McEnany** or simply drop the fabric/batting off at the school office. Thanks!!



Half Pint Canning Jars Needed



There is a need for two dozen half-pint canning jars for the auction bake sale. If anyone has these and would like to donate them, please call **the school** at (503) 658-4100. Thanks!

Lunch Clubs Launched



For those of you who were not able to attend the Back-To-School Parent Orientation or need more information about the Lunch Clubs for the high school students, here is the scoop. Lunch Clubs have been established to give our students more opportunities to enhance their education and develop leadership teamwork skills. Thus, the clubs are to be student-driven with teachers as advisors to give some guidance and perhaps make suggestions.

Thespian Club (Lisa Clossner, advisor) 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, Comedy Sports, and a mission opportunity to an orphanage in Honduras. The head of that orphanage was introduced at their first meeting.

Spanish Club (Andy McClellan). This group meets once a month on Friday in room 109. Students will have the opportunity to learn more of the Hispanic culture with trips to local Mexican restaurants and involvement in Cinco de Mayo.

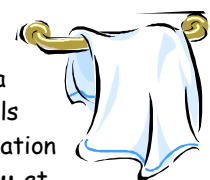
Creative Writing Club (Terri Huggins) Plans are underway for students to publish a collection of their poems, songs, short stories, etc. Students will have the opportunity to read and critique each other's work and encourage submission of entries into contests for scholarships.

Science Club (Steve Hayley) Our budding scientists will meet on Tuesdays in the science lab. Plans include field trips and a back packing adventure this summer. Students may be assisting **Mrs. Klingbile** with this year's Science Fair and/or do some experiments for the grade school students.

Art Club (Brenda Schmidt) Plans are in the works for some sketching projects and field trips to the art museum and exhibits. This club is open to any secondary student interested in art.

If you have further questions or have other ideas for Lunch Clubs, please leave a message at school for **Jo Nielsen** by calling (503) 658-4100. Check out *RenWeb* for a full listing of club meeting dates.

A Service Opportunity



Our athletic department is in need of a mom or moms willing to wash and dry towels during basketball season. For more information or to sign up, please contact **Mandy Russau** at (503) 658-4100 ext. 355. Thanks!!

Picture Retakes Tuesday, November 14th, 8:30 AM