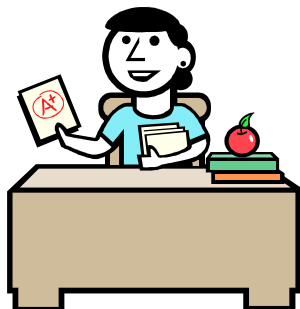


Damascus Christian School Chalkmarks

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR DCS
FAMILY AND FRIENDS



Parent-Teacher Conferences This Week

One of the privileges we have as a school is to partner with our parents in significant ways. Part of this process involves Parent-Teacher Conferences, a way of connecting on a person-to-person basis. Twice a year, we close school for a day in order to accommodate the parent-teacher meetings. These gatherings are meant to be a two-way communications avenue – teachers sharing the progress of students to date and parents asking questions and discussing ways of effectively working with their children.

to work with your child. For parents with children in kindergarten through sixth grade, please make every effort to be at your scheduled conference time on time. That way, you can utilize your full fifteen minutes. Parents with children in our secondary program have time slots for conferences – Thursday, November 9th – 3:30 – 6:30 PM, and Friday, 9:30 AM to noon. Parents with 7th through 12th graders go to your child's homeroom teacher first, then work your way to the other teachers located around lower level classrooms. If you have any questions, please be sure to contact the school office at (503) 658-4100.

Thursday, November 9th, is a regular full day of school. No school Friday, November 10th.

In order to maximize the conference time, we would suggest that parents jot down ideas and issues they would like to discuss with their child's teacher(s). By writing them down, it saves time and ensures that you will remember critical points you want to talk about. We believe that parents are a prime source of "insider information" on how best



Talk About Learning, Wow!

Parents, remember this Friday is Conference Day at DCS. That makes for a three-day weekend for the students. Just a few steps across the parking lot, before or after your conference, could change how this weekend is spent. The DCS Library is a perfect place to find some good stories to stir the imagination, excite the intellect and roust up a good adventure.



your child and while you visit, point out some new selections for grown-up readers too.

A visit to our library is more than a search for a book. It is an opportunity to expand your horizon and acquire some special piece that can delight your day. Reading good books not only instructs the mind, it enriches the whole of life. Check it out!

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Open from 8:30-4:00 this Friday, the collection of choices now number in the multiple thousands. But you are aided in your search by our capable librarian, **Mrs. Dennis**. She can help you find age-appropriate books for

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**Next Week Is Last
Chance To Stock Up On Scrip
Before Thanksgiving!!!**

Fabulous Fruit-Ordering Time Finally Here!

If you are interested in quality fruit at a very reasonable price, be sure to pick up a fruit sale order form when you come to Parent-Teacher Conferences this week. The DCS Discovery Department is selling field fresh apples and pears for just 61¢ a pound! Monies for this fundraiser will help make it possible for our educational therapists to continue their professional growth at the National Institute for Learning Disabilities Winter Conference in Norfolk, Virginia.



Attention All DCS Parents!



Dr. Steve Huggins, a Christian psychologist and the husband of DCS English teacher **Terri**, will be the guest speaker for the

upcoming Discovery Parent Meeting on Monday, November 13, from 7-8:15 PM in the Friendship Center. ANY school parent is invited to attend. Dr. Huggin's topic is "Positive Parenting Strategies for Children with Learning Difficulties." He will address self-esteem building activities, impact of siblings/peers, advocating for your child, etc. Attendees will appreciate Dr. Huggin's practical pointers and timely insights.

Amazing Volleyball Season Comes To End

Volley BALL It was a relatively young team with some promising up-and-coming players and a new coach. With that combination, it was expected that this would be a building year with a mix of wins and losses. To many people's surprise, our *Lady Eagles* pulled it together and qualified for State. That speaks well for the girls and their coach, **Chris Himm**.

With one game remaining in the regular season, our girls lost to NCCS, which eventually put them in the third place State position. That meant they had to travel to Adrian (south of Baker City), where they lost in three straight games and saw the conclusion to their outstanding season. **Alyssa W.** was

selected by the Valley 10 League coaches for the All Conference 1st Team. **Emily H.** was placed on the All Conference 2nd Team. Congratulations to **Coach Himm** and her players – **Kiera B., Ashley B., Lindsey C., Meegan C., Emily H., Katie Y., Kristina R., Jamie S., Kimberly S., Colleen T., Alyssa W.** and **Lexi Y.**

DCS Cross Country Team Does Well First Year

Congratulations to our cross country team made up of **Peter** and **William B., Rebecca H., Sam H., Stephen R.** and **Josh S.** This group of distant runners was ably coached by **Curt Kimball**. This young team finished fourth at the District Meet with **Rebecca H.** qualifying for the State Meet at Lane Community College in Eugene where she respectably placed in the middle of the pack.

The team voted **Rebecca** as the Most Inspirational runner while **Josh** received the Most Improved award.

Congratulations!!

Picture Retakes Next Week

If your child missed school pictures in October or needs to have theirs retaken, Tuesday, November 14th, 8:30 AM. If retakes are needed, the original picture packet needs to be returned. If you need an order packet, please check with the school office.



Halel Concert
Thursday, November
30th, 7:00 PM,
Auditorium



Asbestos Information

As required under the Federal Guidelines for Asbestos Management, Damascus Christian School has a management plan kept on file in the school office. The purpose of this plan is to document any asbestos-containing materials which may be present in our school and keep such materials under surveillance. This document is available for public viewing.