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A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR
DCS FAMILY AND FRIENDS



A Year Well Spent

This is it – the last week of the 2006-2007 school year. And what a year it has been. So many accomplishments and growth. Realizing that we are not a perfect entity, even so, much has been achieved through the diligent efforts of our parents, students, staff, friends and prayer warriors. Much of what has been attained can not be measured in terms of test results, charts and graphs. A significant degree of growth has been taking place within many students, internal and unseen. Spiritual development and maturity is seen, incrementally and perceptively.



As a staff, we want to thank those parents who

have labored to model and demonstrate Christ-likeness to their children. The difference can be observed at school. We thank those who take seriously the admonition of the Lord "...to train up a child in the way..." As we are reminded in Deuteronomy, "And these words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart (the parents) and you shall teach them diligently (real effort) to your sons (and daughters) and shall talk of them when

you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up" (Deut. 6:6-7 NASB). It is a daily, consistent, purposeful decision to intentionally train and model Biblical behavior and attitudes to our children.

That means that we, as parents, must be daily, consistently and purposefully in God's Word. Every day each of us are influenced and influence others by our attitudes, words and actions. Those stem from what enters

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This week's at DCS



Kindergarten Promotion – **Thursday**, May 31st, 10 AM

Last ½ Day For 8th Graders – **Thursday**, May 31st

8th Grade Promotion – **Thursday**, May 31st, 7 PM

Elementary Skate Party – **Thursday**, May 31st, 12:05 – 2:30 PM, Skate World in Gresham

Last day of school – **Friday**, June 1st, noon dismissal

Senior Commencement Service – **Friday**, June 1st, 7 PM, Abundant Life Church, 17241 SE Hemrick Rd. (corner of 172nd and Hemrick Rd.)



Summertime And The Library Is Humming

Some great news! We have a fun array of Storytimes scheduled for your enjoyment this summer. We'll be open every Wednesday from 9:00 AM – noon, with Storytime at 10:00. The elementary students have already been given a schedule of events. If yours didn't make it home, swing by the library for a copy. Pick one up for a neighbor! Be sure to include the library on your routing schedule for Wednesday mornings.

It is also that time of year that all library materials **must** be returned. Please check your locker, in your backpack, under your bed, behind the couch and any other place a book might be hiding and return all items before Friday, June 1st. Thanks!



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our hearts and minds. The world has a never-ending abundance of information, entertainment and enticements to keep us distracted, discouraged and detained (1 John 2:15-16). God's Word, on the other hand, instructs us how to live victoriously and virtuously each day (see Proverbs). Scripture retrains our thinking, twisted due to the Fall. It helps us to evaluate circumstances and situations and make decisions that are based upon God's standards and values rather than mans. It fits us for right living and gives us the tools to instruct and guide our children. Godly children do not just happen. They are not simply products of the Christian school. They are the result of the intentional, systematic, prayerful training of the parents. Damascus Christian School exists simply to reinforce and complement what Dads and Moms do at home and along the way.

As we conclude this year, we want to thank and encourage our faithful parents as you seek to instill those Biblical values in the hearts and lives of your children. Carry on!

Last Scrip Winners For '06-'07

Purchasing *Scrip* has more benefits than simply convenience and assisting DCS financially. The other perk is we give *Scrip* gift cards away to those who purchase *Scrip*. Last week's contest consisted of all names who purchased *Scrip* that week were placed in a basket with one being drawn. That fortunate person was **Ginny Nevin** – she received a \$25 *Starbuck* gift card! The fun part of this was that she got to select a DCHS senior who also received a \$25 *Starbuck* gift card. She chose **Buddy I**. Congratulations to both! Got *Scrip*?

Auction Input

Even though this school year is ending, we are gearing up for next year's activities. One of the biggies is our annual auction set for Saturday, March 15, 2008. This year's auction was our most successful ever in terms of net proceeds – over \$82,000. From that, \$14,325.50 will go into our student financial fund, leaving us over \$60,000 for classin' up DCS – teaching and classroom enhancements. In order to have a well-run, fun auction, it takes people. Lots of people filling a lot of different positions.

As we met for our after-auction debriefing, several suggestions were made to augment next year's effort. In no particular order - form a **Prayer Team** that could begin during the summer to pray for preparations, procurement, volunteers, etc. This team could meet on an agree-on time/place or through regularly updated prayer requests via email. Someone would be needed to head this up. A **survey** – asking people what they would be interested in bidding on, especially "boy-toys" – tools, equipment, quads, jet skis, trailers, chain saws, etc. Putting a **Back-To-School Auction Packet** together to be given out at our Back-To-School Parent Night, Friday, September 14th. **Shoppers** – savvy shoppers who would be



willing to purchase items at greatly reduced prices (think day after Thanksgiving) to sell at the auction.

The list could go on, but you get the idea - lots of people doing lots of different jobs. Please be thinking and praying about how your family could get involved in next year's auction. If you have an idea that you think might be helpful, please contact the school office at (503) 658-4100. **Thanks!**

Nine School Track Records Broken This Season!



Nine DCS track records were shattered this year by four outstanding Damascus Christian athletes. Senior **Emily H.** set new high marks in the 200 M (26.50 seconds) and 300 H (47.39). Sophomore **Sean L.** established new times in the 110 HH (15.37) and 300 H (39.94). Senior **Seth L.** garnered three school-best records for the high jump (6' 4"), Triple Jump (45' 3" – a new State 1-A record), and Pole Vault (12' 6"). Sophomore **Rebecca H.** has the fastest time in the 3000 M at 12:26.1.

Our girls 4 X 400 team missed breaking our school record by 1 second (**Brittany A.** (10), **Erin B.** (11), **Rebecca H.** (10) and **Alissa T.** (12). **AJ I.** just missed breaking his own record by three inches in the javelin.

Four of our tracksters were invited to represent Oregon in the Meet of Champions against Washington June 2nd. **Sean** and **Rebecca** will be competing in the 300 hurdles, **Emily** in the 100 and 300 hurdles, and **Seth** in the triple jump and possibly the high jump.

Congratulations for a fine season and strong finish!

Condolences

Our prayers go out to **Sue Rankin**, DCS kindergarten teacher, on the Home-going of her Father, **Wayne Schoepf**. Mr. Schoepf stepped into eternity Tuesday of last week. The memorial service was this Tuesday; Mrs. Rankin will be back in time for the kindergarten promotion, Thursday, May 31st, at 10 AM. Please remember the family in prayer.



Creative Writing Yields A Winner

Senior and creative writing student **Buddy I.** was a winner in Macy's "Follow the Leader" Essay Contest. To fulfill the requirement of the contest, sponsored by Macy's, the Oregonian, and KGW Northwest News Channel 8, Buddy chose a leader from a provided list, detailed why he wanted to follow that leader, and described how education can help him achieve his dreams.

As a winner, Buddy will receive a \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond and attend an honorary luncheon with **Kim Foren**, owner of Geranium Lake Flowers, the leader whom he chose to follow, and the other essay winners and leaders.

Congratulations, Buddy!

