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A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR
DCS FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Grandparents' Day "Best Ever!"

This year's Grandparents' Day was overwhelmingly declared "The best ever!" by numbers of the hundreds of Grams and Gramps that showed up. "We've been to many Grandparents' Days at Damascus, but this was the best! We loved the variety and creativity. These kids are amazing!" Such remarks were common-place following the students' presentation in the auditorium. From the kindergarteners "echo" poem to the first through third grade Grandparents' song, to the fourth graders recorders and amazing math, to the fifth graders most excellent hosting and host-

essing, to the sixth graders live news report, it was a terrific time.

How far away did grandparents come to attend this annual event? California, Washington, throughout the state of Oregon, and Ohio! Numbers of grandparents had multiple grandchildren attending DCS, a whole bunch walked to school (the furthest was three miles), and one grandfather had tried sky diving!

Following the children's presentations, the grandparents were excused to their grandchildren's classes where further fun activities and presentations continued. We are so blessed with the wonderful grandparents who make up

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The Best Christmas Pageant Ever Is Coming

Thursday through Saturday, November 15th-17th, we will have the opportunity to enjoy a classic pre-Christmas presentation by our drama department of *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. If you have not seen this presentation, you will want to reserve an evening to enjoy this.

This sometimes wacky but ultimately rewarding play is co-directed by DCS drama teacher Mrs. Lisa Closner, assisted by DCS graduate Krista Wierson. The cast is made up of students from elementary through high school. This show is a great outreach piece so invite your friends and neighbors to join you for this one hour presentation. Coffee and cookies will be served after each show.

Tickets will go on sale Monday, October 29th. General admission is \$5, with

senior citizens (60+) and students, \$4. Seating is limited so do not hesitate to stop by the office to get yours.

Elementary Talent Show This Thursday

If you are looking for a fun evening watching local talent, you will need to check out our 2nd Annual DCS Elementary Talent show this Thursday, October 25th. This very entertaining show features skits, instrumental solos and duets, lip syncs, vocal presentations, and the grand finale, the *Sousa Spectacular* performed by 6th grade band members. The program will begin promptly at 7 PM, in the auditorium. You will not want to miss this!

DCS Grad Honored Twice By College League

Amy Thompson, daughter of Gary and Carol Thompson, has been selected as the Cascade Collegiate Conference Volleyball Player and Setter of the Week for Oct. 16th. This is the second time Amy has received that honor and recognition. Thompson, who graduated from DCHS in 2005, attends Corban College in Salem.

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the DCS family. We thank them for their positive, Godly input into the lives of our students. We can hardly wait for next year's Damascus Christian School Grandparents' Day!!

This and That

Time To Order Your Wreaths And Poinsettias

Time is running out for you to order your Christmas wreaths and poinsettias. Freshmen, sophomores and juniors are all selling these Christmas decorations to help raise funds for their Washington, DC trips. You can decorate your home and help students at the same time! The sale ends November 2nd, with delivery November 27th, so order them now.

If you have questions, please contact the school office @ 503.658.4100. Thanks!

Mononucleosis Alert

Several of our high school students are out of school because of mono. As it is very contagious, please be on the watch for these symptoms - *children under the age of 12* - loss of appetite, light fatigue, listlessness and mild fever. *Young adults* - initially, loss of energy, chills, and a lack of appetite, bad sore throat and swollen lymph nodes, fever, extreme fatigue, persistently tender spleen (felt as a pain in the left side), rarely, a pink rash will appear.

Mono can be contagious for up to two months, so avoid sharing food or drinks with an infected person. Some people will develop chronic mononucleosis, in which symptoms last for longer than six months. It is important to see a doctor if your mono persists for an unusually long time.

Books Become Blessings

The DCS Library hosted a book sale to raise funds for World Vision. Boxes and boxes of books were donated for the sale. When displayed, it seemed like there was something for everyone. Happily, a lot of eager readers came to enjoy the bargains and left with newfound personal treasures. We were able to send \$246 to the far less fortunate via World Vision and enrich many in the process. Thank you, to all who contributed books, time and browsing. You are a blessing.



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Amy was also named NAIA Region I Player and Setter of the Week, thereby putting her in the running for national honors. Congratulations Amy!!

Scrip Winner!

Mrs. Gay Joachim, former DCS parent and school secretary, won the Grandparents' Day Scrip contest. She will now enjoy her \$30 Olive Garden gift certificate. Got Scrip!!

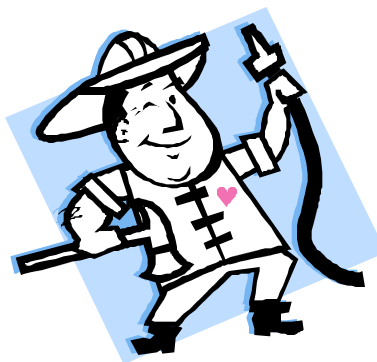
Prayer Corner

There are a couple of urgent prayer requests in which we would ask you to join us in intercessory prayer. First, **Jan Dauntless**, our high school Academic Advisor, was diagnosed with breast cancer. She is seeking additional medical advice and would appreciate prayer for wisdom and God's peace for her family. Secondly, **Joel**, youngest son of DCS secretary Pam M., was taken to Mt. Hood Medical Center last Saturday complaining of pain in his left side and shortness of breath. After running several tests, it was determined he had a blood clot in his lung. At this point, the cause is unknown.

Please lift these dear people up in prayer as God brings them to your mind.

Opportunity To Serve Our Community

Would you like to experience a wonderful opportunity to serve your community? If so, here is the chance to become a volunteer firefighter. All you need is the courage, dedication, enthusiasm, a willingness to learn new skills and face new challenges, and the desire to serve your neighbors and the communities of Boring, Damascus and Eagle Creek.



There will be a no-obligation informational meeting, Sunday, November 11th, 3

PM, at the Boring Fire Department. Learn what it takes to become a member of a proud, dedicated organization. For further information, please contact Andy Welk at (503) 663-4638, or download an application at www.boringfire.com. Thanks!

Harvest Festival - Wednesday, October 31st 5-8 PM, Gym

