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A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR
DCS FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Where In The World Is DCS?

While working on a recent project for the School Commission, I was struck with how widespread the influence of our students is, worldwide. In January, I will be sharing some interesting and amazing statistics and information on our DCS graduates.

Along with those who have graduated, I am encouraged with our current student body – decisions and sacrifices they are making for the Kingdom. During this season of giving, I would like to turn your attention to two worthwhile projects in which you can be involved, through financial and prayer support.

MEXICO 2008

What - work/ministry projects in Puebla, Mexico with the Contreras' and Basille's

When - March 21-30, 2008

Who - Brittany A., Matt B., Peter B., William B., Ashley & Emily B., Isaac D., Allise F., Erin H., AJ I., Wil L., Joel M., Seth R., Kristina R., Randy S., Alex W., Phil Rankin, Jim Blubaugh, Andrew McClellan, Mychal McDonald, John & Lorna Atherton

Why - To encourage our missionaries in Mexico through construction projects on the Dios es Amor Church, school, and missionaries' homes.

Funding - through babysitting on December 15th, 9 AM—4 PM at DCC (donation), yard work, babysitting on Valentine's Day. Gift wrap, Dec. 16th.



HONDURAS 2008

What – ministry opportunities at the World Wide Heart To Heart Children's Village Orphanage in Tegucigalpa, Honduras

When - March 18-25, 2008

Who - Allison & Meegan C., Emily McE., Jessica R., Bethany T., Lindsey Clifford, Andrea Courtner, Kayla Dilla, Lisa Clossner, & Mandy Russau

Why - to minister to and encourage the orphans at the Children's Village through teaching ESL, providing an Easter dinner, sharing the Gospel, and having a "Princess Party" complete with princess dresses, reminding the girls that they are princess' in God's Kingdom, working in the kitchen, general cleaning and laundry, and taking hand-made quilts created by the DCC Monday Quilting Group.

Funding - pop bottle drives, child care, flea market and bake sale, gift wrapping at Hillsview Community Church
Saturday, Dec. 15th, 9 AM—4 PM.



It seems very appropriate to support both or either of these outreach endeavors. Gifts to the Mexico Outreach may be made payable to DCC, memo – Mexico Outreach. For those wishing to support the Honduras effort, checks are to be made payable to WWH2H, % Lisa Clossner, PO Box 2113, Estacada, OR 97023. Please do not designate a specific person on either project.

Thank you for your kind consideration of helping either or both of these worthy missions. Our students come back refreshed and renewed in their spiritual journey, thankful for the opportunity of investing in others.

Auction Update

Save the date – Saturday, March 15th, for the 8th Annual DCS Auction. This is a wonderful way to support the school *and* have a fantastic time in the process! The Silent Auction bidding begins at 4 PM, followed by a delicious catered dinner at 6. The Live Auction starts promptly at 7 PM, with outstanding items, class projects, and services.

This year's auction theme is *Escape to the Islands*. The gym will be transformed into a tropical paradise, thanks to **Sheri Foland** and her decorating crew (if you would like to assist in this area, call Sheri at her home). Food – a wonderful assortment of island treats sure to satisfy your palate. If you would like to assist in the food area, please contact **Karen Oakley** at her home. As donations come in, there is a huge need to enter each item on the computer. If you are handy with a keyboard, please contact **Jackie Swanson** at her home. If you could help out with general paperwork, please contact **Holly Heaton** at her home.

Great effort is going toward providing more “Boy Toys” this year – those things which appeal to *and are needed* by guys. More info on that...

Why not put together a list of those you would like to invite to fill a table of eight? And then invite them to join you – tickets will go on sale in January - \$17.50 per person.

Again, save the date – Saturday, March 15th. *Escape to the Islands* at the DCS Auction!

Christmas Class Projects

Our families and teachers are a generous lot. Proof positive is the various Christmas outreach projects with which they are involved. Kindergarten has taken on the Youth Guidance *Light Up the Life Tree* project, providing gifts for young people going through a difficult period in their lives. 1st and 3rd grades are collecting food for the local fire department food drive, 2nd and 4th grades will be going to Cascadia Village Care Facility to minister to those folks through songs and gifts. 4th, 5th and 6th grades are involved with collecting money to send to the African Orphanage project. Several secondary classes have on-going projects, such as collecting money for the Hope 2 Orphanage in Mongolia and sending supplies to our troops.

Year-End Giving

After giving to your local church and various mission and ministry-related outreach opportunities, you may find you still have discretionary funds available to give. We would invite you to invest in the future at Damascus Christian School. Your tax-deductible gifts are put to wise use to help further the mission of DCS, assisting parents in the Biblical training of their children, spiritually, academically,



socially, emotionally and physically to help prepare them to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ for God's glory and the building of His Kingdom. Simply make your check payable to DCS. Thank you.

Manners Matter At DCS

Each month, our first through sixth grade teachers select students who exemplify good manners. For November, we have the following: 1st grade – **Jason B.** and **Ashtin G.**, 2nd – **Shannon C.** and **Joshua M.**, 3rd – **Luke DeW.** and **Seth M.**, 4th – **Bonnie M.** and **Libbie M.**, 5th – **Josh F.** and **Nate S.**, and 6th grade – **Keegan C.** and **Zac V.** Congratulations!



Christmas Trees

6'-8' Noble Firs at the Knapp Family Farms, Sunday, Dec. 16th, \$20. All proceeds go to DCS. Go 1 mile past last stop light in Sandy to mile post 26. Turn right in the second driveway past mile post 26. There is a house (#41698), go straight down the gravel road 1200 feet to the loading area. 1 PM to dusk. Thanks!



- ◆ Dec. 17th Christmas Break begins
- ◆ Dec. 18th Winter Banquet
- ◆ School resumes January 2nd, 2008

