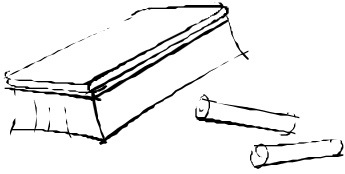


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A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR
 DCS FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Parent-Teacher conferences Thursday and Friday



School will be dismissing early Thursday in order to prepare for Parent-Teacher Conferences beginning that afternoon. Because these are the second series of conferences, it will give you an excellent idea of the progress your child is making as compared to the first nine week grading period.

Kindergarten will be dismissing at 11:30 AM, with first through third grades letting out at 11:40, fourth through sixth grades releasing at 11:50, and junior and senior high students out at noon. The rooms will then be set up for conferences with secondary starting at 3:30 and going until 6:30. They will resume at 9:30 on Friday, culminating at noon in the lower classrooms of the main building. Elementary conferences are set up on a fifteen-minute rotation.

Please jot down any questions you may want to ask your child's teacher. Be sure to honor the time limits for your conferences. Being on time ensures you your fully allotted conference. If more time is needed, simply schedule that with the teacher for a later period.

Again, this is a wonderful time to touch base with your child's teacher(s) as we seek to partner more effectively with our families. If you need to change an elementary conference time, please call Pam at the school office (503) 658-4100.



Spring Fling this Friday

The DCS Spring Fling will be this Friday, April 4th, from 7-9 PM at Hillsvie Community Church on Borges Road. The attire will be church clothes (slacks and shirts for guys; dresses/skirts for the ladies). Cost will be \$8. There will be chocolate fondue along with other delicious desserts.



Blessing
 of the day

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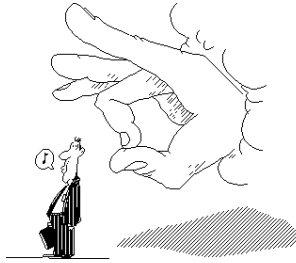
Aimee continues to make progress

Talk about a miracle! **Aimee** was able to attend church last Sunday with her family! We are thrilled to see continued and steady progress as she works through her physical therapy routines. Her family expresses deep appreciation for the many prayers on their behalf. If you would like to contribute to help the Blubaugh family pay the heavy expenses related to Aimee's care, you may drop off your gift to any US Bank branch to the Aimee Blubaugh Fund. This is registered through the IRS and contributions are tax deductible.

This & That

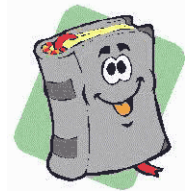
Exit only reminder

As the school year progresses, we sometimes tend to let down on routines and procedures. We wanted to remind everyone (including students who drive) that the lower drive is for exiting only. Please use the upper entrance even if no one is exiting on the lower drive when you come by. We would hate to see an accident happen this last quarter of school (or any time!). Thanks!



Books ... the other channel

National Library Week is on the horizon. To help make it a special celebration, I am offering the elementary students a Reading Challenge. It will be presented to them during their Library Day this week. They will have two weeks to complete The Challenge. Parents, please be sure to take a look at it when they return home from their Library Day. They will require your signature when they have completed The Challenge, during which, your encouragement will be well rewarded. Thanks, **Linda Dennis**, Librarian.



Tuition set for '08-'09 school year

The school budget has been approved by the DCS School Commission for the 2008-2009 school year. There were several jumps in expenses which had to be factored in including a \$20,000 increase for health insurance, a 1% set-aside for cash reserves, a 4.5% cost-of-living increase for our teachers, and the probable creation of an Information Technology staff person to oversee our computers and related equipment. In spite of these increases, our tuition will go up only 5%, with no increase in registration or testing fees, no increase in curriculum usage or high school student rate, and no increase in sports' participation fees. These increases amount to \$125 for kindergarten, \$280 for the first student in first through twelfth grades, \$219 for the second, \$163 for the third, and \$59 for the fourth and beyond.



We realize that schooling is expensive. Every effort was made to reduce or hold the line whenever possible. Great appreciation is extended to the School Commission and **Jim Holding** for their prayers, input and suggestions. There will be a budget information meeting set for the second Thursday of April at 7 PM. At that time, an overview of the budget will be covered with time allowed to answer questions.

Additional financial assistance available to DCC Members

Would you love to have your children at Damascus Christian School but feel you cannot afford it? There is good news! DCS offers financial assistance to qualified applicants. In addition, Damascus Community Church members have further funds available through the church.



Enrollment interest is already very high for the next school year, therefore, application needs to be made soon. You may pick up applications at the school office during the week or simply go on line to www.damascuschristianschool.org. That will take you to the church main page. Click on the school on the left side of the page, then on "Downloads". That will give you the necessary application forms. Simply print them out, complete them and mail them or drop them off at the school office. If you would like more information or take a campus tour, please contact the school office at (503) 658-4100.

If you would like to apply for financial assistance through the school, the FACTS application forms may be picked up at the school office or you may apply on-line at www.factstuitionaid.com. Please keep in mind, applying does not guarantee financial aid. FACTS filters your submitted information through their qualification grid which corresponds to our financial assistance parameters. FACTS then sends DCS their recommendations which are reviewed by our Financial Assistance Committee. The deadline for submitting a financial assistance application is May 31, 2008.



Yes, I need help!

Thank you!