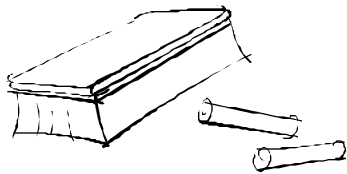


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A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR
DCS FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Auction updates!

Saturday, March 15th, is rapidly approaching and with it, this year's DCS Annual Auction. This year's theme is Escape to the Islands and it is shaping up to be another exciting, fun-filled event.

The purpose of our auction is to help provide extra finances for those items that are not in our general budget. Past projects have included new bleachers in the gym, the library (building and books), modular classrooms (4th & 5th grades), upgrades to the science and computer labs, student financial assistance, a new piano, choir risers, drama staging, new sound and lighting equipment, plus a myriad of other teaching resources.

This year's auction projects include student financial assistance, enhancement of our playground area, and help fund future academic development at DCS.

We continue to look for those who are able to donate goods and services. Remember our theme – Escape to the Islands. Do you have or do you know anyone that has a condo, home, or time share on any islands (Hawaii, San Juan's, Caribbean, Catalina, etc.) that they would be willing to donate use of for the auction? We already have a sweet island deal locked up that promises to be fun and exhilarating.

Speaking of sweet deals, don't forget the 5' X 8' Iron Eagle utility trailer that will be up for auction. This is not your run-of-the-mill trailer. Known throughout the industry as the top-of-the-line hauler, it features a written (very important!) life time warranty on all welding, an extra-long tongue, pressure-treated deck, box tubing construction, 15" wheels and tires, and the Accu-Lube lubrication system. Wow! Think of the uses you could put this baby to!

We also have an Eric Weigardt framed original watercolor painting up for bid. Eric, a brother in Christ, is well known for his free and easy style of painting, capturing both light and movement with sweeping, colorful strokes. Start looking for a great spot in your home or office to hang this beautiful signed, original watercolor.

Tickets are on sale in the school office. Still only \$17.50 per person which includes bidding privileges to the silent auction (begins at 4 PM), a delicious catered dinner at 6, and the live auction at 7 PM. Here is your opportunity to Escape to the Islands in the middle of winter! Saturday, March 15th.



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DCS band teacher honored

Chuck Bolton, DCS band teacher, was honored by the Oregon Music Educators Association receiving the 2008 *John C. McManis Distinguished Teacher Award*. This award recognizes Mr. Bolton as an outstanding band teacher and musician while setting a standard for lifelong service to music education and educators.

Through Mr. Bolton's service to DCS, we have seen our band students take quantum leaps in band ability and expertise. From pre-band through pep band, our students have made significant strides. Congratulations to Mr. Bolton, 2008 recipient of the *John C. McManis Distinguished Teacher Award*.



Manners Do Matter At DCS

Good manners are part and parcel of the training process of young people. To encourage the practice of good manners, DCS gives out a monthly award entitled *Manners Matter*. January's recipients include – 1st grade – **Morgan K., Jacob S. and Cassidy Y.** 2nd grade – **Sammy D. and Austin F.**; 3rd grade – **Sarah N. and Moses W.**; 4th grade – **Josh G. and Bonnie M.**; 5th grade – **Artyom J. and Madi W.**; 6th grade – **Jacob L. and Parker W.**

Congratulations to these well mannered Eagles!



Spring plant **SALE** now underway

The DCS junior class is starting this year's annual plant sale. This is their last fundraiser to help them earn money for their Washington, DC, U.S. History tour, lead by our Oregon History Teacher of the Year winner, **Mrs. Linda Urbanowski**. This year, the juniors have been studying U.S. History with Mrs. Urbanowski and will be well prepared for their Christian-based tour of our country's beginning. They have been working hard since their freshman year to earn money for this trip, which takes place June 7th – 14th.



It may seem early to be thinking of spring planting, but in February, the sun always starts peeking out from behind the clouds and daffodils start popping up. There are also time constraints and other events (such as the school auction in March) which affect the sale date. Do not let the early date deter you from planning ahead! The juniors must turn in their order on February 19th.



Would you like to help one of our juniors get to Washington, DC? Are you planning on planting any flowers, herbs or vegetables this spring? Please call **Tina Marantette**, Spring Plant Sale Coordinator. She can make it easy for you! If you attend DCC, look for a junior in the foyer before, between, and after Sunday services to place an order. If you know a junior, ask him or her for an order form.

Thank you for your support!

Re-Enrollment information due this Friday!



Monday, February 18th –



Presidents' Day – No School



"Building a culture of life requires more than law; it requires changing hearts. And as we reach out to others and find common ground, we can see the glimmerings of a new America on a far shore."

— President George W. Bush, today