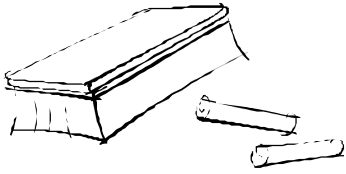
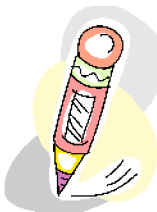


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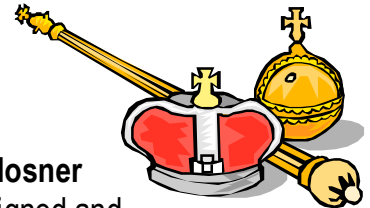
Cinderella Finishes Run On High Note

This year's spring drama production, *Cinderella*, closed Saturday on a high note, with each cast member going all out for the finale. This year's six presentations verified what many already knew – our students rise to the occasion! Each evening drew supportive and appreciative fans who marveled at the slick scene changes, were awestruck by the elaborate costuming, enthusiastic about the voice quality of the singers, were thankful for the near-flawless technical side, and rejoiced in the happily ever-after ending. All-in-all, it was a great run.

I was at the play watching (my son) sing, dance and have a good time (and squint). During the months and weeks leading up to the play each year I tend to wonder if all the time and effort is worth it, but then the "impossible" happens. It all comes together, our students rise and shine and the audience has a wonderful time. The talk before, during and after the performances are full of excitement and encouragement. Our friends that came with us last night were amazed that "such a small school" would have such big talent!

Great fun.

A very proud dad!



A huge thanks go to DCS drama teacher **Mrs. Closner** and her dedicated crew that put up the staging, designed and built the amazing sets, sewed dozens of costumes, helped apply make-up, prepared delicious dinners for the cast and crew, coached, fine-tuned, and played the music, ran sound and lights, ushered, sold tickets, worked in the food booth, faithfully attended every practice and performance, ran errands, did odd jobs, diligently prayed, helped tear down and put away, and hosted the cast party. A grateful bow to each and every one. Well done! Very well done! Encore!

Senior award chapel



Friday, May 23rd, at 12:35 PM, we will be honoring our seniors at their final DCHS chapel. The focus of this gathering is to publicly recognize our seniors with various awards and honors. Parents and friends are invited to join us in the auditorium this Friday at 12:35.



This & That

State results

track



The High School track team competed down at Western Oregon University this past weekend.

Forty boys teams competed. The DCS boys team took 2nd place, only 1/2 point behind the winner, Southwest Christian. **Sean L.** won 4 gold medals, winning the 100, 200, 110 hurdles and 300 hurdles. He broke the State meet record in both the 100 and 200 meter. Those records were formerly held by his brother, **Ryan**. Earlier in the year Sean broke the school records in both hurdle races. He has run the fastest 300 meter hurdle race in the state of Oregon so far, regardless of classifications. **Matthew Y.** competed in the high jump where he finished in a four-way tie for 4th place. **AJ I.** who broke our school record earlier in the season with a throw of 157'7" competed in the javelin.

The DCS girls team competed against 35 other schools. With only 2 girls on the team this year, they still managed to place 15th in the state. **Haylee T.** medaled in the pole vault with a 5th place vault. **Katie M.** came home with two state meet medals, placing 5th in the javelin and 4th in the discus. Both girls broke a school record this year. Haylee broke the pole vault record while Katie threw the discus to a new school record.

April Manners Matter winners

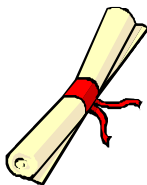
As we say at DCS, manners do matter. To help reinforce that idea, our elementary teachers select students who have manifested good manners and civility throughout the month. For the month of April, the following students demonstrated great manners and were rewarded with a trip to the "Eagle's Nest" for a treat. 1st grade – **Kennedy H.** and **Jennifer V.**; 2nd grade – **Luke O.** and **Nicole S.**; 3rd grade – **Sarah N.** and **Moses W.**; 4th grade – ; 5th grade – **Artyom J.** and **Katelyn S.**; 6th grade – **Carrie O.** and **Lydia M.**

Congratulations!

April elementary chapel character award recipients

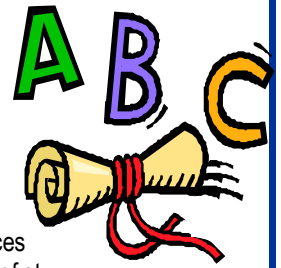
For elementary students who have demonstrated specific character qualities, they are publicly recognized at the first chapel of the month and given a special certificate. For April, the following students received these honors: David Award for demonstrating a heart after God – kindergarten – **Nyla K.**, 1st grade – **Luke N.**, 2nd grade – **Austin F.**, 3rd – **Sarah N.**, 4th – **Hunter S.**, 5th – **Jonah C.** and 6th – **Lydia M.** Each of these students were treated to ice cream with **Mr. Oakley**. Solomon Award – for showing wisdom in the choices they made – 1st grade – **Garrett A.**, 2nd – **Justus W.**, 3rd – **Seth M.**, 4th – **Christine H.**, 5th – **Rachel G.**, and 6th – **Keegan C.** and **Matt D.** Paul Award – for demonstrating self-control – kindergarten – **Brenner H.**, 1st – **Kasidy Y.**, 2nd – **Hayden Y.**, 3rd – **Zachary S.**, 4th – **Allie S.**, 5th – **Katelyn S.**, and sixth – **Darik F.**

Congratulations!



Two writing semi-finalists

Congratulations are due DCHS juniors **Daniel R.** and **Lexi Y.** for being selected as semi-finalists in the Oregon Letters About Literature 2008 contest.



DCS alumni writes...

"So, I'm sitting at Birch Community Services when suddenly the entire waiting area is full of students. They enter as one group – respectful, friendly and amazingly quiet for 20+ students in one place. They sat and talked amongst themselves for several minutes. I was instantly aware of one great thing... cheerful hearts – the bright, joyful, outgoing friendliness of a bunch of teenagers! I listened and watched for a few minutes and when they all stood up to head out the front door, I couldn't help but ask, 'What school do you all go to?' 'Damascus Christian!'

It was with deep pride and gratitude that I excitedly exclaimed, 'Me too! I graduated class of '87!' Several students asked me my name and when I told them '**Kristie (Buzza) Calhoun**', they happily remembered my mother, **Mrs. Buzza**.

I am still pondering my years at DCS with such fondness and a truly thankful heart. As I seek to educate my own children in God's way, I rely on experiences and the education I received from Damascus Christian School and the teachers there who poured their lives into mine. Thank you for giving, giving, and giving more each day and for faithfully following God's direction.

Forever grateful, Kristie, (Buzza) Calhoun"

Aimee update – a grateful note of appreciation



This is just a small note to thank everyone so much for all that they have done for our family! Thank you seems hollow when looking back at all of the love and support we have received from this school, church, and all of the amazing families and friends we have here! We have been so blessed and humbled through this whole event, God has shown Himself so much to us through each prayer, kind word, hug, loving note left on the Caring Bridge, bake sales, food, and the million other wonderful things that have been done for us since the accident. Never ever have I felt the love of Christ so strongly as I have through this experience and He has been most revealed to me through all of you! Thank you so very much! Our family is so blessed to be surrounded by such wonderful people and by a school that is a true family in every sense of the word!

DCS students you know how much I love you and how much you being here means to all of us. Thank you for the bake sale and for making us feel like the most loved people when we walk in the door. You all amaze me and make me proud that my kids have such a wonderful school to attend! Thank you to all who have bent over backwards to help us out, and to everyone of the amazing teachers at Damascus who are taking such good care of us! We love you all so much! And to every family and friend who prayed for us, thank you!! Our kids would not be here without you! Thank you for lifting our family up! We thank our Awesome God everyday for you and for His loving mercy and grace!

Thank you again, with much love,

In Him, **Kelli Blubaugh**

Editor's Note – We continue to thank the **Lord** for His faithfulness as we see Aimee continue to progress each day as she works to regain her strength, abilities, and stamina.