



Grandparents' Day – best ever!

Last Friday saw our campus filled with the bright, smiling faces of... our grandparents! Hundreds of Grams and Gramps showed up, ready to enjoy our annual Grandparents' Day celebration. And celebrate we did!

Our program began with a delightful video presentation, cleverly done by **Ginny Nevin**, with candid answers given to various questions asked of each class. Kindergarten – *What are the ages of your grandparents?* – they ranged from 9 to 1,000! 1st grade – *What year were your grandparents born?* – again, a range from 1918 to 1999. 4th grade – *What work did your grandparents do?* – the answers ranged from “relestate” to “fritoography”. Our 6th graders were asked, *What is your grandparents' favorite saying to you?* There were a number of “Sweet Peas,” one “Sweet Potater,” “Merry Christmas, here’s \$50,” “Well bless your little heart and we’ll be darned.”

Each class offered a variety of presentations ranging from memorized Bible verses, to songs, to acronyms spelling out “GRANDPARENTS.” Our first through fourth graders, under the direction of **Mrs. Russau**, did a delightful grandparents song with a 50’s beat. The fifth graders gave interesting statistics on grandparents and also acted as button passer-outers, ushers, and greeters. Our sixth graders did a great job helping to MC the

show and pass out gift cards.

Comments from the grandparents ranged from the to-the-point statements – “Great school. Love it!” “We love this school J” “Just one comment – the very best school in the state” “Very fine!” “Keep up the great work!” to the more verbose – “I always look forward to spending this day at Damascus Christian and have enjoyed it tremendously. It keeps us young at heart.” “I look forward to this day every year. I’ve only missed one and that was due to illness. The program is always good. Thank you for all the effort put into this day.” “We are so thankful for this school and for God’s faithfulness to it. This is our 13th year of being DCS grandparents.” “Praise God for your godly mission to our children.”

Peet’s Coffee gift cards were given out for the oldest grandparent in attendance (85),

the one who traveled the furthest to be at the DCS Grandparents' Day celebration (Florida!), the one who had been to the most DCS Grandparents' Days (13), and among other categories, the one who had been married the longest to the same person (56 years). In addition, three certificates were given out for two free tickets each for our upcoming Damascus Christian Education Foundation benefit dinner, March 14, 2009.

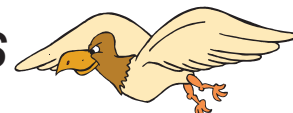
Grandparents and students were then excused to the classrooms to see what things their grandchildren learn and experience. The DCS Grandparents' Day could perhaps be best summed up with one of the comments made by a visiting grandparent, “Thank you for providing a quality, God-filled education. May God bless all your efforts on behalf of His Kingdom and for the souls of His little ones.” Amen.

You are invited!

Our first ever “**Battle of the Books**” will take place this Saturday, Oct. 18 from 9:00-12:00 in the DCS Library. Come and witness a battle of epic proportions. The challenge is out for each team of 5th-7th graders to show their expertise on a specific list of 12 books that they’ve been reading and studying since last May. We hope you can come!



Manners Matter at DCS



Each month, our elementary teachers awards certificates to those students who have demonstrated exemplary good manners. For September, the following students were selected and got to choose a small gift from “The Eagle’s Nest” in **Mr. Oakley’s** office: 1st grade – **Katie B.**, **Nathan B.** and **Joel F.**; 2nd grade – **Addi B.** and **Gabriel J.**; 3rd – **Kaitlyn B.** and **Laura S.**; 4th – **Eli R.**; 5th – **Rowan H.** and **Michael W.** Congratulations!

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Wreath and poinsettia sale



DCS freshmen, sophomores, and juniors are selling Christmas wreaths and poinsettias to help raise funds for their Washington, DC trip. Decorate your home and help our students at the same time. The sale begins now and ends November 7th. If you have any questions, please call **Michelle Sapp**. Thanks!



Soccer and volleyball teams doing well

Our high school soccer and volleyball teams are holding their own in their leagues. Our girls are currently tied for first place with NCCS in the Valley 10 League. Our soccer team plays in the very tough 1A-3A league and is currently tied for second place with Columbia Christian.

Come on out to cheer on our *Eagles*. The soccer team takes on the always-tough Portland Adventist team Thursday, 4:15 PM, at Deep Creek while our varsity volleyball team plays Saturday at 1 PM, at our home gym. *Go Eagles!*



We earlier failed to mention that mid-term reports are issued only for fourth through high school students; primary students do not receive them. Lower elementary grades do not send reports unless there is a specific case in which the parents need to be notified.

Drop-off reminder



Just a reminder about morning drop-off - students are not to be dropped off

before 8:15 AM. Afternoon pick-ups are to be done by 3:15 PM. Thanks!



Key Club being formed at DCS



As part of our effort to provide a variety of activities for our students, we are in the process of forming a chapter of the Kiwanis Key Club, a service-oriented outreach, at DCS. **Mr. McClellan** is our school advisor and has

started a Key Club information blog. In response to that, he received the following from **Laura Parsons**, our local area Kiwanis advisor, "GREAT information and I must tell you I have learned a lot about your fantastic church, too (Damascus Community Church). Don't be

surprised if you see a familiar face at some of your church functions. I am so honored to be the Kiwanis Advisor for this outstanding club! Blessings always to you."