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A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR
DCS FAMILY AND FRIENDS

2008 Auction a success!

Saturday, March 15th – DCS 2008 Auction. Almost a year in preparation, lots of volunteers who did a terrific job, a wonderful assortment of auction items, excited attendees, a delicious meal, great “island” music by **Randy Larson**. All of the ingredients for a fun event! And so it was.



The silent auction opened things up with dozens (hundreds?) of items from which to choose. Bidders wrote their bid number beside the items they were interested in and then would circle around to see if theirs was still the high bid. A new feature this year was the “Buy It Now” option – sign your number on the asking price and it was yours. Neat way to guarantee getting what you really wanted.

Food? “This is the best we’ve ever had!” That comment was heard over and over. Thanks to the wonderful catering and delicious dishes served up by the Ohana Hawaiian Café (6320 NE Sandy Boulevard – 503 335-5800). Three meat dishes, rice, green salad and macaroni salad comprised the meal with delectable desserts already placed at each table to encourage sampling of the Cheesecake Factory cheesecakes and a variety of pastries. Fun!

Attendees also enjoyed this year’s DCS DVD prepared by **Eric Heidemann**. Stills and video footage was shot by Eric, his wife **Cynthia**, and DCS sixth grade teacher **Emily Chesney**. An added feature was a short DVD presentation by DCS student **Zeb Wade**, showing our new document cameras (thanks to last year’s auction!) in use by various teachers.

The live auction began a little after 7 PM, with spirited bidding going on until all items were dispensed of. Vacation get-aways seemed to be the big item this year – a B & B on Orcas Island, beach homes at Manzanita, Oceanside, Newport, D Lake in Lincoln City, a La Pine hideaway, the Fort Stevens officers’ quarters, a quaint cabin at Cape Mears, the great get away at Eagle Crest Resort, the cabin at Rhododendron (with lessons in coffee roasting and 8 pounds of your own special blended roast!), and the Vacation Internationale Retreat which gave the winning bidder many vacation options.



Mini-bikes, a Tool Time-constructed arched planter, re-roof labor by True Bread Properties, several ATVs, a Carrier Infinity Air Purifier, Students for Hire by our junior class, hand-made articles by the various classes, a puppy!, and our Financial Assistance Paddle Bid which brought in \$12,100 *plus* a \$5,000 anonymous donor boosted our Financial Aid fund an additional \$17,200!

Final total? \$53,898.01 plus the earlier \$5,000 gift gives us a grand total of \$58,898.01!!! We are so appreciative of the generosity of our people. These funds, after expenses, will be used for financial assistance (a portion going to families for the 2008-2009 school year), playground enhancements, and future development for expanded technology and vocational offerings at DCS.

Thanks too, to our many volunteers who spent countless hours in praying, preparing, procuring, pricing, processing, and participating in this year’s auction. Thanks also, to our many generous donors. You make the auction happen! And finally, thanks to **Shelly Wade** and **Holly Heaton** for co-chairing the auction. They did a terrific job!

Mark your 2009 calendars on Saturday, March 14th, for our 9th annual DCS Auction, Lord willing. The auctioneer has promised to practice, “Hi, Damascus Christian School fans!” over and over...

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That***

Spring fling coming

The DCS high school Spring Fling will be 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 and dresses/skirts for the ladies). Cost will be \$8. We will have chocolate fondue along with other desserts. See student council for further information.



Scrip winner!

Congratulations to **Cheryl Gianelli**, winner of our latest *Scrip* contest. Cheryl will be enjoying a \$30 Fred Meyer gift card! Got *Scrip*?



Child safety fair at Hollyview

Hollyview Family Fellowship will be sponsoring a child safety fair Saturday, April 19th, from noon until 4 PM at the church (14095 SE 257th, Damascus). Topics and presentations include secure child photo ID, car seat safety and installation (appointment needed - 503 658-5860), bike helmets for kids, poisonous plants and poison safety, 911 information, internet safety, and fire prevention and safety. For more information, please call (503) 658-5680.



March calendar

Just a reminder that this Thursday (March



20th) is the last day of our third quarter. Because of that, we will be dismissing early - kindergarten - 11:30; 1st - 3rd grades - 11:40; 4th-6th grades - 11:50, and 7th-12th grades - noon. Friday, March 21st is Good Friday - no school. Spring Break begins on Monday, March 24th, and runs through Friday, March 28th. School resumes Monday, March 31st.

Aimee update

Our "Miracle Girl" **Aimee Blubaugh** continues to make steady progress in her recovery from the auto accident February 6th, which put her in OHSU with life-threatening injuries. Aimee amazes her medical team with her tenacity and daily improvements. She has been able to spend a couple of Saturday nights at home, then returning to Emanuel on Sunday to continue therapy. Each day small victories are being seen which is a great encouragement to her family. Please continue to pray as Aimee continues on with her recovery. Pray also, for her family as they are seeking to resume life on a little different schedule. If you would like to contribute to the Aimee Blubaugh Fund to help the family pay for the significant expenses related to the care of Aimee, contributions can be made at any US Bank branch. This fund is registered through the IRS and contributions are tax deductible. Thanks!



Financial assistance application forms available

For those requesting financial assistance for the 2008-2009 school year, the FACTS Application Forms are now available in the school office. Application deadline is May 31, 2008.