

CELEBRATING OUR 34TH YEAR

**DAMASCUS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
CHALKMARKS
HOME OF THE EAGLES**



OCT. 14-20, 2009

The Heart Of Education is Education of the Heart

***Grandparents' Day Was A...
GRAND DAY!***

"Wonderful variety!" "Grandparents' Day just keeps getting better and better!" "It's amazing what goes on in this school! I'm always impressed with what our grandchildren are learning." "Thanks for doing Grandparents' Day. We always look forward to attending and we're never disappointed."



These were some of the remarks that were shared following last Friday's annual Grandparents' Day gathering. Even though numbers were down slightly, the enthusiasm was palpable. Each of the elementary grades shared a presentation which ranged from a kindergarten "rap," to singing hymns or songs directly related to Grandparents, to reciting all the books of the Old and New Testament (in order!) and saying "Grandma" and "Grandpa" in eleven different languages.

A series of trivia questions brought out some amazing correct answers, such as, "American car horns beep in the key of - F." "What is unique about the Oregon State flag?" It is the only state flag that has different designs on either side. "What is the most photographed lighthouse in the nation?" Heceta Head Lighthouse in Lane County. Each person to connect with the correct answer received a \$10 Starbucks gift card, compliments of DCS and our Scrip program.

Two wonderful DVD presentations were enjoyed by the visiting grandparents, compiled by Ginny Nevin. The first tracked all our elementary classes and their responses to various grandparent-related questions; the second gave an overview of elementary grade activities our students enjoy.

Following the presentations in the auditorium, the grandparents were able to visit their grandchildren's class(es) to meet with the teachers and see, firsthand, what our students work on. The morning gathering culminated with most of the grandchildren enjoying lunch with their grandparents. All-in-all, it truly was a GRAND DAY!

PARENT PICK-UP POINTERS!

We at Damascus Community Church and Christian School want to be good neighbors here on Rust Way, and maintain safety for our students. There seems to be a growing amount of vehicle congestion at student pick-up time, so please follow these pointers:



1. Do not block Rust Way! If our drive is full, please stay to the right with your signal on and wait for room to turn in—Do NOT pass waiting cars, do not create two lanes and block the roadway.
2. Do not park along the front of the school. If you are waiting to take sports teams or for any other reason, please wait in the lower parking lot and keep the pick-up lane CLEAR.
3. Please be aware of your students' schedule. If they are on late dismissal due to band or other activity, please park in the lot and do NOT wait in the pick-up lane.
4. Safety first! Drive slowly at ALL times in our lot and on Rust Way. Do not allow children to cross the parking lot without parent escort.



HANG UP YOUR CELL PHONE. Please devote your full attention to driving with children present. **THANK YOU!**

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September Eagle Award Winners

Each month, our elementary teachers select several students from their class who have demonstrated exemplary manners. For the month of September, the following students received the *Eagle Award*, showing that manners matter:



1st grade – Daniel B., Ian I., PJ. J., and Isaac L. **2nd grade** – Matt M. and Ben P. **3rd grade** – Gabriel J. and Luke N. **4th grade** – Elli P. and Micah G. **5th grade** – Beau M. and Luke D. **6th grade** – Josh G.

Congratulations!!

October Events

Wednesday, Oct. 14th – PSAT testing
Wednesday – Friday, Oct. 14th-16th – Outdoor School
Thursday, Oct. 22nd – School Pictures
Monday, October 26th – Hearing and Vision Screening
Friday, Oct. 30th – End of the 1st Quarter, early dismissal
Saturday, Oct. 31st – Harvest Festival, gym, 5-8 PM



Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, November 9, 2-7 pm, DCC will be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive. Please call the church office if you would like to donate and help save lives—503-658-3179.



New Books Added to Library, Thanks to Generous Donor



Through the gracious and generous gift from a former Damascus Christian School family, we now own a number of books and DVD's related to a Biblical worldview of creation and life. Check out the following items: --Destination: Moon, the Spiritual and Scientific Voyage of the Eighth Man to Walk on the Moon by astronaut James Irwin; The New Answers Books I & II by Ken Ham; Old-Earth Creationism on Trial: the Verdict is in, by Tim Chaffey and Jason Lisle; Raising Godly Children in an Ungodly World by Ken and Steve Ham; The Ultimate Proof of Creation: Resolving the Origins Debate by Jason Lisle. New DVD's we now own are "A God of Suffering?: Violence, "Natural Disasters," Death, Disease... Why?" By Dr. Tommy Mitchell; "The Intelligent Design Movement: How Intelligent Is It?" by Dr. Georgia Purdom, and "Cloning, Stem Cells, and the Value of Life," by Mike Riddle.

Check out these great additions to our library. And thanks to the family whose generous gift made it possible.

Basketball Season



Coming With A Rush, Not A Dribble

Basketball season is just around the corner. We are in the process of putting our teams together. If your child is interested in playing basketball this winter, please let Mrs. Easterbrooks know in the Athletic Department. You can email Mrs. Easterbrooks at jennifereasterbrooks@damascuscc.org or call her at 503-658-5827 ext. 226. She will make sure you have the proper forms to fill out for participation. Please note the start date for our elementary program.

Elementary Practices Start **October 22nd**

Coach Gary Thompson ~ Girls

Coach Will Davis ~ Boys

JH Practices Start November 30th

Coach Daniel Marvin ~ Girls

Coach Jay Cross ~ Boys

HS Practices Start November 9th

Coach Dave Wakefield ~ Girls

Coach Terry Calhoun ~ Boys

