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## Focus on the Faculty

### *Mandy Makes Music Marvelous!*

We are starting a monthly feature called **Focus on the Faculty**. We thought you would enjoy getting to know more about our wonderful staff.



We begin this series with a familiar face – **Mrs. Mandy Russau**, our elementary music teacher. Mandy began her teaching career at Damascus Christian School as our third grade teacher for three years. Following a sabbatical, Mandy returned to DCS as our elementary/junior high music instructor. This year, her focus has been strictly on elementary music.

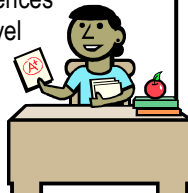
Mrs. Russau meets twice a week with each elementary class, first through sixth grade, for 30 – 40 minutes. During that time, students enjoy a variety of dynamic music-related activities. Singing, of course, is included along with music culture - biographical sketches of famous composers, music appreciation – listening to and discussing an assortment of styles from classical to contemporary, music theory – learning to read music, and music instrumentation – learning about a multiplicity of musical instruments from around the world.

Mrs. Russau brings life and joy to her music classes. She enters the class with clear learning objectives, is well organized so that each minute is maximized, and radiates a countenance that says, “I’m thrilled to be your music teacher!”

God has blessed us with an abundance of gifted, talented, focused, motivated and qualified teachers. We are so pleased that He has called Mrs. Mandy Russau to minister to our students through our elementary music program!

### **Parent-Teacher Conferences**

Next week, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, will be our first parent-teacher conference dates. Thursday will be an early dismissal day for all grades (K-11:30, 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>-11:40, 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>-11:50, and 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>-noon. Secondary conferences begin that afternoon at 3:30 on the lower level of the main building. Be sure to attend this vitally important conference time as school and home partner together for the benefit of the children.



## Get Your Act Together!

Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, is the date for our annual DCS parents and friends gathering. For eight years, we sponsored an auction to help raise funds for various activities and school projects. Last year, we decided to forego the auction and focus instead on an evening centered upon our high school students’ fine arts accomplishments. Gorgeous quilts, precise woodworking projects, improvisation, jazz band, high school ensemble, drawing, painting and writing were all featured. In addition, nationally-known comedian Tim Hawkins kept everyone in stitches with his wacky but right-on comedy. Signature desserts and table decorations produced by DCS parents and friends provided visual and gastronomical delight to all.

This year, we are looking for provide something different – a home grown variety show! We are looking for local (school) talent at a student and parent level. Groups, individuals, vocal, magic, instrument, stand up comedy, or ...? We will be auditioning in January to determine the line-up for the variety show. That, coupled with our fine arts presentations, will provide a wonderful, entertaining evening for school families and friends. In addition, we will be providing an opportunity to invest in the DCS ministry.

So get your act together! Drag out those dusty instruments, gather some friends, and start practicing for your shot at the big time! Even if you don’t have an act, get ready to have some fun, Saturday, March 13, 2010.



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## Our Miss Brooks

The DCS drama department will be presenting the comedy "Our Miss Brooks," Thursday through Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7 PM.

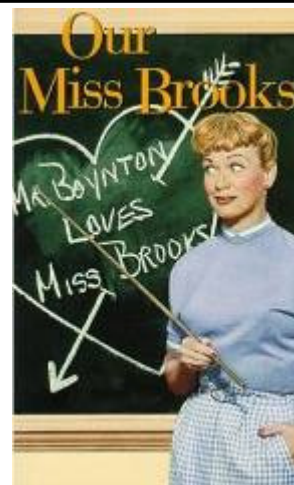
"Our Miss Brooks" is a delightful stage adaptation based on the 1940's radio show and the 1950's television sitcom of the same name. As English teacher Miss Connie Brooks tries to deal with school problems, she dreams of vacation and meeting the man of her dreams. Actually, the man for Miss Brooks is the athletic coach, but all he thinks of is the basketball team and, unfortunately, Miss Brooks has recruited his top athlete for the school play. The principal on the other hand, just wants to keep the school board happy. Both young and old will enjoy this hilarious comedy about school performed at school by DCS junior and

high school students!

Tickets are \$5.00 per person (students and adults) and seating is general admission. Each night the doors will open at 6:30 PM, with the curtain rising at 7 PM. For ticket information call (503) 658-4100.

### Drop-Off and Pick-Up Procedure

Please do not pull around those in front of you to enter the upper parking area. If you get blocked by another car and cannot get in to the parking area, this prevents our neighbors from getting past you on Rust Way. Thanks!



## Know the Difference between a Cold and H1N1 Flu Symptoms

H1N1 flu is about to be upon us and we need to be on top of information regarding it. Here is a comparison to the normal cold symptoms.

<u>Symptom</u>	<u>Cold</u>	<u>H1N1 Flu</u>
<b>Fever</b>	Fever is rare with a cold.	<b>Fever is usually present with the flu in up to 80% of all flu cases. A temperature of 100°F or higher for 3 to 4 days is associated with the H1N1 flu.</b>
<b>Coughing</b>	A hacking, productive (mucus-producing) cough is often present with a cold.	<b>A non-productive (non-mucus producing) cough is usually present with the H1N1 flu (sometimes referred to as dry cough).</b>
<b>Aches</b>	Slight body aches and pains can be part of a cold.	<b>Severe aches and pains are common with the H1N1 flu.</b>
<b>Stuffy Nose</b>	Stuffy nose is commonly present with a cold and typically resolves spontaneously within a week.	<b>Stuffy nose is not commonly present with the H1N1 flu.</b>
<b>Chills</b>	Chills are uncommon with a cold.	<b>60% of people who have the H1N1 flu experience chills.</b>
<b>Tiredness</b>	Tiredness is fairly mild with a cold.	<b>Tiredness is moderate to severe with the H1N1 flu.</b>
<b>Sneezing</b>	Sneezing is commonly present with a cold.	<b>Sneezing is not common with the H1N1 flu.</b>
<b>Sudden Symptoms</b>	Cold symptoms tend to develop over a few days.	<b>The H1N1 flu has a rapid onset within 3-6 hours. The flu hits hard and includes sudden symptoms like high fever, aches and pains.</b>
<b>Headache</b>	A headache is fairly uncommon with a cold.	<b>A headache is very common with the H1N1 flu, present in 80% of flu cases.</b>
<b>Sore Throat</b>	Sore throat is commonly present with a cold.	<b>Sore throat is not commonly present with the H1N1 flu.</b>
<b>Chest Discomfort</b>	Chest discomfort is mild to moderate with a cold.	<b>Chest discomfort is often severe with the H1N1 flu.</b>