

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



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***Our Miss Brooks Was Delightful***

Our drama department never ceases to amaze and entertain! *Our Miss Brooks*, the fall drama presentation under the direction of Our **Miss Wierson**, was a hilarious and well acted success. From newbies to veterans, each cast member stepped up with delightful expressions, great timing, wonderful voice inflection, and energy to serve up a visual and auditory feast for those in attendance.



Congratulations to Krista Wierson for her professional oversight of this production. Congratulations to the cast. You were terrific! Thanks to **Jim Wierson** and his crew for the great set. Thanks to **Gloria Goebel** for publicity and ticket sales. Thanks to **Paula** and **Candice Wierson** for the cast dinners and delicious cookies. And thanks to those of you who supported our fine arts program by purchasing tickets, attending, and encouraging our students. Well done, everyone.

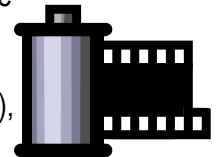
***DCS Key Club Collecting Food for Christmas***

Between November 16 and December 11<sup>th</sup>, the DCS Key Club will be collecting food for the Boring Fire Department's Christmas Food Basket Program. Please bring canned corn, green beans, other veggies, chili, tomato sauce/paste, fruit, meats, and soups to your student's homeroom class. The DCS class that brings the most food will receive a pizza party sponsored by the Boring Fire District. For more information, contact **Mr. McClellan**, Key Club faculty advisor at (503) 658-3179. Thanks!



***School Picture Retakes***

Tuesday morning, November 24<sup>th</sup>, will be picture retake day. This is for those who did not like their original photos (please return your pictures to the photographer), who were absent on picture day, who did not purchase photos, or who somehow missed the picture opportunity. Dynamic Photography will have extra order envelopes on retake day.



***Winter is Coming With Snow, Ice, Wind, and Possible School Closure***

As mentioned in last week's edition of *Chalkmarks*, if inclement weather closes or delays opening of school, you can access that information by watching or listening to local area TV and radio stations. Better yet, you can receive that news as soon as it is posted via your email or cell phone. It is a free service to all DCS families. Simply go to [www.flashalert.net](http://www.flashalert.net) and click on the link on the left that says, "Subscribe to receive news from participating organizations." Once you have created your account, you will receive any school information regarding closure or delayed openings through your email or cell phone. Why not sign up right now?!



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## **Athletic Director Placed on Administrative Leave**

**And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ. *Philippians 1:9-10***



For several months we have been dealing with points of doctrinal disagreement between our athletic director, **Kim Stephens**, and

Damascus Community Church/Christian School. Mrs. Stephens has been placed on administrative leave while the church and school leadership examine the matter further. **Mr. Forrar** has agreed to step in to give oversight to the athletic program during this time, assisted by AD secretary **Jennifer Easterbrooks**. Please pray for God's wisdom and grace as we work through this difficult time.

### **Thanksgiving Reminder and Tips**

Thanksgiving is coming next week with our break beginning Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>. That often means family gatherings, lots of food, and hopefully, a spirit of thankfulness for God's abundant blessing upon our nation and our families.



Something that we may not think about is child safety during this break. With the possibility of guests staying in your home, they may bring medications in which may prove attractive to curious children. The Oregon Poison Center reports an exponential increase in child poisoning during the holiday season. Please remind your guests to store their medications in a locked area, out of the reach to inquisitive children.

Another caution is cleaning supplies which can pose extreme hazards. In the bustle of getting ready for guests, we would recommend less caustic products. When finished cleaning, please be sure to

put ALL cleaning supplies away out of children's reach.

Think of Thanksgiving and you automatically think of delicious food. The National SAFE KIDS Campaign recommends the following tips for keeping children safe around the kitchen and hot food:

- Never leave a child unattended in the kitchen. Close supervision is essential, whether a child is helping cook or simply watching.
- Never hold a child while cooking.
- Put pots and pans on the back burners.
- Use caution when heating food and liquids in the microwave.
- Be careful of loose fitting clothes that could snag a hot pan or pot.
- Never leave cooking food unattended – it is the number one cause of house fires.
- Do not leave knives and other sharp or pointed cooking utensils lying around within reach of small children.
- Place hot food and liquids away from the edges of counters and tables.
- Pay particular attention to items sitting on tablecloths or placemats, so that young children cannot pull hot food or liquid down and scald themselves.
- Unplug appliance cords when not in use and keep them tied up and out of children's reach.

Common sense stuff that can make a huge difference.

**Have a wonderful, careful, thankful Thanksgiving.**

