

Damascus Christian School Chalkmarks



A Weekly Newsletter for DCS Family and Friends

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ACSI Teachers' Conference Fruitful

This year's Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) Teachers' Conference held at the Oregon Convention Center last Thursday and Friday was refreshing and inspiring. With four general sessions and keynote speakers and dozens of seminars from which to choose, the DCS staff came back invigorated and loaded with creative new ideas to use in their classrooms.

Kent Borrer, worship pastor of Cascade Park Baptist Church in Vancouver, Washington, led our worship sessions. Keynote speakers included Dr. D. Bruce Lockerbie (*Why We Need to Engage Intellectual Development and Engaging Intellectual Development: Challenges and Adversaries*) and Dr. Daniel Egeler (*Carpe Aeternitatem and Suffering: Lessons to be Learned*). Our own **Rachel Velez** from our Discovery

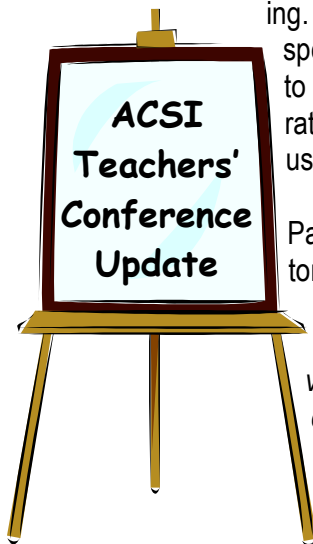
Department presented four practical seminars, *Tools for Teaching a Struggling Student*, *A Recipe for Paragraph Writing*, *Motivating the Reluctant Learner*, and *Raising a Student's Emotional Intelligence*. In addition, our 1st – 8th grade music teacher **Mandy Russau** presented a seminar she entitled *Music Monotony?* - fresh ideas to change the "tone" of music classes, including teaching theory, hymn appreciation, classical composers, instruments, and fun songs. Our fourth grade teacher **Carol Klingbile** shared ideas on beginning a Family Chapel, similar to what we do at DCS.

At one of the keynote sessions, ACSI Northwest Director Roger Norrie presented DCS with a framed certificate commending our Family Chapel activity as an Exemplary School

Program "In recognition of educational programs that provide opportunity beyond the traditional..." This award is the result of our elementary teachers and sixth grade students who have made this program so significant. Congratulations!!

Our thanks too, to you **parents** and **friends** for your participation in our *Scrip* program. Because of the profits DCS realizes through your faithful, weekly purchase of *Scrip*, our teachers, full and part-time, were able to enjoy shopping from the various educational vendors at the conference with *Scrip* proceeds spending money! Your children will benefit directly from your generous support of our *Scrip* program. Thank you!!!

One of the booths in the vendors' area was the Design Science Association (DSA), promoted and participated in by **Steve Hayley**, DCS science teacher. This booth was able to get quality creation-related information to the 1,500 Christian school attendees.



Grandparents' Day This Friday!!

Friday, October 13th, 10:30 AM until noon, our campus will

be alive with excited elementary students and anticipatory grandparents! It is our annual Grandparents' Day, an opportunity to honor our students' grandparents and show Gram and Gramp a little of what



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their grandchildren enjoy each day.

The activity will begin in the auditorium where our senior citizens will enjoy class presentations and band and choir selections. The students will then escort their grandparents or grandparent representatives to their classrooms where an open house will happen. Students will be able to show their grams and gramps what their classroom looks like, what books they use, and show off work they have done. Please remember - noon dismissal of grandparents and students!!

We are so thankful for our students' grandparents and the legacy they have passed on.

Slight Schedule Shift

After working with our extended secondary lunch schedule since September, we have made a slight modification. We found the extra ten minutes was too much and numbers of students were coming up with "creative alternatives" to fill the time. Rather than wait for someone to get injured, the staff decided to reduce the lunch period by five minutes for ninth through twelfth and ten minutes for junior high, effective Monday, October 9th.



The new schedule is as follows:

11:55 AM	9 th -12 th graders dismissed for lunch
12:00 PM	7 th -8 th graders dismissed for lunch
12:25	bell rings ending secondary (7 th -12 th grades) lunch period.
12:30-1:15	5 th period
1:20-2:05	6 th period
2:10-2:55	7 th period
2:55	secondary dismissal

The Club Day Lunch period will remain as above - 11:55-12:25 on club meeting days. Please note the earlier end-of-day dismissal time - 2:55.

Let Us Entertain You!

This is what you've all been waiting for....The Gold C and Entertainment book sale has begun! Contact any freshman student to purchase your books today. These make great gifts and offer savings on dining, travel, shopping, entertainment and more. Don't put this off; books are going quickly and the sale end date is October 27th. For more information, please contact **Shannon Swope** at (503) 630-2709.

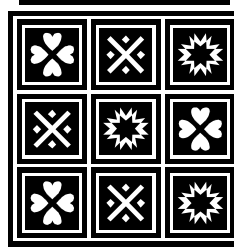


WHERE IN THE WORLD?

Pastor Hardy and DCS Parent In Romania

Monday, October 2nd, DCC Pastor **Steve Hardy** and DCS parent **Mitch Teixeira** left for two weeks of ministry in Romania, working with DCC missionaries Mark and Claire Gibson. While away, Pastor Steve has been and will be teaching and sharing at a local church board and church retreat. Mitch accompanied Pastor Hardy as a DCC Elder representative.

Pray that during their time away, God will use them mightily to encourage the Romanian believers, along with Mark and Claire.



Attention Quilters!

Do you have plans to clean out your stash? If you have any cotton fabrics $\frac{1}{4}$ yard or larger or batting 9 inches wide or wider that you no longer can use, DCS's quilting class could use them for their projects. Please contact **Lisa McEnany** (503) 658-4100 ext. 211 or drop the materials off in the school office. Thanks!

Auction Action

There is a need for two dozen half pint canning jars. If anyone has these and would like to donate them to the auction, please contact **Karen Oakley** at (503) 658-4100. Thanks!!



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