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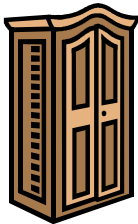
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DCS FAMILY AND FRIENDS



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### *The Lion, The Witch, And The Wardrobe A Study In Persevering*

This year's spring drama production, *The Lion, The Witch, And The Wardrobe*, have faced some major obstacles and have and are overcoming them. When a major play is presented in the gym, unique opportunities to trust the Lord and creatively address the issues present themselves.



There is the presence of the stage, lighting, sound, and seating taking up the gym floor while we seek to continue our elementary recess and PE programs. Spring in Oregon is not known for fair, sunny and mild weather conducive

to outdoor activity. Quite the opposite is often true - rainy, sleety, sunny, windy and chilly; as the old adage says, "If you don't like Oregon spring weather, wait five minutes and it will change." Those changes make it difficult to plan for outdoor recess and PE. In spite of

those obstacles, our teachers have made the best of a difficult situation and have come up with creative alternatives. They realize it is a short-term issue and they flex and work around the impediments.

Speaking of sound, the gym has terrible acoustics which make it doubly difficult to work with microphones and sound equipment on stage. This year, a professional was brought in to help us minimize sound glitches and distractions. A "Sound Understudy" is being trained to handle future audio needs.

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### *Women Helping Other Women Spiritually*

The Damascus Community Church *Women Helping Other Women Spiritually* (WHOWS) Mentoring Ministry leadership team would like to invite you to consider being a mentor, to share your life experiences and walk with Christ in a friendship with a mentee, or be a mentee, someone who desires help in her life experiences and walk with Christ.

This is an opportunity to

develop a meaningful friendship with another woman over six months time, which may be extended by your mutual choice. The two of you decide what you want to focus on, such as parenting, marriage, exercise, cooking, gardening, quilting or whatever.

Our next Orientation Coffee is Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, from 2-4 PM, at the home of **Michelle L.** Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to participate in this ministry. You may register at the DCC Women's Ministry counter the next two Sundays or call **Jo N.** if you have questions or want to register by phone.



People get sick. Unfortunately, it sometimes happens in the middle of an important engagement such as spring production. Fortunately, willing and capable students step in to cover for the one who is indisposed due to illness. And the play goes on.

All of these "problems" and others make us dependent upon the One who gives peace in the center of calamity and wisdom in the midst of mayhem. Our students, staff, parents and director **Lisa Closner** have done a wonderful job in putting together a production that brings glory to our Lord and great satisfaction and delight to those presenting it and those who watch. If you have not gotten your tickets for this final week's presentations, do not delay. They may be purchased before or after school in the foyer or any time during school hours at the school office. *The Lion, The Witch, And The Wardrobe* - Adults - \$7; Students - \$4.

## Two DCHS Alumni Recognized By Corban College

Congratulations to two DCS graduates, **Katie D.** (2003) and **Amy T.** (2005). Katie, a senior at Corban College and daughter of **Bob** and **Linda** (DCS librarian), received two NAIA Division II awards - the All American Scholar-Athlete Award for her academic prowess and the NAIA Division II Champions of Character Award, given at the discretion of her basketball coaches.

**Amy**, daughter of **Gary** and **Carol** (DCS 1st grade teacher), received the Mighty Warrior Award given to outstanding Corban College students who best models the spiritual warrior characteristics of truthfulness, standing firm in the faith, and preparedness for the challenges of the Christian's life (Eph. 6:13-18). The award selections are also based upon the five NAIA Champions of Character values: respect, responsibility, integrity, sportsmanship and servant leadership.

Congratulations, Katie and Amy!

## DCS Students To Be Honored At A'Cat'emy Awards

Freshman **Anna Rose S.** and seniors **Emily H.** and **Buddy I.** were notified they are invited to walk the Red Carpet for this year's Oregon Humane Society 58<sup>th</sup> Annual A'Cat'emy Awards ceremony, May 5<sup>th</sup>, at the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel. Why this *purrrfectly* prestigious recognition? Be-



cause of **Mrs. Huggins'** Creative Writing class, a love for animals, and these students' ability to express themselves well.

Each year, the Oregon Humane Society sponsors a writing contest for students. **Mrs. Huggins** assigned her class to take up the challenge to put down in writing why it is important to "Be Kind to Animals". They did and she entered their pieces in the contest. Last week Mrs. Huggins was notified of the three winning DCHS entries. Anna wrote on the assigned topic, "How Your Pet Makes a Difference in Your Life". For her efforts, she was awarded a third place award. Emily and Buddy wrote on "My Wish For Pets". Buddy's work was awarded a second place finish, while Emily was recognized an Honorable Mention. Each of these students will be awarded the coveted Humane Society T-shirt, a certificate and a ribbon.

Congratulations!

## Monthly Elementary Character Awards - Why Bother?

In the not too distant past, we had a President and administration that attempted to convince the American public that character did not count. What was done in private in no way affected public policy or direction. Of course, most citizens knew better. Scripture often reminds us of that truth especially the book of Proverbs - *When the righteous increase, the people rejoice, but when a wicked man rules, people groan* (Proverbs 29:2). Character *does* count!

At Damascus Christian School, we desire to support each family as they seek to build positive, God-honoring character qualities within the core of their children. Each month, elementary teachers select students from their class that exemplify character qualities that set them apart from their peers. Three specific awards are given the first Wednesday of each month - **David Award** - awarded to students who demonstrate having a heart after God; **Paul Award** - for those demonstrating a selected fruit of the Spirit, and the **Solomon Award** - given to the students who have shown wisdom by the choices they have made.

We want to identify and recognize those whose character is developing along Godly lines - those who are trying to please God by their attitudes and actions. It is a process, not perfection.

Join us the first Wednesday of each month at 8:35 AM, for elementary chapel to see who has demonstrated Godly character. Does character count? Certainly. After all, *The character of even a child can be known by the way he acts - whether what he does is pure and right* (TLB).

