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A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR
DCS FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Emotional Intelligence Presentation

Do you ever feel manipulated by your child's emotions? Do you ever wish that your child had better tools for identifying and managing his emotions? If so, you are invited to attend a presentation on emotional intelligence on Monday, November 12th, from 7-8 PM, in the Friendship Center at Damascus Christian School. **Rachel Velez**, DCS Discovery Program Coordinator, will be discussing what is emotional intelligence, its impact on one's success in life, and how you can facilitate gains in your child's emotional intelligence. ANY parent is welcome to attend and all will leave with practical suggestions for helping their child develop social and emotional learning.



Another Grandparent's Response

The following was received via email from a grateful grandparent. "I am a tad late getting this to you but I did want you to know how much we appreciated being included in our grandkid's other life. Grandparents' Day was a whole new experience for us even though our grandkids have been in Christian school since they could walk. Just because we have nothing to compare it to does not negate the exceptional quality of the presentations. It was grand, no pun intended. I was impressed by the composure of the kids, the love they are wrapped in from all staff, and the target of excellence that they obviously mastered.



It was stunning to be recognized and valued actually. Well done from start to finish and great fun. Thank you."

We again want to thank our grandparents for being, well... great!

Modesty And Neatness Reminder

We want to thank our parents and students for their conscientious application of our *Modesty and Neatness Guidelines* for dress. The two words of the title sum it up best – modesty and neatness. What a positive difference it makes when parents check their children's attire *before* they leave for school.

We do want to remind parents that students do grow. That sometimes means that pants or tops that were very appropriate



at the beginning of school have become too tight. We have had several instances of this recently so we wanted to take this opportunity to say, check 'em out before they come to school. Thank you!



A lot of you know about **Scrip**, and participate but did you know that we also have Safeway **eScrip**? What is the Safeway eScrip program about you ask?

If you: 1. Shop at Safeway
2. Use our Safeway Club Card (or phone #)
..You will simply raise funds for DCS by making your everyday purchases. It is truly that simple.

We just need your Safeway Club Card #. If you lost it or do not use your club card, but you use your phone # you may call Safeway 1-877-723-3929, and obtain your Club card # from them.

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Veterans' Day And School

The question has arisen, "Why do we have school on Veterans' Day?" That is a good and legitimate question. The short answer – we feel we have a better opportunity to honor our veterans by teaching directly to the reason for Veterans' Day rather than hanging out at the mall, watching TV or playing video games (we do realize that not all students spend their time in such activities). Time and focus can be spent on reminding our students of the great sacrifice our veterans have made so that we might continue to enjoy our freedoms.

We realize that some take time to honor our veterans who have died by visiting their burial spot. We are certainly in favor of that. If that is the case in your family, by all means, take the children out of school for that observance.

Is this a hard and fast rule that we will always have school on Veterans' Day each year? Certainly not. In fact, we are already having discussions about next year. Stay tuned. And thank the Lord for our faithful veterans!



*This and
That*

~ Parent-Teacher Conferences ~
~ Thursday & Friday, Nov. 8th & 9th ~

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

November 15-17, Thursday through Saturday, 7 PM. Get your tickets before or after school.

Cross Country Efforts this year

Another successful season has been completed by the high school Cross-country team. The team includes **Sam H., Rebecca H., William B., Stephen R., Peter B., Tanner M.,** and **Josh S.** The head coach is **Curt Kimball.**

The XC team started their training season in late summer with a 3 day retreat in Sun River. The workouts were grueling (30 miles in 3 days!) but each athlete finished strong and used that retreat to build on the most successful season for DCS yet.

During the season the team competed in 12 races. The distance of each race is 5,000 meters (3.1 miles). The courses were always unique, from the sand and hills of Seaside to the beautiful Merriweather Golf Course in Hillsboro. Personal Records were broken by all of



the runners. Many medals were won by team members throughout the season.

Rebecca H. qualified and raced at the state meet on November 3rd in Eugene. This was her second trip to the state cross-country meet. She placed 46th out of 119 runners in the 1A/2A/3A division with a time of 21:41. This was 35 seconds faster than her race last year. Congratulations to all the runners for all the hard work and dedication throughout the season.

T-Shirt Alert

In an effort to support DCS school spirit and enthusiasm, it has been decided that students will be allowed to wear DCS-related T-shirts on Fridays. This would include sports, drama, student council and other DCS-related activities that have a t-shirt. T-shirts are to be neat and newer looking. Tattered, faded, or torn shirts would not be appropriate nor would non-DCS t-shirts. If you have any questions as to the appropriateness of a shirt, please bring it by the office before wearing it to school. Thanks and Go Eagles!



DCS Girls Volleyball Playoffs

The Girls Varsity Volleyball Championships - Round 2 team played at DCS this past Saturday. In four thrilling games the Dufur team came out on top of our Lady Eagles winning 3 to 1. It was a great season Girls! Thank you Coach **Chris Himm** and girls for doing your best playing and always giving glory to our Lord!



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Also, your Safeway gift card may be used to purchase over 250 **other** gift cards at Safeway for the holidays. E.g. Best Buy, EBay Gift Cards, and more, **more**, and still **more** cards!

Please call Dyann Murphy with your information, or send it to school with your child. DCS will then enter your information onto eScrip, and your purchases will be credited to the school. We currently have 115 contributors, and we average \$150.00-\$240.00 a month. Can you imagine what we could do with even double or triple that?

Also as far as Scrip goes, please note that we have gift certificates available for Thanksgiving or Christmas. These make great gifts for teachers, so they can pick anything from the Scrip order form, that you should be receiving from your child weekly.

Thanks for your support of the Scrip program, your participation is greatly appreciated!