



Benefit dinner coming

Saturday, March 14, 2009, Damascus Christian School will be sponsoring a benefit dinner at Persimmon Country Club for a very special endeavor. We are in the process of establishing a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, the *Damascus Education Foundation*, to allow us to raise funds for needed school projects through grants, businesses, and foundations. We are targeting our initial efforts on building our student financial assistance fund.

The purpose of this benefit dinner is to invite friends you think would be interested in investing in the mission of



Damascus Christian School - assisting parents in helping their children

become faithful followers of Jesus Christ. We realize there are many families who cannot afford the DCS tuition and related fees. As we raise additional monies for our financial assistance fund we open the door to those who desire a Christian education but are not able to afford it.

This event promises to be a fun evening. We have scheduled to have Christian comedian Tim Hawkins (www.timhawkins.net) provide side-splitting humor and entertainment. In addition, there will be

other compelling presentations. We want attendees to go away saying, "That was a great evening and a great school! We are thankful to be able to invest in future generations."

Please begin praying as to how you can become involved in the planning and execution of this major event. Remember to save the date – Saturday, March 14, 2009. More information coming!

Read - Share - Encourage - Repeat

Few activities in life provide more satisfaction than being genuinely delighted with something and then being able to share those delights with others. Two opportunities present themselves to have that experience, repeatedly!

Several have expressed an interest in having a Monthly Book Club for Moms and another for Moms and Daughters. The Moms-only club would meet at the DCS Library after kids have been deposited and a short visit to a local coffee shop (optional). The book selections are up to the group each month. The fellowship has the makings of encouraging times and good memories.

The Mother and Daughter Monthly Club would meet in various homes in the evening. A mom and her 4th thru 6th grade daughter can look forward to

building better relationships through sharing mutual interests with others. The books chosen would be fitting to the age and desires of the group.

NOW HERE IS THE NEED:

Someone is needed to coordinate the few details involved in seeing that the event(s) continues from month to month. You could agree to do one or both of the Monthly Clubs. All that is required is a heart for the task and a willingness to tend to a few details. Please see **Linda Dennis** at the DCS Library with any questions or interest. Your reward is guaranteed to exceed your commitment.



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Good. Better. Best! The ponderings of a former DCS teacher

"So, do you miss teaching?" I cannot tell you how many times I have been asked this question in the last five months. I must admit, the first time I was up at school in September for a MOM's brunch, it seemed very strange to walk past my old classroom and see someone else up front teaching. It felt like I was taking the day off and a substitute was filling in for me.

I have *always* loved September – the feeling of fall in the air, shiny school supplies, fresh faces, new names, a blank lesson plan book with a whole year stretching out ahead. So yes, I miss my classroom. I miss my students. I miss the excitement. I miss teaching.

And yet I'm happy to be home. So thrilled to be **Elly's** mom. So thankful to be married to a wonderful man who supports us by working hard. I wouldn't change a thing. And yet... the ache returns from

time to time. Driving home from school one afternoon, I tried to reconcile my past and present life. I finally realized I couldn't. I left something great for something better. A part of me is grieving the loss of the great and a part of me is rejoicing with the better. I'm sure it'll get easier with time, but I'm also sure I'll have days when grading papers sounds better than changing diapers. But I do know I couldn't have left teaching for anything less than motherhood. I'm quite content with my new position." -

Emily Chesney



Battle of the Books looms closer



The warring factions are preparing themselves for conflict. The battle plan is established. As the

opposing combatants converge on the battlefield, strength of recall and focus of attention will be taxed to the limit! Only the Victors will remain to the end.

For the rest of us, this has the markings of a spectacular event. And we can witness it all from 9 to noon on Sat. Oct 18 at the DCS Library. Be there for this 1st ever *Battle of the Books* and expect the unexpected. BYOB ... Bring your own bandages.

...sounds better than changing diapers.

Thanks to you and NIKE

We recently received a check from NIKE in the amount of \$135. This was for funds designated by at least one DCS student who participated in the *NIKE 5K For Kids* race.

We want to thank those who may have participated in this

event and for designating DCS as the recipient school! We have directed these funds to be a part of our student financial assistance program. Thanks!



Winter Banquet date set

One of the major winter events is our annual Winter Banquet for all DCHS students. The date and location have been set – Saturday, December 20th, 7-9 PM, at the Troutdale House. Be watching for further information and details.



Grandparents' Day this Friday – noon dismissal

It is almost here – this year's version of Grandparents' Day. Friday, October 10th, from 10:30 AM until noonish, our campus will be alive with grandparents and energized elementary students. The activities begin in the auditorium with student presentations and grandparent

participation (and gifts!). Following that, the action moves to the elementary classrooms where students have the opportunity to show Gram and Gramp what happens on a typical school day. School will dismiss early for all grades – we are recommending lunch at a local restaurant.

If your child's grandparents are not able to attend, we strongly urge you to enlist some stand-ins – trusted relatives, neighbors or friends. It is important that each child has a grandparent representative. **Grandparents' Day – Friday, October 10th, 10:30 AM.**

