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Check out these 1st quarter scholars!

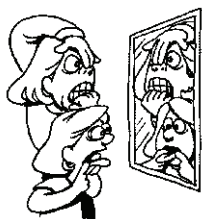
With the conclusion of our first grading period, we post the list of students, fourth grade through high school, who have shown exemplary academic skills which qualifies them for Honor Roll – **Highest Honors** – all A's, and **Honors** (all A's and B's). Congratulations and well done!

Fourth Grade Highest Honors – Jacob A., Sarah N. and Moses W.; **Honors** – Luke DeW., Silas M., Beau M., Seth M. and Eli R. **Fifth Grade Highest Honors** – Emily B.; **Honors** – Hanna B., Grace M., Maria M., Sophia R., Hunter S. and Luke S. **Sixth Grade Highest Honors** – Kaleb E., Lexi G., Matthew L., Theo M., Rachel R., Nathan S., Katelyn S., Ana W. and Madeline W. **Honors** – Jonah C., Connor D., Bryce E., Megan G., Melanie G., Rachel G., Annalise H., Artyom J., Grace K., Kenna M., Gabriel P. and Cyrus R. **Seventh Grade Highest Honors** – Jacob L., Lydia M., Stefani M., Hannah S., Valerie W. and Austin W. **Honors** – Alyssa B., Dennis B., Keira B., Kayla K., Juliette M., Angel N., Carrie O., Riley P., Zachary V., Svea W., Patrick W., Vivian W., Parker W. and Joy W. **Eighth Grade Highest Honors** – Lindi B. and Kayla M. **Honors** – Aimee B., Chad C., Christian G., Lucas J., Faith K., Zachary M. and Karsten S. **Ninth Grade Highest Honors** – Kristan H., Hannah J., Chelsea J., Joseph M. and Kristen W. **Honors** – Amy B.,

Alex F., Christa J., Mitchell J., Marnie M., Caleb R., Josh R., Jacob S., Laura S. and Jeremiah W. **Tenth Grade Highest Honors** – Isaiah A., Hannah H., Katie S., James W., Kayleigh W. and Kelsey Y. **Honors** – Luke D., Sarah G., Justin J. and Trevor U. **Eleventh Grade Highest Honors** – Tori S. and Anna Rose S. **Honors** – Peter B., Jeff B., Kelly B., Austin C., Kaitlyn D., Brittany H., Katie M., Tanner M., Samantha W. and Stephen W. **Twelfth Grade Highest Honors** – Naomi C., Allison C., Emily E., Jonathan H., Rebecca H., Anne H., Michelle H., Andrew J., Wil L., Jon N., Daniel R., Seth R., Kristina R., Emily S., Bethany T., Colleen T. and Zachary W. **Honors** – Brittany A., Ashley B., Meegan C., AJ I., Brent L., Sean L., James M. and Jessica R.



Strategies for fostering proper self-esteem, motivation, and resilience



How does your child feel about himself/herself and about his/her abilities to succeed? Does your child tend to blame others rather than take responsibility for something? How can you encourage your child not to give up quickly and quit at things? Do you ever wonder how you could help your child deal more effectively with mistakes and failures?

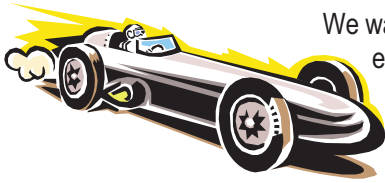
Given the significance of proper self-esteem in a child's life, it is important for par-

ents and teachers to look at what is really meant by this concept. On Tuesday, November 18th, from 7:00 - 8:00 PM, in the Friendship Center, this relevant subject will be a topic of discussion and instruction led by our Discovery Program educational therapists. Discovery Parent Meetings are not limited to parents of Discovery students. Anybody is welcome to join us as we discuss practical ways to enhance appropriate self-esteem, motivation and resilience.

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Fast times at Damascus Christian School



We want to remind all drivers who drop off and/or pick up students that extreme caution needs to be taken while driving through the campus area. It has been observed that after drivers have dropped off and/or picked up their children, they tend to speed down the drive and through the parking area, endangering others who may not be watching. Please proceed slowly and cautiously while on campus in order to prevent an accident. Thanks!

Active DCHS Key Club elects officers

On November 4th, Damascus Christian School's Key Club met to elect officers. Key Club is a service club associated with Kiwanis International and sponsored by Boring-Damascus Kiwanis (www.kiwanisofdamascusboring.org). Present to oversee and participate in the election were **Andy McClellan**, faculty advisor, **Tim Palmer**, secretary of Boring-Damascus Kiwanis, **Roald Berg**, present district Lt. Governor or Kiwanis and **Laura Parsons**, past district Lt. Governor.

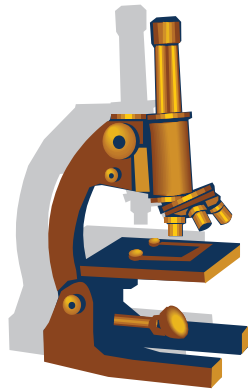
Congratulations to our Key Club officers for 2008-2009: President: **Hannah H.**, Vice President: **Kristina R.**, Secretary: **Anna Rose S.**, Treasurer: **Olivia B.**, and

Editors: **Bethany T.** and **Brittany A.**



For its first activity, DCS Key Club will be participating in the *Light Up a Life* program of Youth Guidance Association. Key Club will be sponsoring a giving tree in the DCC foyer, as well as a fundraiser to begin November 24. *Light Up a Life* is a Christmas gift-purchasing program which provides gifts to young people who have experienced abandonment, neglect, abuse and fractured families. For more information, visit www.ygapdx.org. To learn more about DCS Key Club or Kiwanis, please visit www.dcskeyclub.blogspot.com.

Science Club active and interesting



We have a number of clubs at DCS whose purpose is to provide extra enrichment to our students and families. We have a ski and snow boarders club (The Snow Shredders), a dirt bike club, a golf club (no joke!), a book club and a scholarship club.

In this edition, we want to focus on our Science Club, now in its third year of operation. Meeting twice a month, this club is overseen by DCS teachers **Mr. Hayley** and **Tom Dunn**. The goal of this unique club is to promote an interest in science and provide hands-on experiences as the participants examine God's creation in light of a Biblical worldview. Officers include

President **Andrew J.**, Vice-President **Bethany T.** and Secretary **Michelle H.**

Outings have included trips to the zoo where students explain their interpretation of how each animal shows forth the Creator's handiwork. They have taken a bike tour on the Old Columbia River Gorge Highway for fun and an opportunity to observe the forest layers and ecology. Other outings included field trips up the Columbia River Gorge and Eagle Creek, examining the data of The Flood at its initial stages, showing coalified and partially petrified wood, a clear indication of a catastrophic flood. They also looked at the evidence of the end of The Flood with its upheavals and volcanic layers. Star gazing trips have had to be postponed

due to heavy overcast and cloud cover. The Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving the club will be in the Prineville area examining fossils on the Ochoco Summit road cuts. Here they will be looking at clear support of tropical and sub-tropical forests!

As you can see, science at DCS is far from dull and confined to the classroom thanks to our Science Club.

Barnes & Noble Bookfair reminder

DCS will be hosting a Bookfair on November 22nd, at Barnes & Noble in the Clackamas Town Center. Many of our students will be entertaining customers while they shop. By turning in a voucher supporting DCS when you make your purchases (including the coffee counter), we will receive a per-

centage of sales. A schedule of events with a voucher will be sent home soon. You may also pick up vouchers for friends in the DCS Library. We hope you can join the fun as we celebrate DCS

