

## **Blessings Abound!**

Cool mornings, colorful hillsides, wet wet rain—autumn has definitely arrived. Along with it has also come the hustle and bustle of the school year. As we come to the conclusion of our first quarter and prepare for conferences, it is a good to reflect back upon what a great start to the year it's been. We need to remember to celebrate such things instead of being in a constant state of "gearing up for the next task".



Already this school year, a lot of great things have happened. Beyond their learning in the classroom, students have had awesome opportunities to grow their faith in Christ.

- The seniors discovered evidence of God's handiwork and divine plan in His creation in Yellowstone.
- New secondary discipleship groups have been building positive relationships with DCC/DCS adults.
- Upper elementary students have been mentoring younger students in family chapel.
- Elementary students were able to publically honor their grandparents.
- And sports teams have learned to keep God as their Coach through intentional devotions and demonstrating Christ to others through their witness on the court and field.

Each of these bits and pieces add up to create an enriching experience for our students beyond the classroom. The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class may have presented it best in their recent chapel, "Don't grumble, but remember all the ways God has blessed us and provides for us!"

To continue this theme, I encourage all families to carve out time this fall to remember the blessings that are happening in our busy lives. Spend time with each other whether it is going to a pumpkin patch, attending the DCC/DCS Harvest Festival, having a Friday-night game night, or just enjoying the colorful beauty of God's creation this time of year. Focus on the little blessings in life—often the most important things in our lives—the hustle and bustle will take care of itself.

- Principal Zachary Davidson



## **Recent News**

**Grandparents Day:** Grandparents streamed into the sanctuary last Friday escorted by members of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade class to observe performances by each of our elementary classes. Songs, poems, letters, videos and skits highlighted the affection and love our students have for their grandparents. Grandparents also had the opportunity to win some prizes during competitions and received colorful buttons and creative projects from their grandchildren. This was a great event, and I appreciate all of the work our staff and students put forth to execute such an amazing day to honor grandparents.

**Elementary September Awards:** Each month, elementary teachers acknowledge a few students, who demonstrate characteristics of David, Solomon, and Paul (spiritual fruits). The following students were recipients for the month of September. Great job everyone!

	<b>DAVID AWARD</b>	<b>SOLOMON AWARD</b>	<b>PAUL AWARD for JOY</b>
<b>K</b>	Miley Foley	Malia Calunod	Theo Knutson
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	Michael Foley	Chris Collins	Spencer Mortell
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Haavah Lorenzen	Mark Sacara	Stephen Marshall
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Levi McClellan	Jackson Liepold	Loraina Phifer
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	Reece Miller	Kate Nelson	Georgia Bess
<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	Will Sussman	Demetri Carandanis	Gemma Kleve
<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	Grae Miller	McKenna Phifer	Hannah Gianelli

**AFTER-SCHOOL REMINDER:** It is our desire here at DCS to keep your students safe and supervised at all times. Therefore, 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students need to be either at practice, in the Library, or arrangements need to be made to meet with a teacher after school. There should be no unsupervised students on campus after school.

## Upcoming Events

- DCS/DCC **Harvest Festival** is Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:00 – 8:00 P.M.
- Half-Day for K-8<sup>th</sup> graders Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> for conference prep. (11:45 A.M. Dismissal for K-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students)
- **Parent-teacher conferences** will be held November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. 11:45 A.M. dismissal for K-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students and Noon for 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and no school for students on November 4<sup>th</sup>.
- A special reception for veterans, which includes a presentation by our elementary students, will occur on Veteran’s day, Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:15 P.M.
- Scholastic Book and Craft Fair from 8:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>
- Scholastic Book and Craft Fair from 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. on Thursday and Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>.
- No school on November 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>: teacher in-service.
- Thanksgiving break No School from November 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>.



## Staff Spotlight: Glenn Knutson

The return home. I am originally from Eastern Washington; I went to high school and community college in the Yakima area. Then in 1990, I began at Multnomah School of the Bible (now Multnomah University). School and work and eight years later, I graduated with a B.S. in Biblical Education.

I started my teaching career in San Jose, California. I taught five years in San Jose, California, a year in Homer, Alaska, and recently eleven years in Salisbury, Maryland. And now there is a return "home" of sorts. I was married in 2003 to Estrella. She is a personal trainer and currently works at a daycare in Happy Valley. We have "recently" adopted a little boy from China. His name is Theo, and he attends DCS as well, thriving in kindergarten.

I describe myself as a "relatable scholar". I passionately teach the Bible and seek to bring to life the clear teachings of scripture, in the hopes that my students will love Jesus deeply, be a proactive part of the body of Christ, and live the gospel within their sphere of influence. I also teach three 12th grade classes (College and Career, Consumer Math, and American Government).

In summary, I enjoy Biblical scholarship, watching sports (Seahawks, Husky football, and Carolina basketball), and grilling. Estrella is passionate about fitness, her work with children, and her roles as a mother and wife. Theo, now seven years old, has a bright smile, a contagious laugh, and enjoys everything about construction sites. As a family, for now still in transition, we enjoy spending time together, hopefully at the beach, or with extended family.

## Outreach Opportunities



**DCC / DCS HARVEST FESTIVAL:** Our annual Harvest Festival is this Monday, October 31st, from 5:00-8:00 P.M. We still need volunteers to help man a booth at our carnival-style festival, mainly the 7:00-8:00 P.M. time slot. If you are interested, please contact Rachel Davidson at (503) 290-9393. This event is important because it provides hundreds of kids in our community a fun and safe alternative to Halloween's trick-or-treating. We hope you can attend the festivities as well! So, plan to bring your whole family and invite your friends to enjoy a fun-filled night!

## Sport and Extra-Curricular Highlights

**FALL SPORTS UPDATE:** Our fall sports are all winding up this week as the winter sport of basketball begins. Please check our website for game times and locations for all teams – 5-6<sup>th</sup> grade, junior high, and high school. We look forward to seeing your face in the crowd supporting our Eagles!



- **5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball –**  
Our elementary volleyball team made it through the season losing just two games. They had lots of fun playing together!
- **JH Volleyball –** We are SUPER proud of these players, who ended their season as league champions—undefeated!
- **JH Soccer –** “Our team was AWESOME! Each player improved and stepped up in different games. They were a lot of fun to watch and should be proud of what they accomplished on the field.” Coach Scott Miller feels blessed to have been their coach.

- **HS Volleyball** – Our volleyball team finished up 3<sup>rd</sup> in league, losing to Dufur at sub-state.
- **HS Soccer** – Our varsity soccer team will be playing for 3<sup>rd</sup> place this coming Friday at Wilsonville High School. Good luck!
- **HS Cross Country** – Our runners ran their hearts out, but unfortunately no runner advanced to state.

## **Damascus Community Church**

**Sunday Services:** 8:15 & 11:00 AM

**Community Groups:** 9:45 AM

**Children's Sunday School:** 8:15, 9:45 & 11:00 AM

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