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¿Habla Español?



DCA Spanish Students lead Chapel in Spanish

On Thursday, April 16 the Spanish III & IV students lead a special chapel service for the Spanish I students at the Dwelling Place campus. Spanish teacher Mrs. Moore worked with the upper level students over the past few weeks to prepare a devotional on how the Lord even uses tragedies like the events at VT on April 16, 2007. The musical portion of the chapel was led by Mrs. Moore on the keyboard and the guys playing a guitar and a bongo drum while the girls lead the singing of praise songs in Spanish. All of the students finished their time together by doing Spanish coloring sheets. It was a great opportunity for the older students to put into practice what they have been learning over the years and for the first year students to learn from them. And who knew Mrs. Moore could play the keyboard? Thanks Mrs. Moore and Spanish students for a great learning experience.

The Spanish students are looking forward to sharing Spanish with the elementary students over the next few weeks! The tentative schedule looks like this:

Thursday, April 23 - 2:00 - 2:25	First Grade in your classroom
Thursday, April 23 - 2:30 - 2:55	Both Third Grade classes in the gym
Thursday, April 30 - 2:00 - 2:25	K and Fourth Grades in your respective rooms
Thursday, April 30 - 2:30 - 2:55	Second and Fifth Grades in your respective rooms
Tuesday, May 5 - 2:00 - 2:55	Cinco de May Celebration for K-5 in the Main Room

Muchas Gracias Spanish Class!

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Standardized Testing for kindergarten through 9th graders begins next Monday, 4/20. Please make certain to read the information for parents and help you students to get enough sleep and have a good breakfast each day. (See e-mail for more details.)

Students need to bring:

2 - #2 pencils, sharpened and ready to go!

1 book to read should they finish early. Students will need to sit quietly while others finish.

K (5 days): 4/20, 4/21, 4/22, 4/23, and 4/24.

1st (7 days): 4/20, 4/21, 4/22, 4/23, 4/24, 4/27, and 4/28.

2nd-4th (6 days): 4/20, 4/21, 4/22, 4/23, 4/24, and 4/27.

5th-8th (5 days): 4/20, 4/21, 4/22, 4/23, and 4/24.

9th (4 days): 4/20, 4/21, 4/22, and 4/23.

Students in **grades 10-12** will not be testing during this time. Separate instructions will be given for them later. Students who have classes on the main campus during the morning periods will report to DCA according to their regular schedule; their classes will be meeting.

Help Us Help our Local Community

Please help support our Children's Coat Drive to benefit the Montgomery County Christmas Store

What You Do: Please bring your gently used child's winter, fall or spring coats to DAYSPRING CHRISTIAN ACADEMY'S Drop Off location (entryway of the main building) between the dates of

April 20 and May 20. We'll make sure they get to the Montgomery County Christmas Store.

Thank you for your support!

Dayspring Middle School Student Officers

LOST AND FOUND

We've got lots of coats, sweatshirts, shorts, pants, shoes, lunchboxes who are searching for their owners. Parents PLEASE plan to stop by the gym next Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday from 1-4 to see if anything belongs to your child. You might be surprised!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, April 25 – BIG WORK DAY! All hands on deck! There are some big projects (mulching, re-doing the brick pavers in front of the main building entrance, assembling picnic tables, along with indoor jobs) we need to tackle so we need lots of willing hands and feet to help make it all happen. Please plan to come and help for a few hours between 9 AM and 3 PM. Hopefully we'll get it all done so this will be our last work day of the semester.

Monday, April 27 – School picnic (Postponed from Mon, April 20) For all K-12th graders and their & families. It will be held at the Municipal Park (on Turner St.) at 6:00 PM. Families are asked to bring a main dish and side dish/dessert to share. Bring lawn chairs or blankets and lawn games to enjoy the great outdoors. We will provide paper products, eating utensils and beverages. Kroger cards will be on sale for \$5 a piece. Mrs. Wood will have paperwork to sign for a few of the families who need to complete things for next year's re-enrollment.

Everyone will have the opportunity to contribute to the **PTF Scholarship Fund** (small change, a dollar or more—everything is welcome). Every dollar counts to help provide a scholarship to a Dayspring senior as they prepare to go off to college. In previous years the money has helped students purchase textbooks and a laptop computer. Come enjoy some picnic fun and get to know other DCA families better!

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT!

The long-awaited Middle School Retreat is right around the corner!

It will be held starting on Tuesday, April 28 at noon and going until 7 PM. (Students will have regular classes from 8:25-Noon that day). Then they'll start up again on Wednesday, April 29 at 8:25 AM and go until the end of the regular school day. It is sure to be a lot of fun! Stay tuned for more details! (These two days will be counted as regular school days for the students and teachers.)

The High School Chorus will perform their Spring Concert Saturday, May 9 @ 7:30 PM in the Main Room on the DCA Campus. All the DCA family is invited to join us for a fun evening of various musical stylings, including Classic and Contemporary Christian, Old Time Spirituals and more. Questions? Contact Carol Mayhew 449-9900. They do a wonderful job! Come on out and enjoy the concert.

Elementary Fine Arts Program – Friday, May 15 at 7 PM in the gym. Plan now to enjoy an evening of great entertainment as the elementary students put on a musical program and display their beautiful art work. Parents are asked to bring a plate of cookies to share during the fellowship time in the main room following the performance. Beverages will be provided. It is sure to be a wonderful evening!

Dayspring Field Day – Planning is underway for the annual Spring Field Day on Wednesday, May 13. Elementary students will start with fun and games and a special chapel in the morning. Students in 6th-12th grades will join in the fun in the afternoon. Look for more details soon!

Athletic Awards Night - Saturday, May 23 at Harvest Baptist Church, 201 Lucas Dr., Blacksburg. This is for all basketball players, girls soccer team athletes as well as the golf team. Please join us for a dessert reception at 6:30 and the awards program at 7.

DCA Graduation – Saturday, May 30 at 7 PM. Everyone is invited to attend this special ceremony to recognize the 22 seniors. It will be held at MAIN STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, 100 West Main St, Christiansburg. There will be a reception following the ceremony in the church fellowship hall. Please contact Kathy Ribbens if you would be willing to help with set-up, food, or clean-up of the reception. (Please note this is a different location than previous years.)

Awards Programs – Elementary and Secondary Awards Programs will be held on Friday, May 29 at Blacksburg Christian Fellowship, 2300 N. Main St., Blacksburg. The Elementary Awards Program will be held at 10 AM and the Secondary Awards Program will be held at 7 PM. Plan now to attend these programs to recognize the students

THANK YOU!!!

Again a big thank you to students and adults who helped with the Open House and Grandparents'/Special Someone Day! It took many hands and willing hearts to help make them happen and to go so well.

A special thank you to author Paul Robertson for donating autographed copies of his books to the Dayspring library. Please feel free to check them out! They are The Heir, Road to Nowhere and According to their Deeds--all published by Bethany House. If you want to get an autographed copy of your own, there will be a **book signing at the new Books-A-Million on Saturday, April 25th, 1 - 3 pm.** Books are also available at Annie Kay's/Imaginations.

DCA Students

Math Olympics

To Families of 3rd through 8th graders: **SAVE THE DATE!**

The Math Olympics will be held at Roanoke Valley Christian Schools on Friday, May 1. Your child will be notified by his/her teacher if qualified. Please mark the date on your calendar; we will need many chaperone drivers for our 36 competitors! Permission forms are due back Friday, April 17.

Thank you! Beth Newman - 4th Grade Teacher

STUDENT ELECTION INFORMATION

Coming soon for spring elections (i.e., Student Council and Junior and Senior class officers.)

Other class officer positions will be filled in the fall.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES –

Parent Volunteers Needed to Help With Fundraising -

Are you looking for a way to put in your DCA volunteer hours from home? We are in need of a few parents who would be willing to help with projects that would help the school raise funds. One particular need involves a very gracious donation of items that can be sold with proceeds going to Dayspring. We just need a champion to help advertise and coordinate this effort. Please contact Kathy Ribbens to find out more!

Upcoming Work Day -- Saturday April 25th from 9AM-3PM

Please make a note of the date and plan to attend. Work days are a great way to volunteer and help the school keep costs down. They are also a great way to work alongside your children (yes, they are welcome to help!) and other DCA families. There will be milk, OJ, doughnuts and a pizza lunch for the workers on this day.

In addition, there are other ways you can help with the maintenance and care of the main campus building and grounds. Below is a list of work item needs along with a suggested time for working on them. Please contact Facilities Steward Joe Anderson (540-392-0141) to find out more and make arrangements to come in and help.

Thank you for partnering with us to make Dayspring an awesome place for our children to receive a great education and grow in their love for Christ.

- Substitute Teachers – ongoing need; ½ or full day (paid); choose grade level; pick up an application in the office. Half day (minimum of 4 class periods) or full day substitutes are PAID positions. Substitutes can choose the grade level they are most comfortable with as well as the days and times they are available. Please contact the office as soon as possible if you are interested in helping out in this way. Lesson plans and instructions will be provided.
- Cleaning (classrooms and common areas (preferably on a regular basis; adopting a room or two would be great)
- Office Helpers (special projects, answering phones, lunch time coverage)

FUNDRAISING – Please keep saving your labels, cartridges, box tops!

KROGER CARES PROGRAM

Thank you DCA family for continuing to use and re-load your gift cards. Remember, DCA received 5% of

the amount you re-load onto your gift card. Invite friends and family members to participate and continue to watch our dividends grow! The benefits really do make a great difference! If you have any questions about gift cards or the Kroger Cares Program, please contact Sherri Bailey at 382-9684, or at sherribailey@msn.com.

CAMPBELLS LABELS, BOX TOPS, AND TYSON A+

Continue saving and sending in your Box Tops, Campbell's Labels, and A+ Tyson chicken (send in the whole label from the top of the chicken, not just the A+ symbol).

- Christy Van Steenburg

CAMPBELLS AND KROGER PARTNERSHIP

Kroger has partnered with Campbell's labels to help schools become more successful. If you are a Kroger shopper then we would love for you to go to the following website and sign up for the e-labels program. They will ask you for a small amount of information and your Kroger shopping card (discount card) number. This will credit our school directly with any points that you purchase. Here is the site:

http://elabelsforeducation.com/Sites/Campbells_eLabels/Page/HomePage/Retailer/Kroger//

ATHLETICS AT DAYSPRING

Cross Country

Any students (or their parents) grades 6-12 that would be interested in conditioning practices for Cross Country please contact Skip Slocum via email at skip@livewhereyouplay.net

Golf Team

Practice Monday, April 20 at Castlerock at 5:30 PM.

VACA State tournament will be held on Monday, May 4 at 1:30 in Roanoke.

Girls Soccer Team 2009

The girls are getting into the soccer season after a slow start due to frequent changes in the schedule (both practice and game) due to the rainy weather. We are thankful for some nice spring soccer weather once again.

Please note that SENIOR NIGHT has been moved to Saturday, May 2 at the Noon game vs. Faith Christian of Roanoke.

Much thanks to Coach Buehrer for coaching the girls team this season. Thanks also to David & Jay and Dorothea Dickerson for assisting the coach and to Gayla Miller for helping keep the girls well stocked with water for their games.

This years' team is made up of the following players:

7th Sara Albano, Alexis Slocum, Faith Buehrer.

8th Meili Johnson, Alex Large, Casey Miller, Natalie Pfohl

9th Emily Martin

10th Darrah Dickerson, Dori Mock, Sara Winter, Emily Westman

11th Bekah Davis, Samantha Reed

12th Elena Johnson, Sydney Miller

Keep up the good work girls! Go Lions!

GIRLS SOCCER SCHEDULE 2009

DAY	DATE	TIME	Gender	Team		Opponent	PLACE
Thurs	16-Apr	5:30 PM	Girls	VAR	at	SVHS	Roanoke
Fri	17-Apr	5:00 PM	Girls	VAR	vs	New Covenant	DCA
Mon	20-Apr	5:00 PM	Girls	VAR	at	Timberlake	Forest, VA
Mon	27-Apr	5:00 PM	Girls	VAR	at	New Covenant	Lynchburg
Thurs	30-Apr	6:00 PM	Girls	VAR	vs	CHA	DCA
Fri	1-May	5:30 PM	Girls	VAR	at	CHA	Rocky Mount
	2-May	12 Noon	Girls	VAR	vs	Faith Christian - Rke	DCA (Sr. Night)
	4-May	TBA	Girls	VAR		VACA Regionals	
	11-May	TBA	Girls	VAR		VACA State	

Schedule (Please note that this schedule is tentative. We'll keep you posted of any changes.)

CLASSIFIED ADS

The DCA newsletter will now include this new section for classified ads. The DCA Board has approved putting advertisements in the newsletter as long as there is some link to a Dayspring family. Donations are appreciated for inclusion of an ad which would be for 2 issues of the newsletter. Please contact Kathy Ribbens if you would like to place an ad.

Suggested donation rates are as follows:

Faculty and Staff - Free

Church Events - Free

DCA Families (related businesses) - \$5 for text only (up to 5 lines); \$15-25 for text and picture up to half page; \$50 for whole page per month.

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM AT DCA

Hot Lunch order forms are available in the office. Forms need to be turned in to the office at least 2 days in advance. You have the option of ordering week-by-week or for longer periods of time.

The Hot Lunch programs for each campus (Main and Second) will be run separately due to different class schedules, so look closely as details are announced.

NEW! Wendy's Lunch Form is below! Includes side salad option.

Must be in by noon on Thursday. (Main Campus only)

Second Campus Hot Lunch –

Mondays – Pizza (forms due noon on Friday)

Wednesdays – Subway (forms due Tuesday by noon)

Fridays – Chinese (forms due Thursday by 3:15)



The Dayspring Newsletter is distributed twice monthly. To submit Dayspring-related information to be included in the newsletter, contact Kimberly Bulls (kbulls@i-plus.net). If you have a friend or relative who would like to receive an electronic copy of the newsletter, please contact Kathy Ribbens at kribbens.dca@verizon.net.

Discover more Dayspring news! Visit the school website at: www.dayspringchristianacademy.org.
Special links of interest include: "What's New?" Archive, Photo Gallery, & the Newsletter Archive

A Summer Camp Opportunity for all 13-16 year olds!

Holiday Lake Forestry Camp, near Appomattox VA

Holiday Lake Forestry Camp is ideal for students:

- to explore and experience activities in forestry and wildlife related careers
- who participate in forestry and wildlife judging teams, Envirothon competitions, or ecology clubs
- to experience hands on learning about natural resources conservation.

Who can attend?

Boys and girls ages 13-16 with an interest in forestry or other natural resources, who are nominated to attend, who live in Virginia, and who have not been to Forestry Camp before. Campers may be nominated by any non-related adult, such as; teachers, guidance counselors, youth group leaders, etc.

Visit their web page for complete information <http://www.dof.virginia.gov/edu/camp.shtml>

Paul Robertson's 3rd Book Released - **According to Their Deeds**

Former, DCA high school math and science teacher, Paul Robertson, has released his 3rd book with Bethany House Publishing. His other books **The Heir** and **Road to Nowhere** are now available in paperback.

According to Their Deeds - Rare book dealer, Charles Beale gets more than he bargained for at an estate auction after the death of a former customer. This family friendly, murder mystery is filled with literary allusions and clever writing.

There will be a book signing at the new Books-A-Million on Saturday, April 25th, 1 - 3 pm. Books are also available at Annie Kay's/Imaginations.



PIZZA - TUESDAY- Lunch Order Form

NOTE: Please do not combine pizza payments with any other payments

Cheese and pepperoni pizza slices are \$1.50 each.

Orders must be in the pizza box in the school office by Noon the MONDAY before.

Orders can be made for one week, two weeks, three weeks or more.

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

of cheese slices: _____ @\$1.50 each x _____ (# of weeks) = \$ _____

of pepperoni slices: _____ @\$1.50 each x _____ (# of weeks) = \$ _____

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of pepperoni slices: _____ @\$1.50 each x _____ (# of weeks) = \$ _____

Total enclosed (Attach envelope with correct cash amount or check made out to DCA.)

Please make payment separate from any sub sandwich orders): \$ _____

Please indicate if your order includes any weeks to be skipped:

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- *If your child must miss school on a Tuesday, contact Leah Hughes (951-4497) by 8:00a.m to have your child's order credited to the following week or month.*
 - *If DCA cancels school on a Tuesday due to bad weather, your order will be credited to the following week or month.*

MAIN CAMPUS WENDY'S - FRIDAY- Lunch Order Form

Dates for this order: (Please refer to school calendar for days when there is no school or no hot lunch such as exam week.) **Orders can be made for one week, two weeks, three weeks or more.**

Month _____ Circle: All OR List specific dates: _____

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Comments: _____

NOTE: Please do not combine Wendy's payments with any other payments
Orders must be in the Wendy's box in the school office by Noon the Thursday before.

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Chicken Nuggets (5 piece)	# weeks _____	X \$1.50 = _____
Hamburger w/ ketchup	# weeks _____	X \$1.50 = _____
Cheeseburger w/ ketchup	# weeks _____	X \$1.50 = _____
Baked potato w/ sour cream/butter	# weeks _____	X \$1.50 = _____
Side Salad – dressing _____	# weeks _____	X \$1.50 = _____

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Total enclosed (Attach envelope with correct cash amount or check made out to DCA.)

Please make payment separate from any pizza orders): \$ _____

- If your child must miss school on a Friday, contact Shannon Koene (961-2182) by 8:00a.m to have your child's order credited to the following week or month.
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Dressings for side salad – 1000 Island, Honey Dijon, Ranch, FF French, Blue Cheese, Italian Vinaigrette