



# Dayspring Newsletter

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Teacher Appreciation Week – May 18-22**

“One of a teacher’s highest rewards is feeling the true appreciation and gratitude of his or her current or former students.” ([www.teacher-appreciation.info/](http://www.teacher-appreciation.info/)) See the website for ideas on ways to encourage your teacher(s). No need to be fancy or costly; just write a note, send a card, let them know what they mean to you and your child. “A dedicated teacher is one of the world’s most precious resources. Our children spend many hours a day with their teachers, who help mold them, shape their character and teach them academic subjects they need to survive in this world, plus they play mediator in many life lessons our kids face when we’re not there to help or untangle the complications of interacting with their peers.” ([www.rexanne.com/teach-app.html#Tribute](http://www.rexanne.com/teach-app.html#Tribute)). Thank you Dayspring Teachers! You make a world of difference in our children’s lives!

### **Transitions Seminar – Tuesday, May 19 at 7:00 PM at the main campus.**

This seminar is designed to help parents prepare for the changes that lie ahead for their children. All parents are welcome to attend, but it will be especially helpful for parents with children going into upper elementary, middle school, or high school (e.g., entering 3rd or 4th; entering 6th or 7th; entering 9th or 10th) and those newly enrolled at Dayspring. Everyone will gather for the opening session in the main room after which we’ll separate into groups to address issues related to these grade-levels. This is a great opportunity to be proactive in helping your child adjust as they grow and transition to new and exciting things. Please contact Miss Crum at 552-7777 or [joannacrum@gmail.com](mailto:joannacrum@gmail.com) if you have any questions. Refreshments will be provided. Come if you can!

### **FREE PIZZA DAY, WED MAY 20 at the Main Campus for grades K-9th!**

**Secondary Exam Schedules** have been sent via e-mail. Please contact the office if you have any questions or would like a hard copy of the schedule.

High School Exams (9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>) Thursday (5/21), Friday (5/22), Tuesday (5/26), Wednesday (5/27)

Middle School Exams (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) Tuesday (5/26), Wednesday (5/27).

Elementary – Last day of school is noon release on Thursday, May 28.

**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.

### **Monday, May 25 NO SCHOOL MEMORIAL DAY**

**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 and their accomplishments. The 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be promoted to middle school and the 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be promoted to high school at their respective programs. Dress is nice casual for this special event.

**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.)

### **Coat Drive Continues Through May 20**

**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) through **May 20**. We'll make sure they get to the Montgomery County Christmas Store. Thank you for your support!

### **Yearbooks are in...**

...and they are great! A big thank you to the yearbook staff and sponsor Laura Leslie. It was a big undertaking and we appreciate all of the time and energy you put into creating a wonderful memento for everyone to enjoy. The printing company sent a few extra. Please contact the office if you would like to purchase one. The cost is \$40 per yearbook. The High School students will have a yearbook signing party at the Second Campus on Wed, May 27 from 11:30-1:30.

## **SUMMER CAMP**

### **Christian Youth Theater Camps at Dayspring are back and bigger than ever!**

This year, Mrs. Knight and Mrs. Newman will have THREE age-appropriate camps for students entering **1st grade-12th grade**. See the attached flyer for complete details and registration form. Get a discount for paying camp tuition by June 1st! Contact info if any questions: [newman.dca@gmail.com](mailto:newman.dca@gmail.com).

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## RECAPS

### Readers Are Leaders Week

The elementary students had a great week celebrating reading! We enjoyed many activities including Drop Everything And Read (DEAR) time with all the students together, meeting a real and amazing author, Cece Bell, partner reading with a different class, have special readers from VT come into our classrooms to read to us and a special Dr. Seuss day celebrated with green eggs and ham. Thank you to the group of ladies who financially donated supplies and gifts to help make this week a great success!



**A glimpse of the seniors enjoying the evening**

### **Junior/Senior Banquet**

It was a lovely spring evening on the night of Thursday, April 24 when the junior class hosted a special evening to honor the graduating class of 2009. The formal event was held in the Cascades Banquet Room at the Holiday Inn, Blacksburg. This event is one of the highlights of the school year with planning beginning already last summer. The junior class worked to raise money to host the event, which included a delicious meal, a special gift for each senior, wheel of fortune fun and more. Chaperones for the evening were Barry & Christy Van Steenburg and Drew & Leah (McGill) Paulette (DCA Alums'04). A special thank you to Leah for taking the formal pictures and Caleb Bryant for making the senior video. Thank you to the junior class for a lovely evening. Thank you also to the Miller family for hosting the after party.

### **Cinco de Mayo at Dayspring**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year Spanish students put on a Cinco de Mayo party for the elementary classes on Tuesday, May 5. The party was complete with a piñata, tortillas, sombreros and decorations and more! Thank you Ms. Moore and students for a great party and exposure to the Spanish language and culture. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year Spanish classes held parties of their own by making traditional Cinco de Mayo dishes as well as researching and demonstrating traditional activities of this annual celebration.



### **PTF Scholarship Update**

THANK YOU for the generous contributions to this years' PTF Scholarship Fund! What a wonderful blessing to be able to pass on to the recipient(s). The Scholarship Committee will be interviewing senior applicants this week. The winner will be announced at graduation.

### **Field Day**

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you, Jesus for wonderful weather, safety, and loads of fun. Thank you, students for your excitement and positive attitudes. YOU made the day a huge success! Thank you, teachers for the energy and leadership you shared to make this special day a day to remember! Thank you parents for your prayers, encouragement, provision of supplies, willingness to volunteer, and the excitement you brought to the day! Thank you Allen Bowers for sharing what Jesus placed on your heart! Thank you Heather Brown and Patty Taylor for all the extra hours you put in! If you weren't able to be a part of this years Spring Field Day begin planning for Spring Field Day 2010! Christy Van Steenburg -- 3rd Grade Teacher



**SUMMER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES** – Summer is a great time to put in volunteer hours. Please contact the office if you'd be interested in helping with painting a room, weeding a flower bed, waxing floors, shampooing a carpet, washing down desks, sorting and storing text books, etc. There are many ways for students and families to lend a helping hand. Please call and let us know how you'd like to help.

### **Meeting the Financial Needs of the School (a.k.a. Fundraising)**

**The end of the school year is a great time to turn in your labels, ink jet cartridges and box tops! Just send them to either office. Remember to keep saving them and keep using your Korger Cares Card throughout the summer months as well.**

A new way to turn trash into cash for DCA ----- GO PLAY...Nestle Pure Life

With all the outdoor activities water is one of the best resources for keeping your body hydrated. DCA is going to begin collecting the labels from Nestle Pure Life water bottles (and other Nestle Pure Life) products. Please save the labels and send them into school. From the labels we collect we will be able to purchase new PE equipment. THANK YOU! Christy Van Steenburg

### **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](mailto:sherribailey@msn.com).

### **Campbell's Labels/Box Tops/Tyson A+**

Thank you to everyone who has sent in labels and box tops. We are getting ready to do our final cutting and counting session. Please send in any labels or box tops you have at home so that we can get those in before the end of the school year.

**Battery collection a great success!** Thank you to everyone in the DCA community who supported the fourth grade in its effort to keep hazardous materials where they belong. We collected about 50 pounds of household batteries that have now been disposed of properly. Stay tuned until next year for a new fourth grade service learning project!

Beth Newman  
4th Grade Teacher  
Dayspring Christian Academy

### **DCA STUDENT LIFE**

**DCA Service Club Summer** - While a lot of teens will be working summer jobs and enjoying the summer break, our club voted, for the first time ever, to do summer service projects as well. Our plans have to be finalized, but the **tentative** jobs are as follows:

Friday, June 12 from 4-7 Food drive for the Interfaith Food Pantry

Saturday, July 11 from 10-4, Car wash fundraiser for Samaritan's Purse

Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, from 9-2 Rescue Mission

As always, **we are happy to accept help from any upcoming 8-12th graders and DCA graduates!**  
Call Karen Mabes at 552-6213 or Hannah Anderson at 381-2284.

## ATHLETICS AT DAYSPRING

**Cross Country** - Rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders through rising 11<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to run this spring. Any runners interested in planning ahead for fall cross country season can join me for a run on Tues and/or Thursday of next week. We'll meet after school at 3:30 outside the main office (weather permitting). Please email me if you plan on attending. [skip@livewhereyouplay.net](mailto:skip@livewhereyouplay.net) Coach Skip Slocum.

**Girls Soccer Team** – Thank you to Coach Buehrer and his assistants David Cousins and Jay for a season of learning and growing together. The girls worked hard at developing their skills individually and as a team. Thank you to the Miller's for hosting the end-of-the-year party at their home. The girls' soccer team included: Elena Johnson and Sydney Miller, Samantha Reed, Rebekah Davis, , Darrah Dickerson, Sara Winter, Emily Westman, Dori Mock, Emily Martin, Alex Large, Casey Miller, Natalie Pfohl, Sara Albano, Meili Johnson, Faith Buehrer, Lexie Slocum,

**Golf Team** – Thank you to Coach Joe Woodward for coordinating the first VACA State Golf Tournament and for seeing the guys through a short, but good season. Anyone interested in playing golf over the summer, please contact Coach Woodward ([joe.woodward@CelaneseAcetate.com](mailto:joe.woodward@CelaneseAcetate.com)).

### **Summer Basketball Camps**

Stay tuned for details on basketball camps to be held this summer at Dayspring. The camps will be for boys and girls who are rising 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

## HOT LUNCH PROGRAM AT DCA

### **K-9th Grades – FREE PIZZA, WED MAY 20!**

Firehouse Pizza would like to say "Thank you" to Dayspring students for ordering pizza from them this year. They will be providing complimentary pizzas on Wednesday, May 20 during the regular lunch periods for students in grades K-9. (No need to send in an order.) Each student will get 1 slice of cheese pizza. Please pack any extra food your child might need to complete their lunch.

Tuesday, May 19, will be the last regular pizza day. (No pizza on 5/26.)

Wednesday, May 20, will be an extra pizza day.

A big thank you to Leah Hughes and Jean Russell for coordinating the main campus pizza lunch program this year!

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](mailto: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](mailto:kribbens.dca@verizon.net).

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

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2009 Christian Youth

# Theater Camp

“Being Creative to Honor the Creator”



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- Camps will be held on the campus of Dayspring Christian Academy, Blacksburg, Virginia.
- Mrs. Sharon Knight and Mrs. Beth Newman, teachers at Dayspring, will be directing the camp.
- Snacks and drinks will be provided. Full-day participants will be asked to pack their lunches.
- Each 5-day camp will end with a performance, which family and friends will be invited to attend.
- If you have any questions, please email: christianyouthtc@gmail.com

**There is a limited enrollment, so act now!**

When we receive your registration, you will receive a **confirmation email** with further details.

## 2009 Christian Youth Theater Camps

Please check:  Primary Camp, July 13-17, \$60  Elementary Camp, July 20-24, \$120

“My Teen Drama” Camp, July 13-17, \$60

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Next year's grade in school: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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