



# Dayspring Newsletter

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## FROM THE BOARD

Hello DCA families! It has been a busy fall as usual at DCA and we have had several highlights of the semester already. The Service Day was fabulous and thanks so much to Christy VanSteenburg and Pradeepa Ganhewa for all your work in coordinating and making that day possible-it was great to show the community a little more "Jesusness"! I also wanted to thank all of you for your hard work on our magazine fundraiser! We had a great time with all the ducks flying about and the duck hunter had many a successful mission on her quest find students sporting the little yellow buddies! Thanks to Molly Cousins, especially, for doing so much with the collection of orders and prize distributions!! There is so very much we have to be thankful for at Dayspring, I am most blessed to be a part of such a wonderful community. As we head into this holiday season, don't forget to thank our Great Lord for all that He is and does for us, and most of all for His precious son who gave His life for ours. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving break filled with friends, family, and of course, yummy food!

In His Service on Behalf of the School Board,  
Jody Hilt  
Board President

P.S. Be on the lookout for the letter about the Annual Parent Fund Drive coming out soon!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Christmas Programs

Preparations for the DCA Christmas Programs are underway! They will be held on Friday, December 11 starting at 6 PM at the Blacksburg Church of God on Roanoke St. They programs are as follows:

"Kinderchoir" Musical selections by the Kindergarten classes

"Shepherds, Sheep and A Savior" presented by the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades

"Hotel Bethlehem" presented by the 4th and 5th graders

Please contact Mrs. Knight ([alittleknightmusic@juno.com](mailto:alittleknightmusic@juno.com)) if you have any questions about costumes. Mrs. Knight would also love some help with sets and scenery for the programs if anyone is available. Bring your cameras and send in pictures to [kribbens.dca@verizon.net](mailto:kribbens.dca@verizon.net).

Please note that there will be time to fellowship in the church following the last segment of the program, but we won't be having a reception this year. There will be brief intermissions between the three segments.

### **DCA Alumni Reception**

The second annual event will be held on Saturday, December 19 at 8:30 PM (following the boys varsity basketball game against Parkway from Roanoke. Please help spread the word to former students, families, and staff. Contact Kathy Ribbens for more information (kribbens.dca@verizon.net).

### **Spring science opportunity at Virginia Tech open to students ages 9 to 12.**

Kids' Tech University (KTU) is a program at Virginia Tech that seeks to spark interest in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (the STEM disciplines). The Virginia Bioinformatics Institute (VBI) at Virginia Tech organizes the events, which take place on one Saturday per month in January through April, and include interesting speakers and fun hands-on activities. The program is restricted to children who were between the ages of 9 and 12 on September 30, 2009. For more information and to register (beginning 12/15), visit [kidstechuniversity.vbi.vt.edu](http://kidstechuniversity.vbi.vt.edu).

### **Need a tutor for your child?**

Contact Mrs. Van Steenburg in the office at 552-7777 for names of possible tutors.

### **SPECIAL REMINDERS**

**Montgomery County Christmas Store** – Donations are welcome. There is a collection box in foyer of the Main Campus.

**Lost and Found is piling up!** Sweatshirts, jackets, and more! Estimated worth is over \$800! Please check w/Mr. Anderson. **Lost/Found:** Nintendo DS games from field trip.

**Science Fair – Attention all secondary students:** Keep working on your Science Fair projects! Look over due dates. The next one is Tuesday, December 1.

### **VOLUNTEER NEEDS**

**Substitute Teachers Needed! – We are in great need of substitute teachers.** Please let us know if you, or someone you know, would be interested in substitute teaching. Half day (min. of 4 hours) and whole day (4+ hours) are paid positions. Contact the main office for more information.

PVC – Parent Volunteer Challenge – We are trying something new in hopes of minimizing the number of Work Days we need to have. Please check out the weekly PV Challenge in the weekly calendar and let us know how you can help. **If you haven't already done so, please go to the school website ([www.dayspringchristianacademy.org](http://www.dayspringchristianacademy.org)) and fill out the Parent Volunteer Opportunity Sheet and Take the 18+ Challenge!**

### **SAY THANK YOU TO OUR TROOPS...IN GOD WE TRUST**

XEROX IS DOING SOMETHING COOL

If you go to this web site, <http://www.LetsSayThanks.com> you can pick out a thank you card and Xerox will print it and it will be sent to a soldier that is currently serving in Iraq. You can't pick out who gets it, but it will go to a member of the armed services. How AMAZING it would be if we could get everyone we know to send one! It is FREE and it only takes a second. Wouldn't it be wonderful if the soldiers received a bunch of these? Whether you are for or against the war, our soldiers over there need to know we are behind them. This takes just 10 seconds and it's a wonderful way to say thank you. Please take the time and please take the time to pass it on for others to do. We can never say enough thank you's.

Thanks for taking time to support our military!

-Janet M.C. Winslow

## FUNDRAISING

### A New Way to Help Dayspring Raise Much Needed Funds!

Dayspring is partnering with United Scrip in an exciting new fundraising opportunity! You simply purchase gift cards (at face value) to the retailers and restaurants you already frequent and Dayspring will keep a percentage of the purchase price!

For example: You spend \$50 to purchase a \$50 gift card for Lands' End and Dayspring keeps \$7. That's 14% of your money spent that goes directly to DCA!

You may choose gift cards from hundreds of local and online retailers and Dayspring will keep between 1.5 and 18% of the purchase price (percentages for each retailer are outlined on the order form).

The first order will be going out Tuesday, December 1 – please have order form and cash or check payment (make checks payable to DCA) turned in to the Dayspring Office by 3pm. This should allow plenty of time to get the cards back before the Christmas holidays. Although these gift cards make super Christmas gifts, this program will be running year long so that you can do your regular shopping and be giving to Dayspring at the same time.

Beginning in January, orders will be placed twice monthly. Please submit order forms along with cash or check payment to the Dayspring Office by 3 pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of each month. When your gift cards arrive in about a week, you will be notified via e-mail and you may pick them up in the office.

Also, please feel free to invite friends and family to order gift cards through Dayspring.

I am excited about the potential to give back to Dayspring just by doing my everyday shopping! I will be placing the orders to United Scrip and I would love to answer any questions you might have regarding this program.

In Christ,  
Shannon Koene  
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### Scripps Gift Cards – a great way to support DCA!

#### KROGER CARES PROGRAM

Thanks to everyone who is using and re-loading their Kroger gift cards. DCA recently received a generous rebate check in the amount of \$455.75! Are you looking for a great gift idea? With the Christmas season upon us, Kroger gift cards not only make excellent gifts but also help to earn money for our school. Watch for the **red order form** to be sent home soon with your student. (Additional order forms will be available in the office). Complete the order form, along with your payment, and return it to the DCA office by the end of school on Monday, December 7th. Orders will be processed and returned to you by Monday, December 14th. (Please make checks payable to DCA). If you have any questions, please contact Sherri Bailey at 382-9684, or by e-mail at: [sherribailey@msn.com](mailto:sherribailey@msn.com). Thanks so much for supporting our wonderful school!

#### BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION AND CAMPBELL'S LABEL SYMBOLS

Be on the look out for these symbols on the items you buy. They can be found on food items, diapers, paper products and now even school/office supplies (Avery products). This is an easy and cheap way to help our school earn cash (from Box Tops and A+ Tyson). We have also been able to buy new PE equipment for this school year with the points that we have earned from Campbell's Labels. Our school will earn supplies and money from the "trash" on these products.

### Recycling is Fun and Earns Cash:

As we help the wonderful creation that God has given us we have been given the opportunity to raise money for our school. We are collecting (empty) drink pouches (Capri Suns, Kool Aid pouches, Honesty Kids, etc) not drink boxes. We are working with a company that will recycle the pouches for us.

### RECAP

Thank you for all of the donations to help with the **Thanksgiving Baskets!** What a blessing for many!

Exactly 50 boxes were collected for Operation Christmas Child! Thank you for helping the Service Club meet their goal of doubling the number of boxes donated this year! More boxes, more children blessed! Thank you! Thank you!

### SERVICE DAY

Thank you students! Thank you staff! Thank you parents and volunteers! We had an amazing time serving our community and sharing Jesusness to people around us.

One of the wonderful stories that students had to share from their experiences really reminded me about who Jesus was. The third graders spent the day at Kroger collecting food items to give to a local food bank. One lady came out with one or two cans for herself and handed the kids one can. She shared with them that she often has to get food from the food bank but wanted to be able to give back. She said she was only able to give that one can. When we give Jesus our all He turns small things into something amazing...the students were so blessed by her heart and willingness to share.

There were many other amazing stories...be sure to ask a student about their experience.

-Christy Van Steenburg



### **“Are You Smarter than a Middle Schooler?”**

Was the title of a recent middle school chapel performance written and performed by the high school speech and drama class along with assistance from a few very smart middle school students. It was their first public performance. Great job students! We look forward to seeing more of your work in the future.

### ATHLETICS AT DAYSPRING

The Dayspring basketball season has begun. Go to: [www.dayspringchristianacademy.org](http://www.dayspringchristianacademy.org) and click on the Sports Calendar link for the latest in schedules for all of the basketball teams. (Remember to hit refresh everytime you visit the Sports Calendar.) This year there will be Middle School and Varsity Girls teams along with two middle school boys' teams (i.e, MS Boys (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>) and DCA2 (5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders), JV Boys and Varsity Boys. Remember Pastors get in free. Invite your friends and neighbors! [See the new calendars sent by separate e-mails for all of the details!](#)

### DCA Cross-Country –

XC runners interested in running in the off-season need to contact Coach Slocum. Cell: 540-392-8891

Email: [skip@livewhereyouplay.net](mailto:skip@livewhereyouplay.net)

## HOT LUNCH PROGRAM AT DCA

**We need a main campus sub sandwich lunch parent/coordinator!!!** All logistics are set up. We just need someone who is willing to oversee collecting orders, placing the orders with the Subway shop in Kent Square and someone to pick up and distribute orders to students in K-9<sup>th</sup> grades. Tues, Wed, or Friday---Coordinators gets to choose the day of the week! Please contact Kathy Ribbens ([kribbens.dca@verizon.net](mailto:kribbens.dca@verizon.net)) to find out more. We'd like to get it up and running for the start of the second semester.

Hot Lunch order forms are available in the office. Forms need to be turned in to the office by noon the day before. 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.

- **Main Campus, Pizza Lunch** (see attached order form) – Order forms and payment must be in the office by noon on Wednesdays. Coord: Dawn Bowman, 953-5019
- **NEW! Second Campus, Subway Sandwich Lunch** – Order forms and payments must be in the office by noon on Mondays. Coord: Molly Cousins, 392-2429
- **Second Campus, Pizza Lunch** – Order forms and payment must be in the office by noon on Tuesdays. Coord: Gayla Miller, 808-3072
- **Second Campus, Chinese Lunch** –Order forms and payment must be in the office by noon on Thursdays. Coord. Jenny Mock, 230-4175



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