

CELEBRATING OUR 34<sup>TH</sup> YEAR

DAMASCUS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
CHALKMARKS  
HOME OF THE EAGLES



SEPT. 30-OCT. 6, 2009

The Heart Of Education is Education of the Heart

*Teacher In-Service Scheduled for  
Thursday and Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>*



Generally, we close school down the first Thursday and Friday of October to attend the annual Association of Christian Schools

(ACSI) Teachers' Conference. In an effort to reduce our expenses, we will forego attending the conference and instead use the time to host a DCS in-service for the teaching staff.

We will be working through an excellent material entitled, "Passing the Baton." The key point of this material is *now is the most pivotal time in history to recognize the importance of passing godly values to the next generation.* This is taken from the verse in I Chronicles 12:32, *All these men understood the signs of the times and knew the best course to take* (NLT). Josh McDowell, well-known Christian speaker and apologist said, "We won't be able to pass on our faith or our values, or even protect our kids from the culture, unless we make that relational connection, loving bond, and intimate attachment that our children so desperately want and need."

Passing the Baton *focuses* on what is most important in life, *demonstrates* why the time for action is now, *reveals* the incredible positive influence you can have every day, *frees* a person from anxiety and shows how to influence others in a way that is natural and fun, and *equips* people (our teachers) with practical, real-world skills for passing the baton to the next generation.

Jeff Meyers, Ph.D., President of Passing the Baton and professor at Bryan College in Tennessee, will be with us via DVDs presenting this vital and practical information. Pray that our hearts will be open and receptive to this important material. Pray that each DCS staff person will be free from distractions and able to focus their full attention on the truth and principles being presented. Pray, too, that our lives will be changed and we will have a greater heart for mentoring and discipleship. As Jeff states, "The most important thing one generation can do is equip the next generation to glorify God."

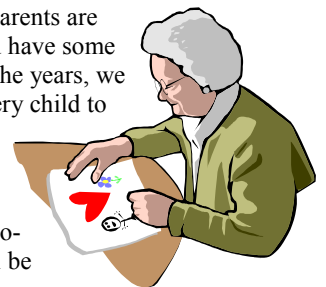
*Grandparents' Day  
October 9<sup>th</sup>*

Grandparents and grandchildren. What a great combination! That is exactly what we will be seeing Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, as we celebrate this year's annual Grandparents' Day event. Beginning at 10:30 AM, grandparents will gather from across the United States to spend some time with the grandchildren at Damascus Christian School.

The purpose of this gathering is to honor our grandparents, to remind them of the significant role they play in the hearts and lives of their grandchildren, and to let them catch a glimpse of the school in which their grandkids attend. Grandparents hold a special place with their grandchildren. Gram and Gramp have life-experiences and stories to share, wisdom, a sense of humor, time, and love with which to bless their grandchildren. There is something unique about the grandparent/grandchild relationship. We want to help nurture and extend that, thus, Grandparents' Day. We are not soliciting for funds; we simply want them to be here and see grandchildren in their school setting.

Ginny Nevin is putting together a PowerPoint presentation for Grandpa and Grandma to view as the morning begins. The children will be sharing a variety of songs, poems, and other class offerings before heading to their classes to show off what they learn and meet the teacher. We dismiss early in order to give the grandchild an opportunity to enjoy some time with Gram and Grampa.

If your elementary child's grandparents are not able to attend, please be sure you have some stand-ins available to be here. Over the years, we have seen how important it is for every child to have a grandparent or grandparent fill-in present. This might be a trusted neighbor, relative, or friend.



Mark your calendar – Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 – noon. All grades will be dismissed at noon.

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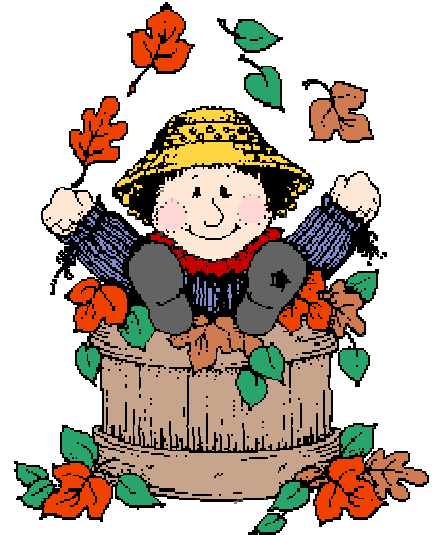
## Harvest Festival Coming Soon

Coming up on Saturday, October 31st, from 5:00 -8:00 P.M., is the annual DCC/DCS Harvest Festival. This carnival-style festival provides hundreds of children in our community a safe and fun alternative to Halloween's trick-or-treating. The Harvest Festival houses over thirty games and booths, distributes thousands of pieces of candy, and welcomes many children who will experience the love of Christ through volunteers' joy and service. It is definitely our largest outreach to children in our community! So, plan to bring your whole family and enjoy a fun-filled evening!

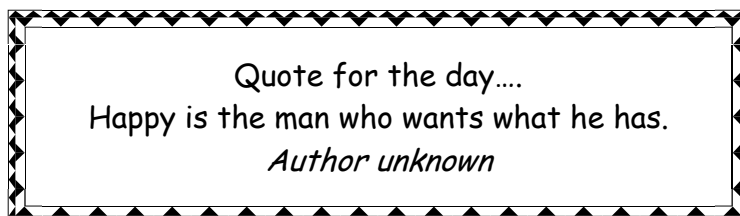
To put on such an event, we need volunteers with a joyful heart

and love for children to man the booths and food court. Volunteers will be showing God's love and grace to all those in attendance -- eager children, parents, the fire department, and local businesses. What would an event like this be without candy? You may donate and drop off bags of individually wrapped candy in the church office. We also need to collect door prizes to raffle off during this event.

If you would like to contribute a small gift certificate from your business or would like to offer your services in manning a booth, please contact **Zach and Rachel Davidson** (503)-661-4796. See you there!



### *School Pictures- October 22<sup>nd</sup> Order Packets Coming*



## Scrip Update

Congratulations to the **Ulrich** family who won the \$25 Starbuck card in the recent Scrip contest!

Enter the October 6<sup>th</sup>, Scrip contest for a chance to win a \$20 Olive Garden gift card.

October 9<sup>th</sup>, is Grandparents' Day and Scrip will be available for immediate purchase in the foyer that morning. This is a great way to help DCS as you treat your grandchildren to lunch!

Don't forget – if you need an order form, you can print one off the DCS website!

