

DACS Monthly Newsletter

HELLO DACS FAMILY,

We are all settled in and well on our way into this new school year. The lessons have been planned, the rooms have been thoroughly cleaned (in some cases painted), the bulletin boards are decorated and best of all your children are here.

The teachers, staff and administrators at DACS would like to extend a warm welcome to our new families; and to our returning families a super big hug. DACS would not exist without each of you.

This was a very busy summer for us here at DACS as we tried our best to get things ready and for a busy school year. A part of that preparation was deciding what to do about school uniforms since all the brick and mortar stores in our area closed. So, DACS decided to embark on the gigantic task of selling our own uniforms. As with any new venture there are growing pains, no exceptions here. :D

As of right now (Thursday, September 20th), there was shipment that came in, but many of the orders are still incomplete. Please allow us another week or so to fill all the orders that were placed two to three weeks ago.

Our teachers spent a week at the North American Division Teachers' Conference. Once every four years all Seventh-day Adventist educators from across North America get together for a week in a designated area (this year it was Chicago) to participate in workshops, worship, enjoy evening concerts, check out the latest innovations in education, and rekindle friendships of long ago.



ACADEMICS

New this year is our Bible Curriculum. The name is simply *Bible Encounter*. This approach to Bible lessons is very hands-on and the main textbook is God's Holy Word.

Incorporated into our curriculum this year is Steven Covey's Leader in Me book. As the year progresses both students and families will be taught the seven habits of effective individuals. Be on the look-out for Habit 1: Be proactive.

This year we are intentionally embracing STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). STEM related lessons will be addressed in the classroom as well as part of our Extended Day. DACS partnered with Young Engineers of Atlanta to help move us to the next level of educating our students.

Speaking of Extended Day activities, here are a few that we are either working on or have already implemented; creative writing, graphic design, homework help, typing, culture club, photography, art, strings orchestra, readers theatre, drama and more.

SPOTLIGHT ON....

The Bechthold Family

The Bechtold's have been a part of the DACS family for ten years and counting. Mom Michelee is a fitness guru and an employee of Atlanta Adventist Academy, our sister high school. Ray Bechthold is a construction worker whose work can be seen on parts of our campus.

The Bechtholds have three beautiful girls, Téa a graduate of DACS, Ciana, a seventh grader, and Inara the youngest, who is a fifth grader this year.

The Lord blessed Ray and Michelee not only by giving them three bright and beautiful girls, but all the girls are gifted with amazing singing voices. The Bechtholds enjoy spending quality time together. Their most favorite pastime activity is "getting lost" as Michelee puts it. The family loves all the adventures that come from traveling.

When asked, what the family is most proud of, Michelee proudly responds, "Our faith" She goes on to quote, "It is not rooted in the traditions of men, but in the truth of the Scripture and the promises that it affords us."

We praise God for the Bechthold family.

Did You Know...

- You can help raise money for DACS each time you shop at Amazon. Next time you order from Amazon, go to Amazon Smile instead and shop away. (see steps on next page)
- Our website is now live. Visit your school at dacsisgreat.com.
- If your child is excessively late for school the family can be charged.
- If your child has more than five unexcused absences, the family could be reported to state for truancy.

In Case You Missed It

Curriculum Night which was held on September 4th was small but cozy. We missed those who were not able to make it. Attached is a re-cap of our meeting.

Although I was not able to make it to the back to school picnic, I can see from the pictures that many more of you were able to come out and support your school. Thank you, Lydia Kamau for another great back to school picnic. Thank you, parents, for coming out.

Looking Ahead

September

- 4th Open House (Thank you for Coming Out)
- 10th DIBEL Assessments for grades K-3
- 20th Progress Reports
- 23rd 8th Grade Car Wash
- 24th- 28th Parent/Teacher Conferences & Iowa Assessment
- 28th Dress Down Day for \$1

October

- 17th First Quarter Ends
- 22nd -26th Fall Week of Prayer
- Report Cards Go Home
- **No Fall Break This Year** ☺

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*Please note

There is an error on the calendar in the student's agenda. October 17th -19th is no longer slated for Fall Break. There will be no Fall Break this year.



