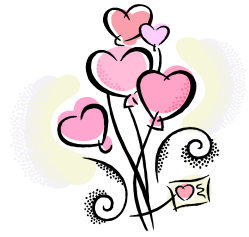




Head...lines

A periodic newsletter from your Administrator - Frank C. Rydwansky

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From the Heart...

I trust that this "Head..lines" finds you warm and cozy (with shovel in hand) and with great expectations of what God can do in these times of uncertainty and change. Remember that God's promises are true and that He will provide all that we need! With that in mind, I want to share with you what we are doing at DCA to address the changes that are taking place. Also what we are doing and what we will be asking all families of Dayspring to do, in the days to come. Our commitment is to continue to provide the finest educational product within the resources we have.

- A basic fact of the business of Dayspring is that we operate on a very tight budget and are not able to carry a surplus forward each year...in fact we started this school year with a slight deficit. We try not to spend more than we get and are very dependent on timely payments. The shortfall last year was due to families that did not meet their financial obligations and yet owe.
- This year we have seen over a dozen families relocate to other parts of the country and are now seeing the impact of the economy preventing a small percentage of families to fall behind... causing us to look at every expense, with less money. This in spite of the fact that DCA has given well over \$100,000 in financial aide...\$30,000 more than our budget. We can make up that commitment by August, and, in faith, will be asking every family to help to contribute to a new scholarship fund called "Families Helping Families". All monies will be used this year to help retain students and assist families who have a real need. God will bless these efforts!
- We must make other changes now, to help assure a positive year-end:
 - Lunches: We must increase the costs, to keep up with the caterer, as follows: As of March 2nd a full lunch will cost \$4.00; milk will go \$.65; Pizza slices to \$2.25, walk-up lunches continue to be \$5.00. We do understand the impact of these costs and have basically been subsidizing the lunch program (public schools receive a government subsidy). Also all lunch orders must be in the office on time on Tuesday mornings. Any slips received after Tuesday noon will be at the \$5.00 walk-up price.
 - SAT testing: This year will be testing grades 6, 7, and 8 only. Next year...more.
 - Extend/Aftercare: We must have all these charges paid when you receive your invoice. If an account goes over 30 days the program will not be available until clear.
 - Dress down days: A series of \$2.00 dress down days where all monies go to the Scholarship Fund. This way the "kids" can participate and it goes to a real cause. The first day will be Friday, Feb 6th..."National Wear Red Day". The next will be Friday, Feb 13th "Valentines".

Thanks for letting me share my heart with you all..."Let love be your greatest aim". Mr. R

REMINDERS

Re-enrollment Time...

By now you will have received re-enrollment information...thanks to the early responders who have already returned the forms and applications. Please be reminded that your registration check must accompany your forms. Please return the Letter of Intent to Re-enroll ASAP, if you haven't yet.

REGISTRATION - \$150.00 (non-refundable), per returning or new student, payable at time of registration. After April 1, 2009, the late registration fee for returning students is \$250.00. Also, all prior year financial obligations of returning students must be paid to allow re-enrollment.

Also, take advantage of "Referral Rebate Enrollment Incentive Program \$'s":

- As a DCA family member you can receive a \$300 credit toward tuition for every new student you refer, and who enrolls at DCA. Our GOAL is to grow this year! Please tell interested families to mention your name on their application. After their first month at DCA your tuition account will be credited \$300 per student. Don't miss this opportunity to help both DCA and your budget! DCA is a great school!

Open House Notice...

- Be sure to tell a friend or relative about Dayspring and invite them to attend one of Dayspring's OPEN HOUSE Saturdays, from 9AM to 12 NOON, on the following dates: February 7th March 7th.
- It looks as if DCA will have openings in all grades for a limited time. Interested families may contact Darlene DeCastro, DCA Admissions Coordinator for information or to schedule a tour. Our PreK 3 & 4, and Kindergarten classes, along with extended and after care are very popular. Our first open house in January was well attended, with strong interest.

Other Information...some repeats

- **WEAR COATS:** With the cold weather here please dress your children accordingly...coats and hats are made for a purpose and will prevent runny noses and cold toesees (new word)!
- **SICKNESS:** AGAIN, please do not send your child to school with a fever or with sickness. From the nurse, "It's SNOT funny, we're sick of it!"
- **NO SCHOOL VACATION WEEK:** February 16th to 20th.
- **HALF DAY PROFESSIONAL DAY:** Wednesday, Feb 25th with early dismissal at 11:30 AM. DCA Professional Day for teachers that was missed for snow earlier in the month.
- **PAC MEETING UPDATE:** We will resume the first Tuesday of the month schedule...sorry for the snow cancellation in February. Next meeting: Tuesday, March 3rd.

Traffic Report and Reminder...

We realize that the snow storms, plowing, and other parking issues are especially difficult this year...BUT, the drop-off and pick-up flow must continue on a regular basis. Please do not park in the roads or lanes and leave your car or truck, EVER!

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