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Warrior Monthly

From the Head's Desk

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Nov 1st:**
**November
Tuition
Due**
- **Nov 4th:**
**SCISA
Conven-
tion No
School**
- **Nov 22nd:**
**Yearbook
Deadline**
- **Nov 23-25:**
**Thankgiv-
ing Holiday**

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“Fall Season and Thanksgiving”

By: Mr. Brian Fitzgerald

The fall season is truly a memorable time of year as Nature prominently has on display for us all of the beauty and splendor that the Lord intended for us to experience. From an agricultural perspective, the fall also signifies a harvest season, to which much of our high-celebrated Thanksgiving evolved from an initial celebration in 1621 involving the Pilgrims, who were immigrants from England, and the Wampanoag Indians, natives of what would eventually become known as Plymouth, Massachusetts (much of the area's history may be referenced for further research at <http://www.pilgrimhall.org/plgrmhll.htm>, with an obvious disregard by the reader of the marketing purposes of the website.

Historically speaking, this particular group of immigrants was escaping what they thought was religious persecution from the Church of England, so it would stand to reason that these Separatists would have celebrated this event with a spiritual foundation as proof that the Lord had blessed the decision to leave their homeland. However, this concept has been challenged over the years due to a variety of factors, most notably the presence of the Wampanoag tribe would have had no understanding of the traditions and

values of Christianity. Additionally, even once the United States was established as a nation, it was not until Abraham Lincoln was president that it was declared a national holiday and under his guidance did it receive religious affiliation. It can be argued that this was deservedly so, as the Pilgrims had much to be thankful for from the Lord and would have recognized His hand in the events that would have greatly shaped their destiny as settlers. Furthermore, with almost half of the original group succumbing to the elements and perishing, it was a true blessing for those who survived to have established a settlement and to have found welcoming assistance through the natives of the land. Therefore, their Thanksgiving was even more than simply giving thanks to where thanks is due, it also represented the fundamental hope that each of us has knowing that we have the Lord's assistance in all things.

It is far too easy to offer commentary or even lament how commercialized the holidays that have their root in religious origins have become. The pairing of Halloween and All Saints' Day has been reduced to simply candy and costumes in the evening...and when was the last time the general public mentioned the holiday on November 1st? Christmas is even more devastating philoso-

phically as the celebration of the birth of our Savior now has been replaced by a chubby icon in a red suit and the actual holiday now exists as X-mas, with His name purposely deleted. I agree that all of this is certainly another sign of our society's wish to separate from any semblance of religion and should be reviled, but what about themselves arguing vehemently for the spiritual aspects of Christmas, and rightfully so given the state of our world, but other religious holidays are neglected. However, with the approach of Thanksgiving, I find myself thinking of all that the Lord has done for me personally, for what He has done for Dillon Christian School and all the things for which we can give thanks. With all that the Lord does for us, perhaps we should take a second and truly “give thanks” to the Lord by taking a stand and at the very least remembering that Thanksgiving is truly a very spiritual holiday.

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TUITION!!!!

A reminder that tuition is due by the 1st of each month. It is considered delinquent on the 11th. There will be a \$25.00 late fee applied to past-due accounts per month.

RenWeb Logins!!!

If you have never set up a RenWeb account and would like to, then please do the following:

1. Click "Login" at the upper right corner
2. Type the district code DCS-SC
3. Username is your email address that you give to the

office and they must put it in RenWeb before you can set up your account.

4. Click "Login – Create new parents web account", if this is your first time. (If not, and you don't remember your password, then you can change it on this screen, too, under change password or username.)
5. Check your email and there should be an email

from RenWeb with your password.

6. Get the password from that email and go back in to the RenWeb login page.

Log in with your password and you may have to check if you are on dial-up or high-speed internet.

Medications in the Office

The change of season is upon us, and some of the children have come into the office complaining of headaches. We do have Regular Strength Tylenol and Ibuprofen in the office that can

be dispensed; however, the student has to call his/her parent prior to the medication being administered. We do encourage the parents of elementary children to please bring in their

own medication where it will be labeled with your child's name and kept in the office.

SAT and ACT Test Dates

2011-12 SAT

CALENDAR:
TEST DATES: OCT. 1,
NOV. 5, DEC. 3, JAN.
28, MAR. 10, MAY 5,
JUNE 2

2011-12 ACT

CALENDAR:
TEST DATES: SEPT.
10, OCT. 22, DEC. 10,
FEB. 11, APR. 4, JUNE
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Booster Club

There will be a Booster Club meeting, Monday, November 14th at 6:30 P.M. We welcome everyone who would love to come out and participate in the DCS athletics. Hope to see you there! Also, do not forget to purchase your Booster Club Membership

passes. We have eight different packages that you can choose from. Please call or come by the school office. We will be happy to assist you in choosing the best one for your family.

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.
Proverbs 22:6

Tuition!!!!

We have several families with past due accounts. Please remember the tuition contract states, "tuition payments are due on the first day of the month, payable through the 10th of the month. An account will be considered delinquent on the 11th day of the month. If this account is not made cur-

rent by the 11th day of the following month, the student may be removed from school until both months' payments are made." Transcripts of records, report cards, and progress reports will not be released if an account is not current. We realize that it is a sacrifice to send your children to DCS and

we do not wish to create a hardship for any of our families. However, it is imperative that tuition is paid on time each month, and is kept current. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

20th Anniversary Christmas Ornament

Following a school wide contest in which many students participated in designing the DCS 20th Anniversary Logo, a design has been declared the winner and will be unveiled on November 28th

for everyone to see. This design will be first featured on a Christmas ornament that will proudly celebrate the history and future of Dillon Christian School. We hope that your family will join us in

celebrating 20 years of our school!

3rd Annual Christmas Tree Fundraiser

We have another opportunity this year to raise funds to help our school programs to pay for special events. Christmas Tree Sales! These trees are fresh cut North Carolina High Country Fraser Firs, "the king of Christmas trees", because of their aroma, needle retention and beautiful

color. The trees are fresh, fat, full and fragrant! This is a wonderful opportunity to purchase your trees, wreaths, and garlands at great prices and help our school. All proceeds will benefit Dillon Christian School. Pre-order deadline for the first shipment is Friday, November 11. The trees will be

delivered between December 5-9, to the school. Order forms may be picked up in the school office. We appreciate your continued support!!

Lunch Room

Payments

We appreciate the prompt attention being given to the monthly lunch payments; however, we do ask that these payments be made separately and not included with your child's tuition payment. Thank you for your cooperation.

Christmas Extravaganza!!!!

Tuesday, November 15th, from 1:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M., the seniors are holding a first annual Christmas Extravaganza for their mission trip. This is a home basketball game night and the event will include a chicken bog

dinner. In addition, we will have booths for Thirty-One, Pampered Chef, Mary Kay, crafts, jewelry, and bake sale. It will be a wonderful time to stock up for Thanksgiving baked items as well as begin your Christmas shop-

ping. All proceeds will be donated to the mission trip to Puerto Rico. If you are willing to help or donate items, please contact one of our seniors, or advisors - Dawn Paul, Carole Lewis or Ellen Jordan.

Clemson vs. Carolina Food Drive

The Beta Club is sponsoring the annual Clemson/Carolina canned food drive that will begin Monday, October 31st and run through Friday, November 11th. The student body is asked to please donate canned meats,

canned fruits, and canned vegetables that can be used to make food baskets for the needy families in Dillon. The items will be collected during first period and the count will go towards Carolina or Clemson, at the discretion of

each student that brings in their items. The youth and missions committee at First Presbyterian Church will deliver the food baskets on Sunday, November 20th.

Athletic Director-Christian Wolfe

By: Mr. Christian Wolfe

As we wind down our Fall sports season, I am proud to report that we have seen growth and success in all areas. Both JV and Varsity Volleyball teams finished strong in the region with winning records. Varsity Volleyball qualified for the State Tournament by finishing third in the region. Our JV Football Team won their final game in an exciting overtime victory to finish the season with a winning record of 5-4. Varsity football will play their final game of the regular season at home on Friday, October 28th, hoping to move on

into the playoffs! Our cheerleaders have been a major source of support and encouragement, and we appreciate all of the time, effort, and hard work that they have given. I'm very proud of the dedication of all of our athletes during this season of athletics. Our basketball practice will begin on October 31st. This schedule, as well as the game schedules will be posted on the DCS website. Please plan to come out and support our basketball teams! The first HOME game is Tuesday, November 15th against Florence Christian. We are looking forward to a fun and successful season! I would like to say THANK

YOU to our Board, Booster Club, Staff, and other family members that have come out and helped with our athletic program this year. Our success is greatly dependant on the efforts of many! GO WARRIORS!

Again, thank you for all you are doing to support the growth and success of the DCS Athletic Program! Remember, volunteers and fans are a BIG part of every TEAM!

3rd Grade News

By: Mrs. McCall and Mrs. Cullum

On Thursday, October 20th, we traveled to Timmonsville for a chilly but enjoyable day at the Ovis Hill Farm. The children had a fun day painting gourds, and some of the boys and girls had an opportunity to help feed a baby calf using the biggest baby bottle we've ever seen! We had a terrific lesson about sheep and their wool including how it is gathered, and the

many ways wool is used. Mr. Charlie Caldwell took us on a fun hayride where we were able to observe the four types of working animals on the farm. I think the most awesome part of the trip was to watch Jolly, the Border collie, herd the sheep. Mr. Charlie told us there were 150-200 sheep in the far pasture. After had a talk with Jolly, the dog sprinted across the pasture and within seconds all of the sheep were standing by the fence where we were, in front of us! One tried to get

out of the group but one look from Jolly sent the wayward sheep quickly back to the flock! We continued on to the "pizza" garden. It was in a circle, divided into sections. We finished our ride at the pumpkin patch. The children were also able to bring back seed planting kits to enhance our science unit on plants. After a visit in the farm store we headed back to DCS after a great day visiting the Ovis Hill Farm. It was a wonderful fall field trip!

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Upcoming Events:

- November 1st – November Tuition Due
- November 3rd – 7th Grade Field Trip to Wonderworks in Myrtle Beach, S.C.
- November 4th – SCISA Convention – No School
- November 11th – Pre-Order Deadline for Christmas Tree Fundraiser
- November 14th: Booster Club Meeting @ 6:30
- November 15th – Christmas Extravaganza
- November 18th – Operation Christmas Child
- November 22nd – Deadline for Yearbook Orders
- November 23rd-25th – Thanksgiving Holidays No School!

Volunteers Needed!

There are many areas of the DCS campus and facilities that have been identified as needing the attention of skill-specific tradesmen. We are creating a master list of professionals and volunteers who would be willing to donate some of their time and expertise to help assist with specific maintenance needs

and with general projects throughout the school. The list would exist so that when a problem is identified, we would be able to contact that particular individual and ask for assistance. Several examples of who we are looking for would be plumbers, electricians, carpenters, painters, mechanical con-

tractors, masons, landscapers, architects, engineers and any other trade that you would be willing to apply at our school. If you are interested and willing to help, please contact Brandon Love at 910-733-6865 (bllove@ci.lumberton.nc.us) or Brian Fitzgerald at 843-841-1000 (bfitzgerald@warriorweb)

The Senior Class of 2012 is currently planning and fundraising for their Senior Mission Trip to Puerto Rico. Please keep them in your prayers!!!

Late Arrivals

Parents, if your child is going to be absent or late to school for any reason then it is policy to please contact the office so that we may account for your student. If we have not received noti-

fication from the parents the child will have to call his/her parent before being admitted to class.

TERRIFIC KIDS!!!!

Congratulations to the following children who received Terrific Kid for the First Nine Weeks:

1st Grade – Miss Peeler’s Class – Zack Hunt & Travis Wynn
1st Grade – Mrs. Graves’s Class – Ethan Steward & Savannah Sherman
2nd Grade – Mrs. McMillan’s

Class – Maggie Love & Spivey Evans
3rd Grade – Mrs. McCall’s Class – Michelle Chen & Donavon Perritt
3rd Grade – Mrs. Cullum’s Class – Trent Johnson & Hannah Bodenhamer
4th Grade – Mrs. Alexander’s Class – Braylin Smith & Sarah

Tompkins
4th Grade – Mrs. Hughes Class – Jodi Lee Frost & Ian Bethea
5th Grade – Mrs. Brown’s Class – Josh Meekins & Lizzie Outlar
6th Grade – Mrs. McKenzie’s Class – Evan Paul & Amanda Williams

Kindergarten News

Another month has passed and more fun has been added! We have now learned 19 letters and are reading more and more words every day! We are also learning about the Twenty family, and the children are so excited because we have begun telling time to the hour! The first time they usually learn is 10:00 because it's the time we go to lunch! We have also added four new six year olds! Malik, Madaline, Bryce and Jacob all turned six in October.

The children worked very hard during Fire Prevention Week. They learned a great deal about how to

be safe. The children learned about the importance of smoke detectors; staying away from matches; stop, drop, cover, and roll; how to "stay low and ;" the importance of a family meeting place; and how not to be afraid of the firemen. We give a very special thanks to the Dillon County Fire Department for bringing their fire safety program to our school. Their visit went right along with our "Freddie's Fire Smart Kids" safety program that we worked on all week.

How about those report cards?! We are sure you were just as pleased as we

were! Everyone is working very hard and doing their best!

Mrs. Power is very excited because she has a new student in her class! Emma McCurdy, all the way from Beaufort, S.C. started bright and early on Monday morning, and all the boys and girls have made her feel so welcome! Emma especially likes Jonah, our baby turtle! Good thing, since her daddy is the new game warden with the DNR! Emma turned six in September, so she adds to our number of six year olds, as well! Welcome to DCS, Emma!

Yearbook Sale!!!

Yearbooks are now on sale! The yearbook staff will be taking orders until November 22nd. Orders form will be sent home with students, and should be turned in to their HOMEROOM TEACHER.



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Dillon Christian School is a Private Christian School located in Dillon, SC. We offer grades Kindergarten to 12th Grade. When you send your child to DCS, you are putting them in a great atmosphere to learn while also learning about Jesus. We are accredited by the South Carolina Independent School Association and have been in Dillon, SC since 1991.

If you are interested in coming to DCS, please contact our wonderful office staff and come tour our campus.

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Middle School Minutes

By: Mrs. Angie McKenzie

Mrs. McKenzie's sixth grade history just finished a very interesting unit on ancient China. We learned so much about the ancient Chinese way of life. Students learned to write their names in Chinese as well as make paper. WE also studied about Confucius, however adapted some of his sayings with what God says about life and finding peace.

Our next topic of study will take us to ancient Greece. Here we will discuss the lifestyles of those who lived in Athens and Sparta, Greek Mythology, and the early Olympic games. (We may even have our

own version of DCS Olympics). Keep watching out for a date when you can come out and view our Olympic competitions.

The fifth grade History just finished discussing WWI. We learned that it was a difficult war for a good many people, however there was one very special Christmas when God softened the hearts of those fighting and allowed there to truly be peace on Earth for a little while. We will be taking a trip to Florence National Cemetery to view where some very special WWI veterans are laid to rest.

The seventh grade life science class just finished discussing plant and

animal cells. We discussed all of the cell organelles as well as their functions. The students enjoyed viewing plant cells from an onion skin and a plant leaf. They also got a look at living blood cells (thanks to the generosity of their teacher...the things a teacher will do!!!). We concluded the unit with cell projects where groups of students worked together to replicate a plant cell or animal cell. They turned out great, some even tasted great as well!!! To see what creative minds can come up with stop by my room and look at their projects.