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Damascus Community School
“A Learning Community in Pursuit of Excellence”

What's Happening

From the Administration: Dr. James Liebzeit, Director & Mr. Brian Smith, ES/MS Principal

Both Dr. Liebzeit & Mr. Smith are pleased that students are back in their classes at DCS after an extended winter break. DCS is only a school when there are students present, and we're both determined to keep it going, with your help.

After the end of the first semester on January 19th, classes cannot be held on the DCS campus. For the last several days, we have been looking at sites where teachers and students can meet to continue instruction. Thanks to many of you, we have seen several sites at which we may be able to hold classes for at least some of our students. We will continue to seek out and inspect sites which could be suitable. Our objective is to find a location, or locations, in which your children's education can continue with as little disruption as possible.

On Wednesday, January 18th at 5:30 pm, we will hold an open meeting for all DCS parents. We will outline what we have found as possible sites for DCS classes as well as describe our plan to continue the school year through June of 2012. **Please mark your calendar and plan to join us at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, January 18th in the school cafeteria.**

Nearly all the sites we have looked at will require preparation before classes can be held so there will undoubtedly be a delay before classes can begin in these locations. Fortunately, we have access to several apartments, most leased by the school and some offered by parents, in which we should be able to begin having classes immediately after the end of the first semester on January 19th.

We want to reiterate that our commitment is to continue your children's education with as little disruption as possible. With your help, that will happen. Be sure to join us on January 18th ... we will certainly know more then about the details of where & when students will be meeting with their teachers.

From the Syrian Director: Mrs. Lubana Kawass

Dear Faculty and Parents,

My heartfelt gratitude goes out to our treasured teachers that returned to DCS from winter break. Much appreciation to those that remained in Syria during the break. Your presence assured others that all was acceptable. May all of you always feel safe and have a peaceful residency in Damascus.

To our committed parents, I would like to welcome you and your children back to DCS from winter break. It's a great pleasure to see the students coming back with smiles on their faces and full of enthusiasm to start their classes again at their beloved school. We passed through a stressful time, but at last here you are with your children. I hope to continue this school year peacefully and as usual with success. I am always ready to do anything for the benefit and security of DCS supported by the resolve of the MOE to ensure the future of DCS.

PTA: Mrs. Katia Al-Mamlouk, PTA Representative to the Board of Directors

It is considered that the greatest achievement in life is to be revered as trustworthy. The PTA stands in admiration of the relentless efforts and unwavering dedication of the DCS Director, Dr. James Liebzeit, and the DCS faculty to ensure our children's education continues regardless of current challenges. Certainly, these educators have proven their trustworthiness and deserve our support.

We kindly ask and encourage all parents to continue their demonstration of support and patience while the DCS administration and faculty work out the details of continuing the second semester with as little disruption to our children's education as possible. We can trust they have our children's best interest at heart.



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54 years on DCS is now a matter of the heart,
And lives beyond time and place.

Many bumps in the road we have endured,
Small tests compared to our students' success,
Everlasting cultural bridges between all nations flourish,
Remembering always our vision of excellent education
Is foremost our aim.

We are more than ourselves,
We are Stallions beautiful and strong.