

# What's Happening

## *From the Administration*

We would like to thank all of the parents who attended Parent Teacher conferences this week. This is a special time for parents to discuss the progress of their child with the teachers. These are important meetings to keep parents informed about the educational development of each child.

There have been demonstrations near the school this week. We are monitoring the situation daily and check regularly with the security around the school to ensure the safety of all of us on campus. At times we will be using the west gate to exit campus due to the street in front of the school being closed.

## *From the Principal:*

*Mr. Brian Smith*

## Congratulations

to the members of the first quarter Middle School Honor Roll!

**High Honors:** To be eligible, a student must have at least as many As as Bs (with no Cs, Ds or Fs) on his first quarter report card. This quarter, only one student in middle school achieved this. Congratulations to **Pierre Al Kubeh!** Keep up the good work, Pierre!

**Honors:** To be eligible, students must have a B average. Eleven DCS middle school students achieved this at the end of first quarter. Congratulations to:

Dina Al Mamlouk  
Caterina Gasparini  
Lin Kozbari  
Bashir Aldroubi

Merella Al Tali  
Daniel Harrich  
Wassim Mukayed  
Sara Joud

Zuheir Bdeir  
Amr Kozbari  
Naya Hamdoun



## *Acting Activities Director:*

*Mr. Tyler Ready*



In an effort to further re-establish Damascus Community School's athletic program, high school volleyball players volunteered their time to run a camp aimed at elementary students on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. While the camp's two day schedule was shortened due to weather, over half of the grades 1 – 5 enrollment attended. With the assistance of the varsity players, campers went through a series of age-appropriate drills designed to introduce them to the basics of volleyball. A big thanks goes out to all those who participated and/or helped make the camp a success.

Congratulations to the high school volleyball teams on their first games of the season against the Al Bashaer School. Good luck in your coming matches, and thank you for representing DCS in such a positive manner.

Greetings from the Counselor's office:

On Thursday November 17, we had the high school community time beginning at 9:12. One of the items on the agenda was recognition of students who have made the honor roll. Making the honor roll for the first quarter include the following:



**Highest Honors** (4.0)

Farris Abu Saoud



**High Honors** (3.6-3.9)

Julia Ganama  
Bader Jaffan  
Khairulhelmy Arief  
Jida Jaffan  
Tameer Bakkar  
Karim Hussain Ismat  
Basma Naiiseh  
Kritika Kapoor  
Zeina Derawan

**Honor Roll** (3.0-3.5)

|                     |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| Alexandra Horaites  | Raneem Aldroubi |
| Jenna Sawaf         | Daniel Ganama   |
| Margarita Gasparina | Mona Azhari     |
| Mhd. Zaid Shami     | Krisztian Feher |
| Bence Varga         | Lillian Maatouk |
| Fatima Al Makhzoum  | Lynn Bizreh     |
| Lana Darwan         | Aline Yacoubian |
| Rama Chalati        | Amanda Alhabbal |
| Leon Yacoubian      | Hilda Yacoubian |
| Omar Tarabichi      |                 |



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|--|---|---|
| <b>American University of Beirut</b>     | <b>Florida International University, Florida</b>      | <b>Portland State University, Oregon</b>              |
| <b>Lebanese American University</b>      | <b>University of California San Diego, California</b> | <b>Michigan State University, Michigan</b>            |
| <b>Concordia University, Montreal</b>    | <b>McGill University, Montreal</b>                    | <b>University of Windsor, Windsor, Ontario</b>        |
| <b>Ryerson University, Toronto</b>       | <b>University of Texas at Austin, Texas</b>           | <b>University of Toronto, Toronto</b>                 |
| <b>York University, Toronto</b>          | <b>Northeastern University, Massachusetts</b>         | <b>University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario</b>          |
| <b>Suffolk University, Massachusetts</b> | <b>Boston College, Massachusetts</b>                  | <b>University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario</b> |
| <b>Saint Louis University, Missouri</b>  | <b>University of Portland, Oregon</b>                 |   |

***From PTA: Mrs. Sima Kozbari, President***

It was an honor for the PTA to recognize the fine work and efforts that our DCS custodians and guards do each day to keep our campus a clean and safe place for all of us. Each worker received 4,000 SP and a warm sweater from the PTA. We hope that this generous contribution will show the appreciation that the PTA has for their service to the school.

The future will be full surprises for our DCS families. The PTA is putting our thoughts together to create new useful ideas, full of fun, for our children.

**Peer Tutoring Schedule Revised**

**Room 293-Computer Access Lab**  
**3:30—4:30 pm**

**Tuesday, November 22**  
**Wednesday, November 30**

# This Week At DCS



By Jenna Sawaf



**MR. WOODHEAD**

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**2011—2012 1st Semester Damascus Community School Calendar**



**NOVEMBER 2011**

24 Nov—Thurs Thanksgiving—US Embassy and School Closed

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thur | Fri | Sat |
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**DECEMBER 2011**

8 Dec—Thurs 9:00 AM Beginning of School Day for Students

8 Dec—Thurs Mid 2nd Qtr—Progress Report go Home

22 Dec—5 Jan Winter Break—No School

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thur | Fri | Sat |
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# 2011—2012 2nd Semester Damascus Community School Calendar

## JANUARY 2012

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thur | Fri | Sat |
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| 29  | 30  | 31  |     |      |     |     |

- 01 Jan—Sun New Year's Day —US Embassy Closed
- 08 Jan—Sun Classes Resume
- 15 Jan—Sun Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday observed by US Embassy  
—US Embassy Closed—School Open
- 26 Jan Sun End of 1st Semester—Report Cards go Home

## FEBRUARY 2012

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thur | Fri | Sat |
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- 02 Feb—Thurs No School
- 19 Feb—Sun Presidents' Day—US Embassy Closed—School Open

## MARCH 2012

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- 1 March—Wed Mid 3rd Qtr—Progress Reports go Home
- 8 March—Thurs Revolution Day US Embassy and School Closed
- 29 March—Thurs End of 3rd Qtr-Report Cards go Home
- 31 March—5 April Spring Break —School Closed
- Sat—Tue

## APRIL 2012

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- 8 April—Sun Western Easter—US Embassy and School Closed
- 15 April—Sun Eastern Easter—US Embassy and School Closed
- 16 April—Mon Conference Notices go Home
- 18 April—Wed Parent/Teacher Conferences—noon student dismissal
- 19 April—Thurs Parent/Teacher Conferences—noon student dismissal

## MAY 2012

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thur | Fri | Sat |
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- 6 May—Sun Martyrs' Day—US Embassy and School Closed
- 10 May—Tues Mid 4th Qtr-Progress Reports go Home
- 17 May—Thurs Progress Reports sent home
- 27 May—Sun Memorial Day observed—US Embassy Closed—School Open

## JUNE 2012

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thur | Fri | Sat |
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- 07 June—Thurs Teacher work day—1/2 day for students—noon dismissal
- 14 June—Tue Last Day of School for Students-students dismissal at noon  
End of 2nd Semester—Report Cards go home