



AUGUST 2010

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Mrs. Laura Tucker	Art
Mrs. Ginger Ward	1st Grade
Mrs. Barbara Wright	Technology

A BLESSING TO BE SHARED

Although it seems that way every year, this school year is going to be especially busy. On top of the normal day-to-day teaching, we will be undertaking a rigorous self-study in preparation for an accreditation team's visit in the spring. That process will involve an extensive amount of reflection on our current practices, our planning for the future, and our accompanying documentation. All constituents participating in and impacted by our program (board, administration, faculty, staff, students, parents, and community members) will be involved in some aspect of this process. Both via the process itself and through the subsequent recommendations of the visiting team, we desire to grow and mature in our capacity to deliver to our students "an education that is excellent and which instills Biblical principles to guide their lives."

As much as this sort of outside accountability and thorough introspection can be a good and necessary thing, there are inherent dangers. Any time humans (and, by extension, human institutions) look at themselves long enough, there will be a tendency to love what we see (leading to pride) or hate what we see (leading to despair). Part of the biblical antidote to that is to force our self-evaluation through the filter of God's assessment of us and our efforts. Through His Word, we learn that our greatest achievements are but filthy rags and our weakest efforts can be used in mighty ways. However, another valid biblical solution for preventing self-reflection from turning into a narcissistic self-absorption is to get our eyes off of ourselves and to look to ways we can serve others. Hence, in a year that a large amount of self-study is required, I have

chosen for our theme "A Blessing to be Shared."

In Matthew 10:1-8, Jesus tells the disciples that they have been imbued with some remarkable, miraculous gifts. These gifts will soon be used to further the spread of the Kingdom. Knowing their hearts, though, He instructed them not to hoard these gifts, to somehow use them for their own benefit, but to pour them out generously for the benefit of a lost and dying world. His foundational rationale for that instruction comes in verse 8 when he reminds them that "Freely you have received, freely give."

The benefits of a Decatur Heritage education are many. Our students will become repositories of great stores of knowledge and skills. We live in a world where the (encouraged) sole pragmatic benefit of that would be to acquire a better job and greater wealth and prestige. We endeavor to teach that the benefits accruing to our students are kept in stewardship for the purpose of better serving others and honoring God. In our newsletter this year, I will delineate ways in which our school strives to teach our students to share the blessings of their education with others, both now and after they graduate. We have been greatly blessed at Decatur Heritage Christian Academy - we are compelled by the example and command of Christ to share that blessing!



Scott Mayo

A BLESSING TO BE SHARED

"CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE" SUMMER 2010 'INSPIRE the HEART and CHALLENGE the MIND'

The month of June was filled with a host of activities. The goal for **CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE** was to offer, not only to Decatur Heritage students but to all students in the Decatur area, opportunities to discover the world through scholarship, exploration and participation!

The event led by Mrs. Brenda Smith offered fishing, chemistry, robotics, jazz dancing, art, book clubs, cooking, athletic camps, individual academic instruction, and much more! More than 160 students participated!



DHCA students Abrey Holmes, Anna McWhorter and Hannah Gladish get acquainted with Chelsie Judah (second from left), a Danville High student, who participated in **Driver's Ed**. Thanks to Lynn Layton Chevrolet for providing the car and to Mr. Craig Rogers for teaching.



Brooklyn Parker and Gracie Fuller, a student at Decatur City Magnet, participate in "**Cooking It Up**" facilitated by Vanessa Pappenburg.



Vanderbilt student John Woller demonstrates measurement and weight in "**Crazy CHEMworks**" to Colby Reeves, who attends Chestnut Grove.



Anna Grace Morris, is using the math formula of area to determine how many tiles would be needed to retiling the hallway. She is a 5th grader at Eastwood.



Carter Sample takes his turn in striking a piñata. Students learned the "game song" as the player approached their turn in **Project Passport to Mexico**.



Haitian missionaries Swanee and Karen Schwanz share their experiences in Haiti.

Using "**The Math Curse**" by Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith, alumna Emily Clark writes students' ideas on the board. Emily is entering her senior year at Union University pursuing a degree in education.



Jake Newton, a new DHCA 5th grader, uses M&Ms to make a bar graph in the "**Marvelous Math**" class.



Jack Orr standing left is a fully clad robot! "**WE-DO Robotics**" was led by Cathy Strom. Jack attends Leon Sheffield Magnet school.



Students participating in **PROJECT PASSPORT** journeyed to Mexico with former missionaries Ashley and Marshall Cheshier. Ashley attended DHCA prior to serving in Mexico and Marshall is a junior.



An **American Girl** book club, led by DHCA alumni Mary Kate Barthel and Paizley Coffey, provided an amazing environment to read and learn. Grace Haulie Johnson, Maddie Eubanks, Emilia Suggs, Alex Joseph, Juliana Hudry and Tegwen Buckner participated in the club.



Heritage Celebration 2010

"Invest in Your Heritage"

October 21, 2010

Mark your calendars and plan to join fellow parents, grandparents, faculty, and friends at the **Heritage Celebration 2010** on Thursday October 21 at 5:30pm at Decatur Heritage!

In addition to the silent auction and dinner, this year's fundraiser will introduce "Leaf Drop", an opportunity to buy a "leaf" on the DHCA tree. The leaves will be pulled off the tree the night of **Heritage Celebration 2010**, and the owner of the last leaf on the tree will receive free tuition for one child for the school year!

More information about **Heritage Celebration 2010** will be coming soon, but mark your calendar and invite your friends!

DHCA MAKING A TV DEBUT

Appearing on Local Channel 56, WYAM,
Charter Cable 20 and PCL 56



Starring Lida, Stratton, Lucy, and Willis Orr (pictured left), Brooklyn Parker and Landon Smith (pictured right).

Showcasing "**CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE**" Fall 2010

Classes begin September 2010

Forms available online at www.dhca.org

2010-2011 CALENDAR

August 9	First Day of School
September 6	Holiday - Labor Day
October 11	Holiday - Fall Break
November 11	Holiday - Veterans' Day
November 22-26	Holidays - Thanksgiving
December 17	Classes Dismiss for Holidays
January 4	2nd Semester Begins
January 17	Holiday - MLK Day
January 27-28	Student Holidays - Teacher Inservice
February 21	Holiday - Presidents' Day
March 14-18	Holidays - Spring Break
April 22	Holiday - Good Friday
May 26	Classes Dismiss for the Summer

ADVANCING THE MISSION

Board's Eye View



While it can be easy to be discouraged by what is happening on a national level, or state level, or even a “Gulf” level, the atmosphere at DHCA is nothing but excitement as we continue to reap the blessings of new students and faculty.

For the past three years, I have had the pleasure to serve as Chairman of the Decatur Heritage Christian Academy Board of Trustees. It has been a privilege to be part of the planning team for our new campus as well as to see the completion of our “dream” campus. I am once again reminded that, “With God, all things are possible.”

Where does our dream go from here? I am reminded of a song that said, “A dream never dies, just the dreamer.” I pray our dream will constantly be refined as we seek God’s guidance each day. Whether our dream consists of new classrooms, athletic fields, or even payment of debt, we know that we must keep focused on being exactly where God wants us to be. Whether this is an institutional focus or an individual focus, we know that as long as we are obedient to our Lord and Savior, victory will always be ours. I pray that this year, each of us will claim the motto: “Lord, find me obedient.”

While the details of running our school are bestowed on our Headmaster, the Board’s primary focus is fundraising, long-range planning and the monitoring of the principles on which DHCA was founded. Thankfully, we have an administration that is capable of sound financial practices as well as solid Christian instructional leadership. We are fortunate to have the right people in place that makes serving on this Board truly an honor and privilege.

Thank you for continuing to support DHCA by sending your children, your donations, and most importantly, your prayers. We eagerly look forward to what God has in store this coming year.

Sincerely,



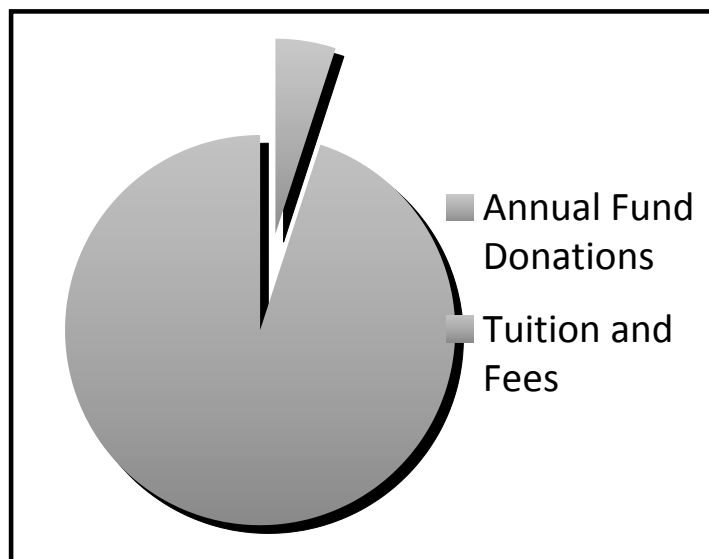
Greg Stephenson
Chairman of the Board

The Funding Paradigm

I wanted to title this article with something that would catch the eye. I considered “funding mystery” or “funding conspiracy” or even “funding ultimatum.” Those are all flashy, Hollywood-type titles, but do not capture the essence of my intent in the same way that “funding paradigm” does! Webster’s defines paradigm as “a model or pattern.” No two schools are funded in exactly the same way. There are older, more-mature schools with extensive endowments, funded by years of charitable giving. These schools derive a large percentage of their operating dollars from investment income. On the other end of the spectrum, some schools operate entirely from tuition income. At Decatur Heritage, our operating budget depends on income from services rendered, i.e. tuition and fees, and income from donations.

Our operating budget for the 2010-2011 school year is \$2,214,103. The amount of that generated by tuition and fee income is \$2,103,983. That represents 95% of the need. The remaining \$110,120 (5% of the operating budget) comes in the form of charitable donations to our Annual Fund campaign. As illustrated by the pie chart to the right, that 5% can seem fairly insignificant. However, to provide some context, that 5% would fully fund our utility bill for the entire year. Alternately, it would cover our medical insurance premiums and our curriculum bill. Those are not insignificant things!

In each newsletter issue this year, I will elaborate more on the nuts-and-bolts of how we plan for and implement a stable, vibrant funding model. Through this, you will see that your giving and your promotion of the school does make a difference. If you haven’t before, please consider making a tax-deductible, charitable donation to the Annual Fund this year!



HERITAGE HAPPENINGS

NEW FACES AT DECATUR HERITAGE



Travis Case - Varsity Boys Basketball Coach & PE Teacher

Well, not exactly a "new" face to Decatur Heritage. Coach Case is a 2002 graduate of Decatur Heritage. He played basketball under Coach Tommy Kyle and received a basketball scholarship to Itawamba Community College in Fulton, Mississippi and then transferred to the University of North Alabama, where he received a B.S. in Physical Education and a minor in History. Travis and his wife Lindsey have a beautiful 18-month old daughter named Claire, who is sure to be Decatur Heritage's biggest cheerleader this upcoming season.



Jodi Suggs - K5 Teacher

The Lower School welcomes Mrs. Jodi Suggs. Mrs. Suggs graduated from Athens State University with an Elementary Education degree and taught Pre-School at Church Street Academy. She is married to Nicky Suggs and they have three sons, Jackson 15, Sam 14, and Grayson 11. The Suggs family is a member of First Baptist Church, Decatur. Mrs. Suggs enjoy playing tennis, watching any activity involving her boys, and traveling with her family.



Jennifer Densmore - 3rd & 4th Grade

Mrs. Densmore taught for three years and holds a bachelor degree in Elementary Education and a degree in Business Management from Athens State University. She is currently working on a Master's degree in Elementary Ed at UAB. Mrs. Densmore and her husband Stacy have three children: Allyson, 5; Justin, 7; Jacob, 10. She enjoys reading, studying the Word, hiking and watching movies with the kids. Mrs. Densmore believes that learning should be fun, social and interactive and looks forward to working the students and parents at Decatur Heritage.



Lyndsey Prickett - 5th & 6th Grade

Miss Prickett graduated from the University of Alabama with a Bachelor of Science in Biology. For the past two years, she has lived in east Asia working with Campus Crusade for Christ and studying at an east Asian university. She grew up in Decatur where her family still lives. Miss Prickett enjoys being outdoors, learning about the world, and being around people. She attended Decatur Heritage in elementary school and is excited to be a part of Decatur Heritage once again.



Karen Keith - Science & Math

Karen Keith joins the Upper School faculty to teach Science and Math. She graduated from Samford University with a BS in Biology and a minor in math. She earned a MA in Science Education and taught Biology at McAdory High School in Birmingham. The Keiths moved to Decatur to operate a Chick-fil-A restaurant. God has blessed them with four wonderful children - Mackenzie 16, Madison 13, Jackson 11, and Colton, 9. While taking a break from teaching, she has been busy volunteering at her children's schools, working at Chick-fil-A and in ministries at their church, First Bible Church.



Mark Eady - 5th & 6th Grade

Mr. Eady graduated from Auburn University with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science in the fall of 2003. He recently completed his teaching degree at Athens State, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science, Education. Mr. Eady enjoys sports, anything related to politics, and most importantly, working with young people. After being fortunate enough to complete his student teaching at Decatur Heritage, he is looking forward to becoming a part of the staff.

FAMILIAR FACES IN NEW PLACES



Paula Armstrong
Varsity Girls Basketball Coach



Miriam Kinworthy
Technology & Media Center



Ginger Ward
First Grade



Mary Kay Hodges
Second Grade



Library News

A HUGE thank-you to Wayne and Twila Hudry for the contribution of forty-five new books honoring the 2009-2010 Decatur Heritage Parent Association volunteers.

Janny Adams



Birthday Books:

Tegwen Buckner
from Avery Hardy

Mrs. Mary Kay Hodges
from Lucy Orr

Carter Sample
from the Hellards

Mrs. Kathy Coffey
from Juliana Hudry



*Cindy and David Blankenship
pictured with
daughters Anna & Jada*

“WHY WE CHOSE DECATUR HERITAGE?”

When we were asked to explain why we chose DHCA, it was somewhat difficult. Looking back as we considered our options for Jada’s education, the question was “Would it be public or private?” and if private, “Which one?” It had to espouse our Christian values.

The student teacher ratio was also important, but our final decision was based on Deuteronomy chapter six verses five through nine: “And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up. And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.” (NASB).

We couldn’t stay with our children during the school day, but we could choose the environment where the school hours would be spent. So after checking out the options, we enrolled Jada in Decatur Heritage to begin her school tenure.

When Anna, our youngest daughter, was ready for school, there wasn’t any doubt where she would go. The love shown to us by the teachers, staff and other families as we traveled to Kazakhstan to adopt Anna made this a moment one that you probably wouldn’t have received elsewhere.

Each teacher has brought the love of Christ into our world. My desire for a more diverse program has come to fruition with the new school. Opportunities now abound to the point of having to be selective. What a wonderful problem to have! Our children have thrived in this environment and we have been allowed to be involved in so much more than if we had made another choice. DHCA is truly about family!

~ Adding The Details Continues... ~



Thanks to Fite Construction Company for the donation and installation of a moveable wall dividing the gym facilitating multiple class settings and sports practices.



The playground is ready and waiting for students to return in August. Thanks to C & L Wood Products for donating the mulch.



The Media Center continues add more details as a beautiful hardwood set of risers was installed for students to gather individually or collectively to read and learn.



Recently, James Vinton was chosen to participate in the Joe Wheeler Youth Tour in Montgomery. He was one of three students from the north Alabama area chosen to receive a \$1,500 youth tour scholarship and an all-expense paid trip to Washington D.C. James, along with forty-four students from across the state, traveled to Washington, D.C. the week of June 12-17.

The week was spent touring historical sites in Washington. Some of James’ favorites included visiting the Capitol, eating at the Hard Rock Café and the Sunset Parade where the Marine Band performed and honored fallen Marines with gun formations and salutes. Congratulations, James!



Adam Quinn, pictured above, won the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Voice of Democracy contest at the local level for his essay, “Does America Still Have Heroes?” This speech/essay contest for 9th-12th grade students is designed to foster patriotism by allowing students the opportunity to voice their opinion in a three to five minute essay based on an annual theme. His essay has been entered in the state competition and winners will receive a scholarship and trip to Washington D.C.

**NOW ACCEPTING REGISTRATION
EXTENDED DAY**

12noon to 5:30pm

Students in kindergarten through 8th grade
Forms are available in the Lower School office



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Leslie and her husband Jeremy
with Fisher and Shaylee

Hello, my name is Leslie Sivley Terry and I graduated from Decatur Heritage in 2004. I can't believe it has been 6 years since I graduated! I have been married to my husband, Jeremy, for five years and we have two beautiful children: four-year old daughter, Shaylee, and eleven-month old son, Fisher.

Right after Jeremy and I got married, we moved to Louisiana where he served in the United States Army. I was a stay-at-home mom and enjoyed the military life very much. After four years of service, Jeremy got out of the army and in October 2008 we moved back home to Decatur. I now work as a 3K teacher at Decatur Baptist Childcare and I love it. I believe God provided this job for me so I could be close to my children while I work. It is such a blessing!

I cherish the time I spent at Decatur Heritage. I loved the family atmosphere. I get crazy looks when I tell people there were only 15 people in my graduating class, but I wouldn't have had it any other way. I thought I would never make it through Mrs. Holland's research papers, Mrs. Howard's science class, Mrs. Sivley's history class, or Coach Cochran's basketball practices, but sometimes I look back and wish I could do it all over again. Some of my best memories are from my years at Decatur Heritage.

If I could say one thing to the students currently attending Decatur Heritage, I would say the same thing I tell my sister, Laura Mae Sivley, which is, ENJOY your time at Decatur Heritage! Even though you may think you are ready to get out of high school, life doesn't get easier. Enjoy being around your friends and having teachers who care and are willing to help. Be grateful for the amazing opportunity your parents have given you and for the strong foundation they have provided for you to build your life on.

In closing, I want to first say thank you to my parents who sacrificed so much so that my siblings, Aaron and Laura Mae, and I could receive a good education in a Christian environment. I love you both and you are great examples of godly parents. Second, I would like to thank all the faculty and staff who taught and led me through my ten years at Decatur Heritage. You all made an impression on my life in one way or another and I am so grateful.

Leslie Terry

NEWS FROM THE CAFETERIA:

The order form for the first week of school is available on the school website at www.dhca.org for your convenience. Please complete one order form for each student, attach payment and mail to DHCA Cafeteria, P. O. Box 5659, Decatur, AL 35601-0659.

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KEY CLUB

All 9th through 12th grade students are encouraged and eligible to join Key Club this year. We have an exciting year ahead with many community and school service projects planned.

We will be hosting the FALL RALLY for Division 1. Our own Adam Quinn is Lt. Governor of our Division and we need to support him 100%!

Service hours, special projects, Kiwanis luncheons, and recognition are just a few of the POSITIVE benefits from joining Key Club.

Talk to Adam Quinn, Trey McLemore, Carter Peevey, Grace Harris, James Vinton or Landon Little for more information to become a member of DHCA Key Club.



In Loving Memory Of Mrs. Jerrie Ash

Jerrie Ash, loving mother to our K-12 Chief Learning Leader, Jeremy Jones, and grandmother to Walker, Will and Katie, went home to be with the Lord in June. She spent her work career as a registered nurse at Parkway Medical Center and an intake supervisor for Blue Cross and Blue Shield Insurance Co. of Alabama.

A close friend of Mrs. Ash described her as the most giving person she has ever known. She was unselfish, never drawing attention or honor to herself but always giving and ministering to others. The friend continued, "Jerrie was the most inspirational person I have ever known. She always knew what to say and when to call or visit. She will be greatly missed by many, many people."

The Decatur Heritage family extends its most heartfelt sympathy to Jeremy, Rosellen, Walker, Will and Katie.

Campers and their caregivers visited Spring Park in Tuscumbia.

Summer Day Camp 2010 was a huge success! More than 45 children enjoyed fun, adventure, crafts, field trips, learning, games, Bible study and more in our day camp this summer. Thanks to all the people who were involved in making it a great program this year.



HERITAGE HIGHLIGHTS



ANOTHER DECATUR HERITAGE FIRST..... CLASS OF 1999 and 2000 REUNION

The graduating classes of 1999 and 2000 held a joint ten-year class reunion May 22, 2010, at Fulins Asian Restaurant in Decatur.

Nine alumni attended the event. They are pictured above left to right: Emily Hicks Garcia, Jennifer Reynolds, Kyle Wells, Alison McNutt Prevatt, Chris Gilliland, Emily Keenum Solomon, Jon Piper, Anne DeKoker and Heather Harris.

The evening was spent sharing memories and telling stories of their experiences during their time at Decatur Heritage. The highlight of the evening was speaking via Skype to fellow alumnus Maria Doerter Caceres who lives in Chile with her husband.

The reunion was a success and the classes of 1999 and 2000 are looking forward to keeping in touch with one another and getting together again soon!

2010-2011 PARENT ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

President - Twila Hudry
First Vice President - Elena Suggs
Second Vice President - Sonya Hodge
Secretary - Fran Johnson
Treasurer - Diane Hubbard
Assistant Treasurer - Angie Telepun

There are still a few committee positions to fill. If you are interested in serving on the Parent Association Leadership Team, please contact any of the officers above.

PARENT ASSOCIATION KICK OFF MEETING

Wednesday, August 11
8:15am
All parents are invited to attend



Pictured left to right: Parker Sparkman, Kyle Lasch, Austin Sharp, Ethan Thomas, Taylor Bolan, Luke Bolan, Chandler Sparkman, Bridget Bradford, Logan Wren, Savanna Naylor, Reagan Spencer, Amanda Ballentine, Ashlyn Kurzhal, and Kayla Eaton.

DHCA 6th GRADE WASHINGTON DC TRIP

Late afternoon on Wednesday, May 12, fourteen sixth graders, nine parents and two teachers boarded a brand new 55-passenger bus headed to our nation's capital. Friday morning began the jam-packed tour of Washington with a tour of the Capitol led by Congressman Robert Alderholt and his staff.

During the four-day stay, the students toured the Supreme Court, Library of Congress, National Gallery of Art, Ford's Theatre, Arlington Cemetery, the war memorials, Albert Einstein Memorial, Jefferson and Lincoln Memorials, the Smithsonian museums, the National Archives, the 9-11 Memorial at the Pentagon, Washington Monument, the White House, Mount Vernon, Iwo Jima and the FDR Memorial.



The group is pictured above after attending worship service on Sunday morning at the National Cathedral. Three of our students, Kyle Lash, Luke Bolan and Taylor Bolan were honored to deliver the communion to the table during the service.

Plans for the May 2011 trip will begin early in the new school year for 6th grade students. Fundraising will begin so that all sixth graders will be able to attend.

SPORTS SCENE

SWAMP JOHN'S FUNDRAISING DINNER

Mark your calendars NOW

August 12

4pm – 7pm

\$10 Swamp John's dinner at DHCA

Sponsored by DHCA Volleyball

Tickets may be purchased from any player or at the door



VOLLEYBALL

Practice

Begins August 2
Varsity 3pm-5pm
Middle School
5:30pm-7:30pm

First Game

Varsity at St. Bernard
Thursday, August 19,
Time to be announced

Middle School at home
against Cullman
Tuesday, August 24 at
4pm



Coach Travis Case named new Varsity Boys Head Basketball Coach.

After meeting his wife, Lindsey Staudt Case, a graduate from the University of North Alabama and a Hartselle native, the Cases moved to Tuscaloosa, Alabama. While Lindsey pursued a sales career, Travis helped lead the Holy Spirit Titans to consecutive area

championships, back-to-back state regional appearances, and an Elite Eight appearance.

"We are so incredibly excited about what the future holds for our family at Decatur Heritage. God has truly put his hands on us over the last few months and led us home to be with our family and friends. We can't wait to see how he uses us to be an influence at Decatur Heritage and to see what great impact the Decatur Heritage family is going to have on our lives! We are thankful for the opportunity to be part of something so incredible. Please keep our family in your prayers as we make the transition to our new home and say goodbye to our old one. We can't wait to get to know you all and look forward to working with you and getting to know you and your families."

God Bless

Go Eagles!!

Travis, Lindsey, and Claire Case

DHCA BASS FISHING TEAM..... MAKING STATE CHAMPIONSHIP WAVES!!

After months of hard work, practice, preparation and prayer, the DHCA Fishing Team finished as STATE CHAMPIONS!! Out of 11 schools and 17 boats, the DHCA Fishing Team brought home FIRST & SECOND place in the State!!

FIRST PLACE

Jackson & Spencer Parker
16.01 lbs

BIG FISH AWARD

Jackson and Spencer Parker
5.03 pounds

SECOND PLACE

Matt Dubach & Taylor Warren
12.98 lbs.

A parade and reception recognized the team members for their accomplishments.



Pictured left are Coach Blake Gowen, Josh Bishop, Taylor Warren, Taylor Bolan, Matt Dubach, Spencer Parker, Jackson Parker, and Coach Norman Brown.



As this newsletter goes to print, DHCA Fishing Team will be traveling to Russellville, Arkansas to compete in the first ever High School Fishing World Champion Finals on Lake Dardanelle. Results of this competition will be included in the next edition.

NEWS FROM "THE EAGLE'S NEST"

FOOTBALL IS IN THE AIR.....



DHCA home games will be played at West Morgan. Directions to West Morgan stadium: From Decatur, travel west on Alabama Highway 24 towards Trinity and Moulton 3.3 miles from Beltline Road. Turn right on South Greenway Drive. Go .7 mile and school will be on your right. Football stadium is located behind the school. Access to parking lot will be the third entrance to the school campus on the north side of the campus. There is limited parking in front and on the south side of the school by entering the first and second entrance to the campus.



DHCA will participate in a Jamboree on Friday, August 20 at Shoals Christian School in Florence. Games will begin at 7pm.



Season kicks off at 7pm on Friday, August 27th at Donoho High School. Directions to all away games can be found at www.dhca.org. Click on Athletics, then Schedule and you will find a link to Directions below the football schedule.

DHCA Football will be led by Head Coach Dr. Joe Dupper and assisted by Dr. Lew Sample, Coach Travis Case, Mr. Ty Patterson, Mr. Ricky Miller, and Mr. Matt Morris.

REQUIRED DETAILS.....

ALL DHCA STUDENT ATHLETES must have a physical, parental release form, and complete the AHSAA STAR on-line sportsmanship program before you can compete in DHCA athletics. These requirements must be satisfied before August 14. Please verify your standing with Tina Cooper or Coach Atchley in the athletic department at 256-351-4277.



2010-2011 DHCA CHEER SQUAD

First Row: Hannah Gladish, Anna McWhorter, Haley Smith

Second Row: Morgan Shelton, Coach Heather Kyle, Susan Moore, Grace Harris, Coach Mary Gail Olinger, Alex Walton

Not Pictured: Laura Ann Prickett



XC

If you are interested in running for DHCA this fall, the cross-country team will begin practice after school on August 9th. We will meet behind the gym and travel to Wilson Morgan Park to run. Typically we run together as a team three to four times per week. Races begin in early September and the season is completed in early November. Come out and join us - no experience necessary.

THE WALLS ARE BULGING! "We have been given much!"

As of the writing of this newsletter, Decatur Heritage has accepted and admitted 90 new students! WOW!!!!!! We have never had that many new students to begin a new school year.

The Board of Trustees, administration, faculty, staff and current DHCA family and students would like to extend a warm, hearty welcome to these new students and their families!

Michael Amerson, 4th son of Paula Amerson	Cheli Cobb, 6th daughter of Frances Dunham	Kai, 3rd & Mark Hay, 8th sons of Robert & Dr. Arlene Hay	Austin Littlejohn, 9th son of Dr. Bill & Johanna Littlejohn	Brooklyn Palmer, 1st granddaughter of Kenneth & Jocelyn Hubbard	Maddux Terry, 2nd son of Marcus & Michelle Terry
Andrea Ayers, 6th daughter of Rod & Carolyn Ayers	Christopher Cooke, K5 son of Christopher & Rachel Cooke	Charlie Hellard, K5 son of Dr. Scott & Laura Hellard	Janaye Lykins, 10th daughter of Pastor Bill & Nancy Lykins	Janelle Palmer, 9th daughter of Jonathan & Anne Palmer	Ella Grace Thomas, K5 daughter of Jason & Meschelle Thomas
Olivia, K5, Collin, 2nd, Isabel, 5th & Emily Bender, 8th children of Dr. Thomas & Amanda Bender	MacKenzie Cottingham, K5 daughter of Eric & Deborah Cottingham	Amani, 2nd & Myana Hendricks, 9th daughters of Doctors Malcolm & Tiffany Hendricks	Austin Markham, 9th son of Dr. Jeff & Denise Markham	Cameron Parker, 6th son of Jeff & Cathy Parker	Nick Thomas, 11th son of Anthony & Jackolyn Thomas
Logan Bentley, K5 son of Brian & Jennifer Bentley	Allyson, K5, Justin, 2nd & Jacob Densmore, 6th children of Stacy & Jennifer Densmore	Logan Henry, 8th son of Jason & Angie Henry	Owen McAlister, K5 son of Dave & Heather McAlister	Ethan Pendergrass, 1st son of Allen & Annette Pendergrass	Caroline Thompson, 1st daughter of Richard & Katie Thompson
Mekih Benu-Salas, K5 son of Carlos & Jamila Benu-Salas	Allie Denson, K5 daughter of Bob & Lisa Denson	Bailey Higgins, 9th son of Renee Higgins	Jacob McCamon, 6th son of Raymond & Jamie Gettler	Johanna Poole, 11th daughter of John & Cassandra Poole	Beth, 1st & Owen Trippany, 6th children of Robyn Trippany Simmons
Aspen Bevel, 7th daughter of Terry & Ginger Bevel	Danish & Hanish Edupuganti, K5 sons of Sridhar & Sowjanya Edupuganti	Alli Hogan, 11th daughter of James & Lynn Hogan	Conner, Jackson & Katelyn McDaniel, 1st children of Dr. Bob & Elisa McDaniel	Logan Roberts, 5th son of Derek & Robin Roberts	Briley Uptain, 8th son of Mike & Celeste Uptain
Elizabeth Bishop, 4th daughter of Alan & Debbie Bishop	Katie Eyster, 1st daughter of John & Lisa Eyster	Jordan Hunter, 3rd son of John & Angie Hunter	Thomas McDowra, 6th son of John & Karen McDowra	Saxon Sample, 1st son of Dr. Lew & Mandy Sample	Grayson Wakefield, 6th son of Arvid & Dawn Wakefield
Will Bowen, K5 son of William Bowen	Ian Eze, K5 son of Ian & Bethany Eze	Elise Johnson, 10th daughter of Dr. Jeff & Sherri Johnson	Julius Meixner, 12th German Exchange Student of Dr. Alan & Jane Walker	Lenox Scott, K5 daughter of Josh & Lori Scott	Alisa Washburn, 1st daughter of Monte & Irina Washburn
Timara Bowers, 6th daughter of Timothy & Melinda Bowers	Collin Fuller, 9th son of Barry & Ruth Fuller	Sara Jones, 1st daughter of Buddy & Kellye Jones	Sam Miller, 9th son of Gary & Deborah Miller	Bo Solley, K5 son of Ronnie & Danielle Solley	Isabella Willingham, K5 daughter of Shane & Justina Willingham
Cason Brown, 5th son of Andy & Andrea Brown	Grayson Gladish, 9th son of Dr. Reggie & Traci Gladish	Jackson Keith, 6th son of Barry & Karen Keith	Isaiah Lawson, K5 son of Randolph & Julianna Lawson	Nathan, 4th & Jackson Stewart, 7th sons Brian & Ann Stewart	
Christopher Brown, K5 son of Eric & Cindy Brown	Sara Griner, 6th daughter of Rob & Jackie Griner	Isaiah Lawson, K5 son of Randolph & Julianna Lawson	Mason Lentz, 3rd son of Tracy & Angela Lentz	Kyle Stuart, 8th son of Kelly & Kim Stuart	
Joshua Burgreen, 6th grandson of Linda Thomas	Chris Giuntini, 7th son of Michael & Amy Giuntini	Mason Lentz, 3rd son of Tracy & Angela Lentz	Ginny, 9th & Erica Light, 11th daughters of Dr. Ben & Diana Light	Alexandra Suggs, K5 daughter of Dr. Jay & Elena Suggs	
Adeline Burney, K5 daughter of Billy & Melissa Burney	Jeremiah Hall, 6th son of Dale & Tammy Hall	Willis Orr, K5 son of Stratton & Lida Orr	Wesley Owens, K5 son of Cary & Laura Owens	Grayson Suggs, 6th son of Nicky & Jodi Suggs	
Nicolas Cimino, 3rd son of Joe & Kelly Cimino				Nick Telepun, K5 son of Dr. Gordon & Angie Telepun	

New students will be announced in weekly school emails. Watch for them so you can give them a Decatur Heritage welcome!

PARENT ORIENTATIONS DHCA CAFETORIUM

K5 - 4th GRADE **GRADES 5th & 6th**
Thursday, August 5 Thursday, August 5
5PM-6:30PM 6:30PM-8PM

GRADES 7th - 12th
Tuesday, August 10
6:30PM-8PM

WHAT TO WEAR.....

The dress code at Decatur Heritage is fully explained in the 2010-2011 Handbook that will be distributed at Parent Orientation. In short, kindergarten through sixth grade students should dress modest and age-appropriate. For grades seven through twelve, students should be neatly groomed and clothing should be in good taste and modest. There is no alternate dress required chapel days.

NEW STUDENT WELCOME PARTIES

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Friday, August 6

New students entering first through sixth grades
Please join us at 1pm in the Cafeteria

Breakfast on the Big Day!
Monday, August 9
8am - 9am

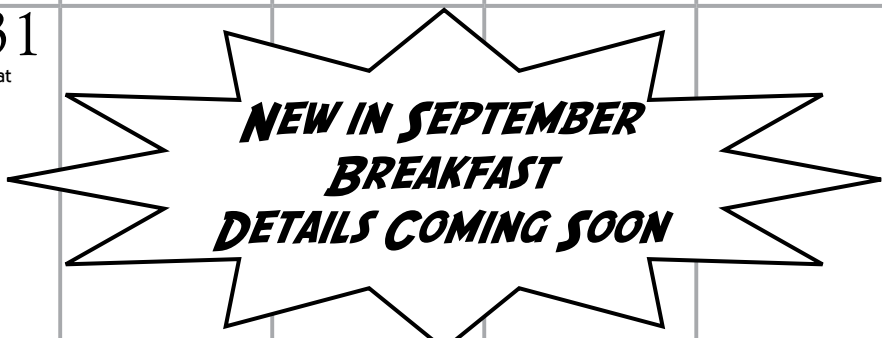
Kindergarten students and their parents are invited as they embark on their first day of school. Tissues and loving, assuring hugs will be provided.

LOWER SCHOOL "MEET AND GREET"

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6 AT 2PM

ALL STUDENTS ENTERING KINDERGARTEN THROUGH SIXTH GRADE AND THEIR PARENTS MAY FIND THEIR CLASSROOM, MEET THEIR TEACHER AND UNPACK THEIR SCHOOL SUPPLIES AT THIS TIME.

AUGUST

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
				<p><i>To Patterson's Birthday</i></p> <p>5pm K5-4th Grade Parent Orientation</p> <p>6:30 Grades 5th & 6th Parent Orientation</p>	<p>1pm 1st-6th Grade New Student Ice Cream Social</p> <p>2PM LOWER SCHOOL "MEET AND GREET"</p>	<p>8:30 Coaches CRP & First Aid Class</p>
TEACHER INSERVICES						
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<p>First Day of School</p> <p>Grades 7-12 7:45 - 2:45</p> <p>K-6th Grade 8am-3pm</p> <p>8am Kindergarten "Breakfast on the Big Day"</p>		<p>6:30pm Grades 7th - 12th Parent Orientation</p>	<p>8:15am DHPA Kick Off Meeting</p>	<p><i>Fanny Adams' Birthday</i></p> <p>4pm - 7pm Swamp John's Fundraising Dinner for Volleyball</p>	<p>7:45 Upper School Chapel</p>	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
				<p><i>Tammy Legg's Birthday</i></p> <p>4pm Varsity Volleyball at St. Bernard</p> <p>5:30 Jr. High Volleyball vs Eva & Danville</p>	<p>7pm Football Jamboree at Shoals Christian School</p>	<p>9am Varsity Volleyball Tournament at Athens High School</p>
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
<p>5pm Varsity Volleyball at West Limestone vs East Limestone & West Limestone</p>		<p>Jr High Volleyball at Cedar Ridge</p> <p>3:30 Varsity Volleyball vs Decatur & Lee</p>	<p><i>Daryl Little's Birthday</i></p>	<p>4pm Jr High Volleyball at Athens Middle School</p> <p>5:30 Varsity Volleyball vs Westminster</p>	<p>2pm Pep Rally</p> <p>7pm Football at Donoho</p>	<p>Jr. High Volleyball Tournament at Falkville</p>
29	30	31	 <p>NEW IN SEPTEMBER BREAKFAST DETAILS COMING SOON</p>			
		<p>Jr High Volleyball at Hartselle</p>				



Welcome Back!!