



# The BUZZ

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PARENTS: Thank you for taking time to read this each week.

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" My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples."  
John 15:8

## ***Great Start!***

From the youngest to the oldest, we've been hearing some very positive news about this school year. Three of our newest students, Steven Johnson in 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, Lance Burgess in 5<sup>th</sup> grade, and Charles Almond in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, separately told Mrs. Jones what they thought about their classes. Steven happily proclaimed, "Bulldogs Rock!" (his team of four friends in his class). Lance thoughtfully reflected, "This school is a lot better than my old school. We played jeopardy and even though my team lost, it was still fun." Charles declared, "This year is going to be AWESOME!"

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## ***BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT - September 2, 2010***

Please plan on joining us for "back-to-school night" this Thursday, September 2 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. This is an important night for the teachers to introduce themselves to you and to be able to communicate with you their goals, methods, and expectations of your students. We will begin with a sign-in, brief welcome, and overview meeting in the gymnasium with our Administrators, Pastor KC and Mrs. Jones -- and then you will be given a schedule to visit in the classrooms with the teachers. All parents are encouraged to attend. Two parent-involvement hours will be awarded to all participating families.

Once you are in your child's classroom(s), your child's teacher(s) will make a short presentation of what you can expect in his or her classroom and there will be a very brief time for questions and answers. Because we know so many families have more than one student attending DVCS, most of our teachers will be making two or three identical presentations -- so you can attend one session in one classroom and a different session in a different classroom.

### ***Important Back to School Night Reminders:***

- (1) Back to School Night is an opportunity for our teachers to introduce themselves to you and to present their plans for the year to parents as a group. Individual student conferences are always welcome, but should be scheduled for another more appropriate date and time.
- (2) Parents Only -- We love our DVCS kids, but we encourage parents to come *without* your students (if possible) for a more productive time with teachers and to be best prepared and equipped for the new school year.

## ***DVCS 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Marathon is in Full Swing***

Our 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Marathon kicks-off our year as one of our most important fundraisers. If you or someone you know likes to Golf, please call Peggy Huffman and she can fill you in on how you can earn money for Deep Valley while having a great time out on the Golf Course with your friends. Even students are allowed to sign up for this great family event. At the end of the "100 Hole" day, a delicious Tri-Tip Dinner will be served to all golfers, families, and sponsors. Reserve your calendar now for Friday, September 24. The more golfers and sponsors who sign up, the more successful our fundraiser will be. Last year we raised about \$20,000!

***Parents are needed to help with this Golf Marathon Fundraiser.*** Our tuition only covers about ½ the cost of educating a student for the year – and this vital fundraiser goes a long way toward making up that big difference. A successful golf marathon means getting a head start on full funding for our academic programs and services for the year. **PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THE GOLF-MARATHON SIGN-UP SHEET ATTACHED TO THE BACK OF THE BUZZ!** This is a great way to get a jump on your Parent Involvement Fundraising Hours. Questions? Call Mrs. Huffman 485-8778 (Ext. 106).

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## ***Parent Prayer Partners -- with Mrs. Beuving***

*Thank you* to the parents who joined Mrs. Beuving last week in praying together for our school. We believe your investment of 15 minutes per week praying together for our teachers and students will yield rich dividends for our school – "***For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst.***" (Matthew 18:20) It is never too late to join in – please come whenever you can. Our Prayer Partners are meeting in the Teacher Room (main office) at 2:45 p.m. on Tuesdays – and releasing in time for you to pick up your children at 3:00 p.m. Please remember to park in the lower lot and walk up to the school for our students' safety.

## ***Pray for our Students, Teachers, Administration and Staff:***

Even if you cannot join us on Tuesdays, please pray alongside us as we pray for each of our teachers and students one-by one throughout the school year. We invite you to join us in asking for God's guidance, provision, protection, and blessing. This week we are praying for our secondary teachers:

Monday -- Mrs. Virginia Kozeluh, Secondary Teacher

Tuesday – Mrs. Kim Shelton, Secondary Teacher

Wednesday – Mrs. Debora Macy, Secondary Teacher

Thursday – Mr. Matt Williamson, Secondary Teacher

Friday – Mrs. Nancy Williamson and Mrs. Sharon Freeman, Teacher's Aides

*Next Monday* – Pastor KC Jones, Administrator

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## ***Announcing our Awesome Aides for 2010/2011***

Thanks to a \$5,000 generous donation from two retired school teachers in Southern California (who know how beneficial a quality classroom aide can be), Deep Valley has been able to bring on staff two incredible and godly women to assist in our elementary school. Mrs. Nancy Williamson (Tuesdays and Thursdays) and Mrs. Sharon Freeman (Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays) are serving as Elementary Classroom and Duty Aides. Mrs. Williamson and Mrs. Freeman are providing loving and firm supervision in our before-school program in the gym, at recess, lunch, and elementary P.E. – as well as providing invaluable classroom assistance to the 14 students in our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class. Both Mrs. Williamson and Mrs. Freeman are well-experienced and gifted aides who know how to expect and bring out the best in our students.

*Mrs. McConnell is staying home this year to care for her 18<sup>th</sup> month old daughter, Sadie. We miss her but know Sadie is benefitting from her time with Mom!)*

Also, we are blessed that Mr. Oscar Fuentes has again volunteered to assist in our Preschool Classroom helping Mrs. Dickson. Mr. Fuentes is a retired law enforcement professional as well as a qualified Early Childhood Care Provider – quite a combination! We appreciate his gracious gift of time and service to our littlest ones. *(Unfortunately, with limited enrollments in the preschool, we were unable to retain the services of Sherry Honeycutt who provided Deep Valley with years of caring and conscientious service as a second preschool teacher. Mrs. Honeycutt will still be substituting for Mrs. Dickson when she is absent. If you would like to write a note of Thanks to Mrs. Honeycutt and give it to Julie England, we are sure she would appreciate hearing from you.)*

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### ***Mrs. Macy Is Now Taking Appointments as Resource Specialist***

Every student is important to God and to us. After a week of classroom assessments, our teachers will be making student referrals to Mrs. Macy for additional assessment, intervention strategies, and follow-up for those students who may benefit from extra focused attention either as excelling beyond their grade level or as challenged and struggling to keep up. Mrs. Macy holds a Special Education Credential from the State of California and is volunteering her time to serve as our Resource Specialist. She also has a Masters' Degree in Curriculum and Instruction, as well as holding both an Elementary Teaching Credential and Secondary Language Arts Credential (plus having completed 16 units of Early Childhood Education!). We believe that Mrs. Macy with her breadth of education and experience is uniquely qualified to serve in this role and we are blessed by her leadership. Our goal is to work together as a team – administrators, teachers, our Resource Specialist, parents and students – to help each one of our students achieve to his or her highest God-given potential. We are also pleased to announce we will be ordering professional assessment tools and curriculum for the school that Mrs. Macy has recommended as part of starting up this valuable new service for our students. Mrs. Macy will be available Mondays for appointments:

11:40 – 12:15 p.m. Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students

12:45 – 1:20 p.m. 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade students

1:25 – 2:00 p.m. 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade students

Mrs. Macy will meet with Elementary students in the Library/Media Center (Room 32). She will meet with Secondary students in Room 24. We are grateful to God and to Mrs. Macy for this rich blessing for our school and students.

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### ***Elementary Science Lab Starts this Week***

Joining our Elementary Music Performance Class (taught by Betty Beuving on Wednesday's at 2:00 p.m. in Room 4 for Grades 1-6), this week we will be starting up with our Elementary Science Lab with Mrs. Luayne Wright in Room 34 at 2:20 p.m.

<b>Who:</b>	<b>Where:</b>	<b>When:</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Science Lab, Room 34	Friday's at 2:20
3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Science Lab, Room 34	Thursday's at 2:20
5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Science Lab, Room 34	Tuesday's at 2:20

We are pleased that most of our students not only met, but exceeded State Standards in Science in 09/10 –with many performing a full year or more ahead of grade level expectations on the SAT 10 Standardized Test. *Thank you, classroom teachers and Mrs. Wright!*

## ***Computer Lab Starts the Week***

We are also pleased to start-up our Introduction to Computers and Information Technology for Grades 4-6 with Pastor KC Jones in the Computer Lab (Room 33).

<b>Who:</b>	<b>Where:</b>	<b>When:</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Computer Lab, Room 33	Tuesday's at 2:10
5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Computer Lab, Room 33	Thursday's at 2:10

Some parents have asked about starting Computer Science and Keyboarding even younger than 4<sup>th</sup> Grade. The California State Standards begin their requirements for Computer and Information Technology at 4<sup>th</sup> Grade. Additionally, the latest studies in neuro-science (brain development) reported in Medical Journals has raised an alert that early exposure to computers may be “hard-wiring” the brain toward “short-attention spans” while reducing the brain’s capacity for focus, long-term reflection, analysis, and problem-solving necessary for higher levels of critical-thinking. The recommended age for computer instruction is 9 years old.

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## **Recommendations from the AMA for Healthy (and Happy) Kids ☺ from “Highlights of AMA Expert Committee Recommendations”**

**as Reported in American Family Physician, A Peer Reviewed Journal, July 2008**

- Limit consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages (e.g. fruit drinks, sodas, sports drinks)
- Encourage consumption of recommended quantities of fruits and vegetables
- Limit TV and other screen time to one to two hours a day in children five years and older
- Remove television and computer from child's bedroom
- Eat breakfast daily
- Limit eating out, especially at fast-food restaurants
- Ensure that parents and children eat meals together
- Limit portions to appropriate serving sizes

## ***Get Plenty of Sleep!***

One of the easiest and most effective ways to boost a child’s learning curve and encourage high academic achievement is to make sure the student gets plenty of sleep and comes to school well-rested and ready to work. We see a lot of sleepy kids (from preschool to high school) in our classrooms and it is hard for them to stay focused and make the most of their class time when they are short on sleep. According to the American Academy of Sleep Medicine, the medically recommended hours of sleep are:

- Infants = 14-15 hours
- Toddlers = 12-14 hours
- Preschoolers = 11-13 hours
- Children in Grade School = 10-11 hours
- Teenagers = 9-10 hours

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## ***Deep Valley Parent Group***

THANK YOU, PARENTS! So far 12 parents have indicated interest in participating in a Deep Valley Parent Group. It is not too late to sign-up! We would love to have parents involved representing every age level of student from pre-school to high school. If you might be willing to meet once per month in a positive and encouraging environment where parents are brainstorming ideas and pooling talents to bring out the best in the school for the benefit of all our students, please complete the attached “Parent Group Interest Form” and you will be contacted by Kathy Kinney or Julie Dunnebeck regarding a preliminary meeting. By-laws are being worked on and once approved by the Board, our new Parent Group can begin in earnest.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

September 2 6:30 p.m.	Back to School Night – All Parents Strongly Encouraged to Come
September 6	Labor Day – NO SCHOOL
September 9	Picture Day
September 13-17	CalTerm Trip
September 22 8 a.m.	See You at the Pole
September 24	Golf Marathon
October 1	Grandparents Day
October 8	Fall Carnival
October 16 & 17	Pumpkinfest
October 27-29	Teacher In-Service Days – NO SCHOOL

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## **Ready to Run**

Deep Valley Christian School promotes healthy living and as part of that well-rounded program offers a challenging physical education program for all ages. Students should expect physical activity which will get their hearts pumping and cause them to become “out of breath” (this is a medical standard for expanding heart and lung capacity in young people for life-long health). We offer a daily physical education program that meets or exceeds State Standards for time commitment and physical activity. It is important that students come to school ready to participate every day – that means every student needs to have appropriate clothing and footwear to participate fully in sports (running, jumping, stretching, kicking balls, etc.). **Students need to wear or bring sports shoes to school every day.**

Also students will normally be expected to participate fully in physical education class unless a note is sent to school from the parent excusing the child for a given day (or a parental phone call is made to Mrs. England who will communicate to the responsible teacher).

*NOTE: Mr. Williamson, our Secondary P.E. teacher, is asking if families might have any footballs at home you are not using – he says we could use a few more for P.E. Please send them to the main office with a note for Mr. Williamson. THANK YOU!*

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## **CALLING ALL GRANDPARENTS:**

Grandparents Day is always a very special event at DVCS. This year we will be honoring Grandparents on Friday, October 1. Our day will include a special program and brunch and a visit to the classroom! Our elementary choir is already working on their musical selections! We would like to send out personal invitations to the Grandparents of each of our children and honor all Grandparents by inviting them.

**Please give the names and addresses of Grandparents as soon as possible to your child’s teacher or email the office: [dvcs@pacific.net](mailto:dvcs@pacific.net).** Even if you think they cannot attend, we would still like to honor them and include them with an invitation. We are also happy to include Grandpals (substitute grandparents). **We would like to prepare and mail out all invitations by the “official” Grandparents Day on September 12, 2010.**

Please let the Office know as soon as possible if you would like to join our Team of Parent Coordinators for Grandparents Day. Last year our awesome Team made the day very special for all our Grandparents through their thoughtful theme, table and room decorations and delicious brunch.

## ***Please Keep Up Your Safeway Purchases with Scrip***

We have two more weeks to “race to the top” and try to be a SCRIP award winner again at Safeway. We have won a \$1,000 bonus award each of the last two years – let’s go for a “Threepeat!” Safeway is continuing their “Back to School” Scrip Drive through September 14. Please keep shopping and “swiping” your Club Card to help us potentially earn another Bonus prize. If you have questions about how Scrip works or how you might be able to sign-up your card so it will benefit DVCS, please see Peggy Huffman who is our resident “expert.” She’ll get you started right away!

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## ***Birthday Biz***

Once again, our wonderful secondary students are offering a special birthday service to our DVCS families. Just complete the ASB Birthday Service Sign-Up attached to the back of the Buzz and delicious birthday treats, a song, and even balloons can find their way to your child’s classroom on his or her special day. *Help make a great day even more special for your child!*

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## ***Fundraising Friends***

We want to thank Molly Pattison who has already signed-up to lead our Charleston Gift Wrap Fundraiser this Fall. Last year, Molly did an outstanding job – and we raised more money than we had the previous year! Charleston Gift Wrap is replacing our Innisbrook Fundraiser – the Charleston Catalogue offers more choices and equal or better prices and percentages for the school.

We also want to thank Mr. and Mrs. Marston who have already volunteered to coordinate our Pumpkin Fest Booth again! Last year the Marston’s decorated the Booth and provided warm and gracious hospitality and treats. Thanks to the Marston’s and the parents who volunteered to “man the booth” DVCS had a strong and effective presence at the Pumpkin Fest in 09. This year, we have parents who are already talking about preparing a Pumpkin Fest Parade Float to increase our DVCS presence even more. Start thinking now about how you might want to help out at this fun event that will be coming up before you know it!

We want to thank Rachel Campbell who has already volunteered to coordinate our “World’s Finest Chocolates Sale” (Yummmm....) which will replace our Magazine Sale this year. This should be a much easier fundraiser in this economy (not to mention tastier!) Thank you, Rachel!

And last but not least – the Moir Family has also already signed up to be our Chief Sponsor for our Spring Auction! THANK YOU for giving us such a huge head start on this important event.

God is amazing at how He works through His people and we are so grateful to all these faithful DVCS friends who have *already* stepped up and volunteered to help us meet our fundraising goals for this year by leading and coordinating these important events with support from all our parents. You are a blessing and gift from God to us! THANK YOU!

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## ***Bus Service - Use it or lose it***

MTA is currently considering whether they want to eliminate the bus stop at our school. If you have or intend to use the Bus service please cut off the following and return to Mrs. England.

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Please check and return to Mrs. England

I would like to use the MTA Bus Service to and/or from Deep Valley Christian School during the 2010/2011 School Year \_\_\_\_\_ From/to Ukiah \_\_\_\_\_ From/to Willits \_\_\_\_\_