



MARCH NEWSLETTER



Looking Ahead

- Education Fair: Friday, March 13
- Spring Break: March 16–20
- Prof Development Day: March 23 (No school)
- Picture Day: March 26
- Open House: March 29
- Parent–Teacher Conf.: March 30 (No School)

Students in Grades 4–8 are required to attend with their parents and must be in full uniform.



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Dover Lanterns Basketball

The DFCS Dover Lanterns recently participated in a series of basketball matches with other private schools. The season concluded with an exciting weekend tournament at Highland View Academy in Maryland. These sporting activities fostered teamwork, discipline sportsmanship, and school spirit.



We extend special gratitude to Coach Andrew, as well as the dedicated chaperones Bonnizu and Pastor Scharon, whose support and supervision helped make the event both enjoyable and safe.

We are also deeply grateful to the parents who came out to support and encourage our students. Your presence made the event even more meaningful for our young athletes.



Events like these strengthen not only physical health but also social confidence and character.

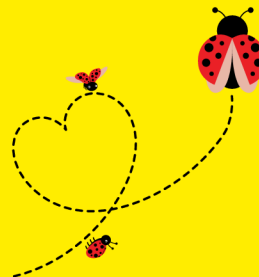
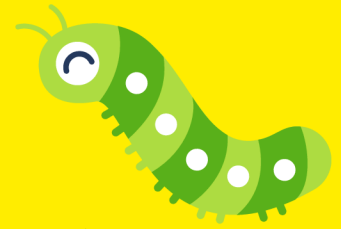
Reading Strengthens the Mind and Takes Us Places

From March 2–8, Dover First Christian School (DFCS) joyfully participated in Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) Week. This special week was designed to cultivate a deeper appreciation for reading and to remind students that books open the door to knowledge, imagination, and discovery.

The objectives of DEAR Week were to:

- Inspire a genuine love for reading
- Provide dedicated times for quiet, focused reading
- Encourage students to connect with people, places, and ideas through books

We are pleased to report that these goals were successfully achieved. Many students who were once reluctant readers eagerly participated in the activities, visited the library with enthusiasm, and excitedly shared new ideas and knowledge they discovered through their reading.



Highlights of the Week

Throughout the week, students engaged in a variety of activities designed to make reading both meaningful and enjoyable:

- **Read-A-Thon:** Students challenged themselves to read as many books as possible during the week.
- **Library Visit:** Students explored the library, discovering new titles and authors.
- **School Reading Nook Visits:** Classes enjoyed dedicated reading time in the school's cozy reading spaces.
- **Reading Buddies:** Older students partnered with younger students to share the joy of reading together.
- **Additional Reading Activities:** Interactive experiences that encouraged discussion, reflection, and creativity through literature.

DEAR Week reminded us that reading not only strengthens the mind but also expands our understanding of the world.



“The mind will enlarge if it is employed in tracing out the relation of subjects of the Bible, comparing scripture with scripture and spiritual things with spiritual.”

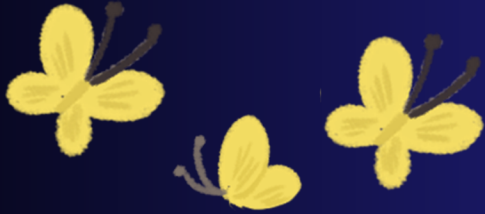
— Ellen G. White, *Education*, p. 123

“Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” — 2 Timothy 2:15

These words remind us that reading and study are essential tools for intellectual growth and spiritual development. Let us continue to encourage our children to read!



*Reading Buddies -
Our favorite part of
D.E.A.R. Week!*



*Cousins
Reading to
Cousins*



*Older student reading
to younger student.*



Music Festival



DFCS was also honored to be represented at the Annual Chesapeake Conference Music Festival, held February 26–28. Four of our students participated in this enriching musical experience, joining fellow students from across the conference to celebrate the gift of music. Pastor Javier and Bonnizu Scharon held the reins as they prepared our students for this experience. Thank you to the Scharons!



Students in Grades 5–8 who did not attend the festival took the initiative to plan and conduct a meaningful chapel program for the school. Their presentation took the form of a “Talk Show” titled The Effects of Music. During the program, students explored the contrast between secular music and godly music, discussing how music influences thoughts, character, and spiritual life. Their presentation encouraged fellow students to reflect on the importance of choosing music that uplifts the mind and honors God.

Let us continue to support the Dover Lanterns as they grow in physical strength, social development, emotional maturity, and spiritual character through sports. Both male and female teams placed third in the tournament. Congratulations! Go Lanterns!



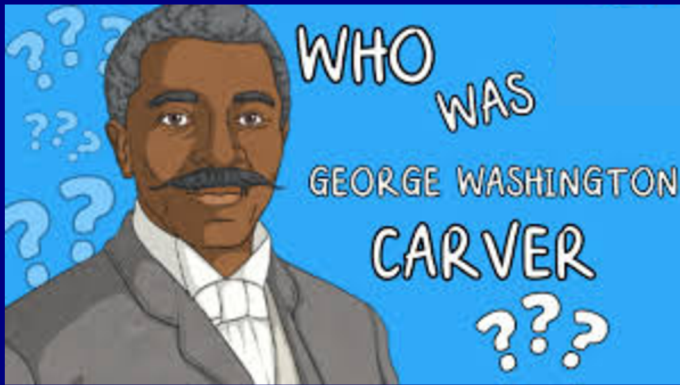
So far, the year has been buoyant with learning, reflection, creativity, and spiritual growth at DFCS. Whether through reading, music, athletics, or worship, our students continue to develop their God-given talents while strengthening their faith.



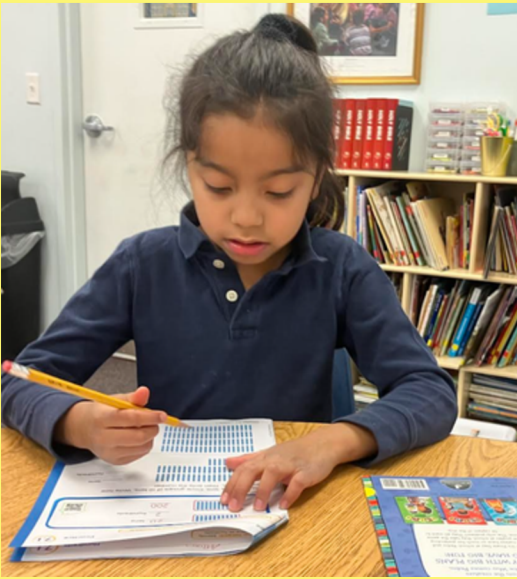
We thank God for His continued guidance and for the partnership of our parents, teachers, church family, and supporters who make these experiences possible for our students.



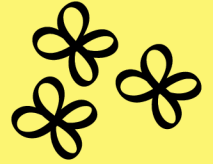
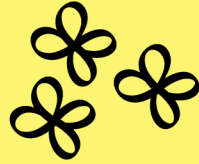
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courageous people.



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CLASS



2nd grade mathematician



Celebrating
Dr. Seuss'
122nd birthday!

Brothers
learning
together

