

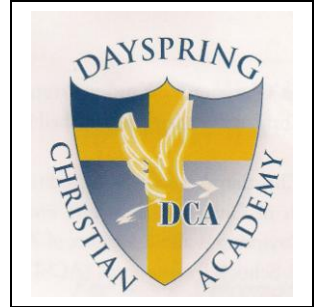
# THIS IS DAYSPRING

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## What We Believe

*Dayspring Christian Academy* was founded on the firm conviction that Christian education makes a difference in the lives of students now and eternally.

The school's core values are:

- *The Bible is the inspired, infallible and authoritative Word of God;*
- *Teaching the Bible as a core subject is essential to academic curriculum;*
- *Parents have the prime responsibility to educate their children; Christian schools help parents meet this responsibility;*
- *Students need to learn how to process information and think in the context of a Biblical world view;*
- *Staff and students are committed to academic excellence, striving to maximize each student's performance;*
- *Students and educators are to be involved in the Great Commission (Matthew 28: 19, 20)*
- *Christian school provides a means of evangelizing, nurturing and disciplining students for lives of service to God and society.*



*Martha Jackson, center, greets friends during her retirement celebration at Dayspring Christian Academy on Saturday, October 24. Mrs. Jackson retired in June after devoting 42 years to the school.*

## DCA Honors School Founder

Dayspring Christian Academy held a three-hour retirement celebration at the school on Saturday, October 24, for **Martha Jackson**, who retired in June. Mrs. Jackson founded Community Kindergarten in 1967 which ultimately became DCA in 1981, and remained as a preschool and kindergarten teacher at the school for 42 years. On a rainy and blustery afternoon, hundreds of her former students, friends and family members flocked to DCA to pay tribute to Mrs. Jackson and to express their appreciation for her efforts.

While most of the attendees hailed from Massachusetts and Rhode Island, one -- **Brandon Lemois**, who was Jackson's kindergarten student in 1991-92, drove nearly six hours from Reading, Penn., to attend the event.

Mrs. Jackson was joined at the celebration by her husband, **Pastor David Jackson**, retired pastor of the South Attleboro Assembly of God; her son, **Jonathan**; and her daughters, **Joy Marchione** and **Sue Mayer**. While school personnel served refreshments – including a retirement cake – visitors were also treated to a slide show honoring Mrs. Jackson's teaching career and admired a formal portrait of her which will be prominently displayed in the school.

Current DCA students organized a "Dress-Down Day" at the school in honor of Mrs. Jackson and donated funds to help her longstanding mission efforts in the nation of Bulgaria.

"Without Martha Jackson, we would not have a school here," said **David Milley**, chairman of DCA's School Committee. "For 42 years, she poured her energy and ideas into this school and has made it what it is today. Her mission in life was to start a school and that has been a blessing for so many people."



Dayspring Christian Academy preschool teachers Deb Plumb, left, and Lynn Souto, exhibit the school's curriculum and promotional materials during a recent preschool fair in North Attleboro.

### ***DCA Exhibits at Preschool Fair***

DCA was one of more than 25 local preschools which exhibited their qualities and assets recently during a public Preschool Information Night held at the North Attleboro Middle School.

Preschool teachers Lynn Souto and Deb Plumb manned the DCA table at the fair, which was sponsored for the sixth straight year by the MOMS Club of North Attleboro. The event provides area parents with essential information about preschools in the region.

At the DCA table, Souto and Plumb greeted many visitors, distributed background information about the school, and explained DCA's preschool curriculum. DCA offers preschool programs for 3- and 4-year-olds (boys and girls) from a distinctively Christian world and life view.

This year, Souto said, DCA switched its preschool programs from strictly classroom instruction to learning centers, enabling students to discover, explore and create, and generally have fun while learning.

"We have a new acronym this year – 'SALT,'" Souto said. "S stands for spiritual education; A stands for academics; L stands for learning centers; and T stands for total education. At Dayspring Christian Academy, our preschool program incorporates all these components."

Plumb said that DCA's emphasis on spiritual education is especially attractive to many parents.

"We think of ourselves as a three-legged stool, while spiritual education as its foundation," Plumb said. "At Dayspring, we don't ignore the spiritual part of education."

For Souto and Plumb, this year marked the second time they have represented DCA at the North Attleboro exhibition.

"It's an opportunity to meet new people and to explain what our school is all about," Souto said. "We had a good response tonight and we have been well-received."

### ***DCA Students Attend Leadership Conference***

Eighteen sixth-grade, seventh-grade and eighth-grade students at Dayspring Christian Academy of Attleboro recently attended a daylong Middle School Leadership Conference hosted by the Association of Christian Schools International in Alston, N.H.

Accompanied by **Robert Lavallee**, DCA's Spiritual Advisor, the 18 DCA students – all either members of the school's Student Government or chapter of the National Junior Honor Society – exchanged ideas with their peers and engaged in workshops designed to enhance young people's leadership qualities. A total of 10 ACSI affiliate schools in New England sent representatives to the conference.

DCA students participated in three primary programs – conflict resolution (including role-playing), team-building activities (incorporating the concepts of wisdom and leadership) and school planning project (during which they conceived an Honor Code Covenant for DCA).

DCA students attending the conference included eighth-graders **Brandon Clark, Susan Udall, Kearsten Lambert, Tamara Russell and Robert Rodrigues**; seventh-graders **Josiah Boirard, Cherubin Manokoran, Nicole Fontaine, Marissa Machado, Natalie Sorial, Tiffany Tong and Austin Lynch**; and sixth-graders **Jacob Clark, Olivia Phillips, Cassidy Theroux, Julia Aguiar, Jordan Breen and Gian Amico**.



### ***Mrs. Jackson Says "Thank-you"***

*Our school received a warm "thank-you" note from Mrs. Jackson following the October 24 party in her honor. In her note, Mrs. Jackson said: "I cannot begin to express my appreciation and love and honor you showed to me in celebrating and attending my retirement party ... Thank-you for your monetary gifts as well as the dress-down day in support for my passion for the needs in Bulgaria ... I miss the children, the classroom experiences as well as the interaction with colleagues and parents ... Thank-you very much to all who had a part in blessing me. May the Lord richly bless you."*