The Inside Scoop returns, DCDS launches new website

Detroit Country Day School's electronic newsletter, The Inside Scoop, is back. Published twice monthly, the Scoop will highlight news from all four campuses as well as big events going on at the school.

This issue is dedicated to the launch of the completely redesigned Country Day website. The site features much improved navigation, features, and flexibility. Because it is new, some of the functionality will seem strange. Read on below to get some pointers for using the new site.

Q: Where is the site located? What is it now called?
A: The site is at the same address, www.dcds.edu. If you are still seeing the old site, refresh your screen or by typing in the address instead of selecting it from your Favorites menu. (We assume the site is one of your favorites)

C: It looks like something is missing — is the site done?
A: Yes — almost! The Flash on the home page navigation is not active when leaving the site in Firefox, but otherwise it should be the same as Internet Explorer.

Q: Is this the same as "bluegold"? Where are those same and teacher's pages are?
A: No — you will still need to have a password and log on to bluegold.dcds.edu to view teacher sites, parent association sites, and similar material. You can link to the bluegold site from the "Parents" page on the new site.

Q: Who do I contact if I have a question/complaint/about what I saw?
A: Please email smathews@dcds.edu with any questions or concerns about www.dcds.edu. Questions about bluegold should still be directed to http://bluegold.dcds.edu

How to use the DCDS calendar

Using the New DCDS Calendar

Display Views
Your calendar can be displayed in a day, week, month, or year view by clicking the appropriate link in the top left toolbar. In addition, the month and year views can be displayed in either a list or grid format by clicking the appropriate icon.

Grid view
This view is a standard monthly "wall calendar" grid. In situations where the grid view will not fit within the web page layout, it will pop up into a new window for viewing.

List view
This view displays events in a list format for the selected period of time. Customize Your Calendar

Your calendar can be customized to display events tailored to your interests. Check the boxes next to the desired calendar categories and click "Save Your Settings." The settings will be saved by a browser cookie for the next time you view the calendar.

Calendar Tools:

Calendar Event Search
Search all calendar events that match one or more keywords.

Outlook/Palm Sync
Sync your calendar with MS Outlook or your Palm PDA by clicking this icon. Currently, this feature is only compatible with the Internet Explorer browser (IE).

Export to Excel or vCal
Export calendar events to MS Excel or vCal format for importing into other calendar applications.

Calendar Help