



Proposal Funding

The FFC awards grants with excess revenue. Find out more on [page 2](#).



Daddy-Daughter Dance

Don't miss this fun night out. Reserve your tickets today! Find out more on [page 4](#).



Upcoming Events

Legs for Literacy, Book Fair & Box Tops. Check out [page 7](#).

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A Message From Our Principal

Greetings Dingeman Families!

Last month, our 2nd and 3rd graders had the opportunity to meet Dr. Virginia Loh, author of the children's book, The Jade Dragon. Dr. Loh shared her cultural celebration of Chinese New Year and her work as a writer. The children were inspired by her writing process and craft! A big thank you to our second grade teacher, Mrs. Lisa Sousa-Coladonato for arranging this literary event! We would also like to thank Ms. Stacy from the Mira Mesa Barnes and Noble Bookstore for getting Dr. Loh's books to us at an excellent rate.

Throughout the year we have been working with our children on a variety of writing genres. Recently, we have been working on response to literature/expository text and written conventions. It's exciting to see our teachers collaborating on our "Team Thursdays". Our teachers are analyzing our students' writing and determining next instructional steps to get our writers to proficient and advanced levels. As a result, we are seeing gains in our children's writing and the pride of accomplishment they feel after writing a compelling piece of text.

Speaking of writing, if your child is in fourth grade, March 3rd and 4th are the STAR Writing testing days. Please be sure your child is at school for this important state assessment. We cannot wait for our students to "show what they know"!

We will be having Parent/Teacher Conferences on March 19th and 20th for all grades. Dismissal will be at 12:50 p.m. Our 4th and 5th grade Parent/Teacher Conferences will begin on 3/17 and 3/18. These are full days and dismissal is at our regular time, 3:35 p.m. We are looking forward to sharing your child's academic progress and report card with you.

I hope to see you at the Father-Daughter Dance & Dessert on Friday, March 13th and at our Book Fair that runs from Monday, March 30-April 3rd. Also, get your running/walking shoes on for the Legs for Literacy Fun Run supporting all of the Scripps Ranch schools. Get fit and walk for more great literature in our school!

In Partnership for Excellence,
Kimie Lochtefeld, Dingeman Principal



Looking Ahead

- Mar 1-31**—Box Tops Contest
- Mar 13**—Father-Daughter Dance
- Mar 20**—Spotlights
- Mar 25**—FFC Meeting, 6:30pm
- Mar 26**—T-shirt Sales, 12:50pm
- Mar 27**—Famous Artist Workshop, 9:15am
- Mar 30**—Tiger Talk, 9:15am
- Mar 30-Apr 3**—Book Fair
- Apr 6-10**—Spring Vacation, No School
- Apr 22**—School Secretaries Day
- Apr 22**—Art Corps Matting Workshop, 9:15am
- Apr 22**—FFC Meeting, 6:30pm
- Apr 23**—T-shirt sales, 12:50pm
- Apr 27**—Tiger Talk, 9:15am
- Apr 28-May 8**—STAR Testing
- May 1**—Bob Dingeman Day
- May 3**—Spring Carnival



A Message From the FFC



Dear Dingeman Community,

Due to the generosity of our parents and supporters, the FFC's revenue exceeded expectations for this year. We designated \$20,000 to award grants above and beyond our budgeted funding. This desperately needed support can clearly be valuable in offsetting past and pending district budget cuts. Our school community is very fortunate to be in this position.

The FFC board began by ranking our goals based on current performance and urgency. This ranking, as follows, provided a framework to judge proposals, so that we could make the best use of our donations:

- 1) Safety,
- 2) Academics,
- 3) Social/ Behavioral,
- 4) Self Expression/The Arts,
- 5) Health.

The FFC solicited proposals from the administration, staff, FFC board and FFC committee chairs. We received a total of 19 worthy proposals representing over \$75,000 in needs. Proposals were received for four of our five goals. In judging proposals, the FFC board was asked to consider: the purpose, the dollar amount requested, requirements for implementation, and sustainability. The 13 voting members of the FFC board completed a confidential ranking. The results represent a democratic group decision, and it is my sincere hope that we optimized the long-term benefit for our students and our school. The funded proposals were:

1. Create a reserve fund of \$10,000 to offset district budget cuts; the district will be distributing budget workbooks to school sites in the near future.
2. Replace \$4,000 in GATE funding for classrooms.
3. Allocate \$1,000 to repair and replace broken QuizMachines used by our staff to assess student knowledge of a variety of subjects in a game show format.
4. Grant \$4,000 to provide summer school services to students due to the elimination of the district's elementary school program.
5. Purchase a new roll-model die cut machine for \$475 for the teachers' workroom.
6. Contribute \$475 towards new music stands and award pins to support our music programs.
7. Provide \$85 to send the strings students to a local music festival.

The FFC received 19 proposals requesting over \$75,000 in additional funding.

It is my sincere hope that we optimized the long-term benefit for our students and our school.

Gratefully,

Liz Clark

FFC President 2008-09

More New Faces at Our School...

In last month's issue of *Tiger Pause*, everyone had the chance to get to know some of the new faces that have joined the Dingeman Tigers for the 2008-09 school year. A few of those faces were missing so we are bringing them to you now. Take a few minutes to say "Hi" and introduce yourself!

** Still missing are photos of Ms. Marie Lugo, Resource Specialist and Ms. Laura Majoch, Counselor. We hope to print their pictures in an upcoming issue of Tiger Pause.*



Heather Brock
Nurse



John Brooks
Building Services
Supervisor



Pledge Drive Corporate Match Update



We would like to recognize the following organizations which have generously matched parent contributions to the FFC Pledge Drive: Amylin Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Foundation at the San Diego Foundation, BAE Systems, BD, Helen K. and James S. Copley Foundation, Intuit Foundation, LPL Financial, The Northrup Grumman Foundation, Pfizer Foundation, The Prudential Foundation, Qualcomm, and Sempra Energy Foundation.

As of mid-February we have received \$11,463 in matching funds this school year. Requests are still in process for approximately \$3000 more from some of the above-mentioned companies as well as GEICO, HP, Motorola, Nokia, and Wells Fargo.

We are most appreciative of the generous support shown by these companies and their foundations. Thanks also to the Dingeman parents who initiated the requests for funds from their employers.

Please note that in most cases it is not too late to begin the corporate match process and still have funds received for use at Dingeman this school year. Please check with your employer for details and guidelines.

Beth Rubè & Michelle Defelippi
Pledge Drive Co-Chairs

eCycling Contest a Success... Congrats to Mrs. Webb's Class!

Dingeman's 2008-09 e-Cycling Contest was a great success! Fifth graders helped collect items from classrooms each week for 5 weeks. We collected over 100 cell phones and countless other small electronics and ink cartridges. All of the items are being shipped to Cartridges For Kids for refurbishing and redistribution. Think of all the landfill space we saved while turning our trash into cash!

A special congratulations goes to Mrs. Webb's third grade class for collecting the most recyclable items. They won a pizza party for all their hard work. We will continue to collect cell phones, blackberries and ink cartridges through the remainder of the year. Items can be left in the black & green recycling bin in front of the teacher's lounge.

Questions can be directed to Shellie Kalinsky at shellkalinsky@sbcglobal.net.



Mrs. Webb's 3rd grade class gives a cheer for eCycling!

Colonial Williamsburg Living Museum



The Dingeman Elementary 5th grade class will be presenting their Colonial Williamsburg Living Museum Tuesday, February 24th. During the day, students at Dingeman will visit the museum set up in the multi-purpose room. In the evening, the museum will be open to parents and families.

This living museum culminates the 5th graders' research into the colonies and trades of this historical period. In the living museum, students will demonstrate their knowledge of colonial trades with demonstrations and discussions, all while dressed in colonial attire.

Visitors to the museum will be able to walk through the colonial shops & homes, experiencing a little slice of our history from these interesting times. Visitors will also be given artifacts to take home as a remembrance of this wonderful living museum.



It's a "Rock Around the Clock" Rock Hop!

Come travel back in time and enjoy the sounds and styles of the 50's at the

Father-Daughter Dance

Friday, March 13, 2009

6:00pm - 8:30pm

Dingeman Multipurpose Room

50's Attire



Music ♦ Games ♦ Raffles

Root Beer Floats ♦ Ice Cream Sundaes

Tickets: \$22—Couple, \$7—Each Additional Daughter

So slick your hair back, roll up your jeans and put on your poodle skirts as you dance the night away with your daddy!

Reservation forms were sent home in Tuesday Packets.

Daddy substitutes are always welcome!

For more information contact Diane Butterfield at Dibutter1@aol.com

*Return your reservation form to your
child's teacher by Friday, March 6th!*





Art Corps News



Van Gogh, Monet, Picasso.....

These are just a few of the artists we will be able to choose from at the Famous Artist workshop this month. Please mark your calendar for **Friday March 27th at 9:15**. The

workshop will have a slightly new format this year. As in past years, you will be able to walk around and see the different Famous Artist lessons. There are over 25 lessons in all. This year, you will be able to do a sample of your chosen lesson with the help of workshop leaders. It won't be as long as our "traditional" workshops but enough to give you an idea of how it should turn out & how to teach it. Famous Artist is the last Art Corp lesson of the year. What a great way to end the year!!!! Thank you to all who taught Art Corp lessons this year.

Next month, please don't forget about the **Matting Workshop on Wednesday April 22nd**. Also, be on the lookout for information about our annual Art Show scheduled for May 18th through May 22nd. As always, we rely on our dedicated volunteers to make the Art Show a success. We hope you will sign up to help!

Michele Beacom
Art Corps Administrator

Electromagnets & Motors

The Rockin' Science lessons have been buzzing with a lot of activity. The new lesson explores the world of electromagnets and motors and students get to see how electromagnets work. Does the number of coils wound around the iron nail change the strength of an electromagnet? Why does the needle of a compass move in the presence of an electromagnet? Why are electromagnets attached to cranes to move old cars in a junkyard? These are some of the questions that the students investigate.



The fourth and the fifth graders work with motors and understand how they work. The younger grades (K-3rd grade) work extensively with magnets. The power of the magnets and the formation of the magnetic field with iron filings are observed.

This dynamic fast moving world of motors and electromagnets electrifies the world of our budding scientists.

Savi Madan
Rockin' Science Chair

Mother-Son Night...A Magical Evening!

Magic was in the air at Dingeman's 3rd Annual Mother-Son Night on January 23rd! This sold-out, FFC sponsored event received rave reviews from both mothers and sons while raising money for our school. Moms & sons were treated to a delicious catered dinner & a spell-binding show of mystery, magic, & amazement, starring renowned illusionist, The Amazing Dana. The audience of 300 was thrilled by the array of magic tricks & mysterious illusions, which culminated in the levitation of 4th grader Connor Rowe! A raffle featuring 40 prizes rounded out the evening, with prizes including a karate gift certificate valued at \$300 and a \$95 salon & spa gift card. All boys went home winners, receiving cool magic wands & certificates to Baskin Robbins and Chili's!

We'd like to extend a special thanks to the following businesses and Dingeman families for their generous donations which helped make this event extra-special: Baskin Robbins, Chili's, Evolve Salon & Medical Spa, Fitness Quest 10, Allison & Sandy Weisman of Allure Designs, Pump-It-Up, Edible Arrangements of Poway, Yanni's Bistro, Nothing Bundt Cake, Filippi's of Mira Mesa, Papa John's of Sabre Springs, Vons-Scripps Poway Parkway, Mission Federal Credit Union, The Link Family, The Heim Family, The Shalauta Family, and The Hobbib Family.

Thank you to our team of volunteers who helped make this an unforgettable night of magic and fun, including Liz Clark, Mrs. Karin Wilson, Avalon Hartman, Tricia Link, Marta Lester, Mark Shalauta, Priya Shalauta, Andy Shalauta, Ryan Hobbib, Tom Hobbib, Diane Butterfield, Becky Walton, Annette Radogna, Lana Leggett, Anna Calini, Terry Wildibill, Jamie Curtis, Brian Defelippi and Toni Magnett.

A special thank you to our Principal, Mrs. Kimie Lochtefeld, for serving as the evening's MC, Bev Cassity for serving as the event photographer, Sarabeth Thompson for creating the colorful

Mother-Son Night promo posters, Cheryl Baldwin and the members of the Dingeman Baker's Committee for providing the delicious desserts enjoyed at the end of the evening, and Building Site Supervisors John and Don for their help in getting the lunch arbor and M.P. Room set up for the dinner and magic show.

Lastly, thank you to the many mothers and sons who supported our school through their attendance at this year's Mother-Son Night. Not only was it a fun night out with one another (and a night free from cooking!), but it was in support of a great cause: our children!

—Mary Hobbib & Elena Shalauta, Mother-Son Night Co-Chairs



Budding Houdinis showing off some magic moves at Dingeman's Mother-Son Night: (from l to r) Alex Lester (3), Zane Calini (3), Ryan Hobbib (3), Andrew Shalauta (5), Tony Radogna (1), & Nico Radogna (3)



Congratulations to...

... Akil Kotamarti, Darby Williams,
Katie Becknell, Anne Marie Jaminet,
Jazley Genovese, and Bell Phommavong!



They were selected for the San Diego City Schools District Honor Choir. This choir is made up of around 75-100 students from schools all over San Diego. There is a professional conductor and accompanist, and the singing is held to a high standard. The District Honor Choir will perform Saturday, March 7 at Point Loma Nazarene University at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Saguil and Mrs. Harris are very proud of these students!

Pre-Registration Fall 2009...



...for incoming Kindergarten students and students new to our school in Grades 1 through 5.

Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Time: 7:30am—11:00am

Where: Dingeman Multipurpose Room

Registration packets will be available at Dingeman's front office beginning March 16th. Please bring the completed forms along with the following documents:

**Student Birth Certificate • Up-to-date Immunization Record
2 Proofs of Residence**

Acceptable proof of residence includes: Mortgage Documents, Property Tax Documents, Rental Agreement or Utility Bill.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact **Irma Martinez** at (858) 549-4437, ext. 163.

FFC Elected Board

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Yearbook	Sarabeth Thompson





Legs for Literacy

GET YOUR SNEAKERS READY...

It's time for the 10th Annual CUSH Legs for Literacy 5k and 1 mile Run/Walk – on **Sunday, March 29th**, at Miramar Lake. This fundraiser benefits all six Scripps Ranch public schools.

Come enjoy a fun-filled morning with free pancake breakfast and other free food and giveaways. The 1 mile fun run/walk starts at 8 am, and the 5k race/walk starts at 8:30 am. The top male and female 5k race finishers will receive medals and prizes. There will be two athletic team contests – one for highest number of participants and one for highest percentage of participation.

Race registration fees are \$25 for adults and \$15 for children 12 yrs and under. Athletic teams are \$15 per person. The fee includes a T-shirt and goody bag.

How can you sign up?

- Look for the registration form in your Tuesday packet.
- Look for an email from the Dingeman email tree.
- Look for the sign up table at Cardio Club two weeks prior to the race.

DINGEMAN'S GOAL...to raise \$1,500 for our library!

The classroom with the most paid registrants wins a pizza party. For your class to win:

1. Please put the **teacher & room #** at the bottom of each registration form, AND
2. Students need to return the form to their teacher no later than **March 10th**.



Lights, Camera, Book Fair!

The Dingeman Book Fair is back, Monday, March 30 through Friday, April 3. The Book Fair will offer specially priced books and educational products, including new releases, award-winning titles, children's classics, interactive software, adult books, and current bestsellers from more than 100 publishers. See our website at <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/dingeman> for the current list of featured books or click on the link from our Dingeman.net website. Profits from our book fair go back to our classrooms and library.

BOOK FAIR HOURS:

Mon. Mar. 30:	8:30am – 4:00pm
Tues. Mar. 31:	8:30am – 4:00pm
Wed. Apr. 1:	8:30am – 3:00pm 5:00pm – 7:30pm, Family Night
Thurs. Apr. 2:	8:30am – 1:30pm
Fri. Apr. 3:	8:30am – 10:30am

Join us on our family night, Wednesday, April 1 from 5:00-7:00pm. Our Principal, Mrs. Lochtefeld, will be there to read to the children, and we will have lots of prizes to raffle, such as books, posters, book bags, toys, etc. Look for more information in your Tuesday packets.

Teachers will be signing up their classroom to visit the book fair. Students will be able to create a "wish list" of books, or they can purchase books at that time (or during book fair hours). New this year, we will be creating teacher "wish lists" for anyone interested in purchasing a book for their teacher/classroom. Or you can purchase a gift certificate for your teacher. Remember, there is 7.75% tax charged on all items including books, pencils, software, etc. We accept checks (made payable to "Dingeman FFC"), cash and credit cards.

If you are interested in volunteering at the fair, please contact angela.garcia@earthlink.net or epowers2@san.rr.com.

Angela Garcia & Erin Powers
Scholastic Book Fair Co-Chairs



New Box Tops Contest



The next classroom box tops contest will take place **March 1st – March 31st**.

One classroom from each grade level will win an ice cream party!

You can turn box tops in to your classroom in a baggie or download a box top sheet from:

www.Boxtopsforeducation.com

Our last contest was a big hit. We had over 50 students receive free kids meals and raised \$145.00 for our school!



Spring Carnival News



Spring Carnival will be here before you know it so mark your calendars for this fun-filled family event.

Sunday, May 3, 2009

12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

In order to make this upcoming event a success we will need the support of many Dingeman families!

We are in need of **volunteers, sponsors and raffle item donations.**

We are also interested **vendors** who would like to sell items at the carnival.

Please contact us to get involved!

Lisa Devine at Ltdevine@sbcglobal.net

- or -

Jamie Killam at peterkillam@yahoo.com

It Takes Teamwork!

Thank You Dingeman Community!

To all those teachers and parents who attended the January FFC board meeting. We stayed until 9:00 pm, with a very productive discussion—**Principal Lochtefeld, Susan King (K), Karen Gegg (K), Karin Wilson (1st), Linda Sandell (1st), Joe Anthony (3rd), Charlyne Barad (3rd), Kimberly Trench (5th), Ann Kana, Beth Rube, Michele Beacom, Liz Clark, Jane Edmondson, Sandy Costanzo, Angela Garcia, Shellie Kalinsky, Sandy Heim, Anna Calini, Lisa Devine, Jamie Killam, Mary Link-Hobbib, Anna Lee, Teresa James, Michelle Defelippi, Lana Leggett-Kealey, Annette Radogna, Becky Walton, Erin Powers, Letty Butcher.**

To **Sarabeth Thompson** and **Chris Roberts** for coordinating yearbook sales.

To **Karen Hem** and **Erin Booth** for supporting the 10th annual Cush Legs for Literacy at SRHS.

To the **Spring Carnival committee.** They are hard at work planning for a successful carnival.

To **Becky Walton** and **Annette Radogna** for planning Casino Royale.

To the **Family Information Packets committee** for their hard work every Tuesday morning.

To **Paty Portal** and **Meg Carson** for another memorable Spotlight ceremony.

To **Paty Portal** for helping the front office host the upcoming Kindergarten and new student registration events.

To **Angela Garcia** and **Erin Powers** for planning the upcoming Book Fair to benefit our classrooms.

To **Mrs. Trench (5th)** for planning our math Family Enrichment Night "Building a Million."

From the Editor

If you would like to submit something for the April issue of *Tiger Pause*, the deadline is **Friday, March 13th**. The April issue will be distributed to families on Tuesday, March 31st.

You can email me or place a copy of your submission in the *Tiger Pause* folder located in the staff workroom. Submissions must be no larger than 8.5" x 11".

Lisa Stone, *Tiger Pause* Editor
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Mark your calendars for Spring Break!

April 6th—April 10th

NO SCHOOL

Return to school on April 13th

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