



Safety & Budget

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Casino Night Wrap-Up

A great success and lots of fun. Thanks to all who helped & attended. Read more on [page 3](#).



Spring Carnival

Mark your calendars for this fun-filled family event. Details are on [page 4](#).

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A Message From Our Principal

Greetings Dingeman Families!

I love this time of year! You can see our students' writing performance blooming across all content areas and grade levels. Our kindergarteners are reading story books and informational text. Recently, they have been writing book reviews and sharing them with other classes. Our first graders have been working on writing conventions in poetry, songs and narrative texts. The second grade students are working on their writing strategies and making their writing come alive through descriptive adjectives. Our third graders are working on organizing their ideas varying sentence structures. Our fourth graders are working on narratives and summaries of expository text.

I recently had students in Mrs. Hagan's class read to me their illustrated story books about a time in their lives when they were really little. They used dialogue, correct conventions of spelling, grammar and punctuation. Their mini-narratives will be treasured keepsakes for the rest of their lives.

This month we are making stories come alive through visual and performing arts. On Monday, April 13th, our K-2 students will be treated to a live performance of "If You Give a Pig a Pancake" and our 3-5 grade students will see "The Lion, Witch, and the Wardrobe" on Tuesday, April 14th in the auditorium. The actors will debrief the story and the performance with the children after each showing.

The last week in April through May 8th will be STAR statewide testing for grades 2-5. We ask that you send your child to school on time so that the class can start testing in the morning. Make sure your child gets plenty of rest and has a good breakfast so that our kids can "show what they know" on this high stakes test.

In Partnership for Excellence,
Kimie Lochtefeld, Dingeman Principal

Looking Ahead

- 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
- May 4**—Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week
- May 7**—Staff Appreciation Luncheon
- May 18-21**—Art Show
- May 18**—Tiger Talk, 9:15am
- May 21**—Open House, 5:30pm
- May 25**—Memorial Day-No School
- May 26**—School Administrators Day
- May 27**—FFC Meeting, 6:30pm
- May 28**—Tile & T-shirt sales, 12:50pm





A Message From the FFC



Dear Dingeman Community,

In the age of cell phones and mobile web access, it is almost overwhelming to keep up with all the messages that need your attention. So when I ask you to stay aware of two important issues unfolding in our community, I realize this is not an easy task.

SAFETY has been a topic of FFC meetings and recent emails circulating Scripps Ranch.

1. Obey all traffic laws in front of the school, including the 3 minute active loading zones, complete stops at the crosswalk, and no u-turns. Be respectful of requests by teachers and administrators to keep traffic flowing safely.
2. If your child walks to school, ensure that they are appropriately supervised. For 25 ways to make kids safer, visit www.take25.org/page.asp?page=50.
3. Comply with the closed campus policy by checking in at the office and wearing a name tag when you are at school.
4. Diligently report suspicious activity in our community to police. Refer to: www.sandiego.gov/police/help/nonemergencies.shtml.
5. Check www.meghanslaw.ca.gov for information on protecting your child against sexual predators. Don't be lulled into a false sense of security, as we do have convicted offenders living in Scripps Ranch. Pictures are available by zip code.
6. Accompany your child to any public restroom, especially in parks.
7. Stay involved with your child's use of technology. Watch the PBS Frontline special at: <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/kidsonline/>

SCHOOL BUDGET has topped local headlines. The SDUSD school board approved a plan to balance the budget for the 2009-10 school year. Several items require negotiation with the teachers' union. If those negotiations are not successful, other actions will be taken. In the initial plan, items that could impact Dingeman and our staff are listed below. For updates, go to www.sandi.net, scroll down to the News section.

- Early retirement for eligible teachers
- Elimination of GATE site discretionary funds
- Changes to teachers' health care benefits and copayments
- Four day teacher furlough
- Increase class size from 20 to 24 in kindergarten through third grade, requiring teacher positions to be reallocated
- Increase Seminar classrooms from 23 to 25 students

Stay aware,
Liz Clark, FFC President 08-09



DON'T FORGET **DINGEMAN T-SHIRT SALES!**

SHIRTS WILL BE SOLD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 23RD AT 12:50 DISMISSAL.

WEARING YOUR DINGEMAN SHIRT PROMOTES SCHOOL SPIRIT AND HELPS RAISE MONEY FOR THE SCHOOL



Mark your calendars for Spring Break!

April 6th—April 10th

NO SCHOOL

Return to school on April 13th



2nd Annual Casino Royale a Huge Success!



Casino Royale had a new theme this year: Mardi Gras! On February 28, 2009, Dingeman parents and faculty stepped out for our 2nd Annual Casino Royale Night. Held this year at the beautiful Carmel Mountain Ranch Country Club, guests enjoyed a delicious dinner and scenic view of the golf fairway. Everyone tried their luck at the casino-style games and the winning chips turned into prizes won for many people! One lucky family won vacation accommodations with a choice of many great locations!

The Opportunity Drawings were fantastic and many Dingeman families and teachers walked away with such wonderful prizes as a cool beach cruiser, Fleming's Restaurant gift card, wine tastings, Gigi Hill handbags, personal training sessions and more. Best of all, our evening's proceeds benefit the students of Dingeman Elementary, and so we thank all the parents and faculty who were able to come support our school!

We would like to offer our heartfelt thanks to the many volunteers who helped us out with Casino Royale. Special thanks to Paty Ajo-Portal for her incredible decorating flair! Our other decorating crew included Ana Amato, Marni Tannone and Allison Hamilton! Others who helped us out include: Betsy Benning, Liz Clark, Jamie Killam, Michelle Defelippi, Ana Calini, Pam McCallum, and Ann Kana. Many hands make light work!

A very special thanks goes out to our evening's sponsors: Amato's Auto Body, Dr. Anthony Scoma, Pediatric Dentistry, and Outpost Summer Camps. We are grateful for your monetary support!

In addition, we'd like to thank the following business for donating products or services:

All About Me Medical Day Spa	Monique's Skin Care
Amato's Auto body – Donated by Chris & Ana Amato	Orfila Vineyards
Barona Resort & Casino	Outpost Summer Camps
Beach Cruiser – Donated by Tony & Teena Coyne	Pampelmousse Grille
Brigantine Seafood	Rancho Bernardo Country Club
California Center for the Arts Escondido	Roppongi
Carmel Mountain Ranch Country Club	Sammy's Woodfired Pizza
Cookie Lee Jewelry - Donated by Sandy Heim	San Diego Junior Theater
Cooking With Class Cooking School	Saturday Night Live DVD - Donated by Angela Garcia
Costco \$50.00 Gift Card	Seaforth Boat Rentals
Dave & Buster's	Starbuck's
Dr. Anthony Scoma, DDS	Surf Diva
Dr. Joseph Gordon, Orthodontist	The Butcher Shop Steakhouse
Doubletree Golf Resort	The Old Globe
ESET	Top2Bottom
Gigi Hill Bags – Donated by Becky Walton	Tracy Hudak Personal Trainer
Hatch Dental	Ultrazone
House of Blues	United Studios of Self Defense
It's All About The Girl	White Magnolia
Kelly Wood Photography	Yanni's Bistro
K1 Speed Indoor Kart Racing	

We're looking forward to next year!

Annette Radogna and Becky Walton
Casino Royale Co-Organizers



Dust off those cowboy boots and join us for...

Dingeman Elementary School's

WILD WEST

Annual Spring Carnival

With a special appearance by Colonel Bob Dingeman

Sunday, May 3rd 12-4pm

- Rock Climbing Wall
- Bounce House and Slide
- Ever Popular Cake Walk
- Opportunity Drawing
- Obstacle Course
- Silent Auction
- Performing Arts Groups
- Fabulous Prizes

San Diego Chargers Autographed Memorabilia
One Week Water Camp from Mission Bay Aquatic Center

A full day of fun

Bring your appetite and enjoy lunch prepared by
The Hamburger Factory

We are looking for more volunteers, sponsors, vendors, and opportunity drawing donations.
Please contact Lisa Devine at: ltdevine@sbcglobal.net
Or Jamie Killam at: peterkillam@yahoo.com



Art Corps News



Thank you to all who attended our Famous Artist Workshop On March 28th. Hopefully, the new format which allowed you to do a sample lesson will help you when you are teaching in the classroom. During

the next few weeks, most of you will be in full swing teaching your chosen lessons to your class. Enjoy this last lesson of the year!

April will be a busy month for Art Corp. Not only will we be finishing up our last lessons, but we will also be holding the first volunteer meeting for the Art Show. The tentative date will be the week after we return from spring break. More information on this date and time are to follow. Be on the lookout for emails and information in the Tuesday packet about this important meeting. We rely on our faithful volunteers to make the Art Show a success so we hope to see you there.

Also, on April 22nd, we will have our Matting Workshop in the multipurpose room from 9:15 to 10:15. This informative workshop will instruct you on matting the artwork for your child's class in preparation for the Art Show. Proper matting really helps to bring out the individual beauty of each creation.

It is a busy but fun time. If you need our help, please feel free to contact Michele Beacom (beacom@san.rr.com) or Jackie Kielty (mjksandiego@sbcglobal.net) for any questions, concerns or assistance. Thank you as always for your time and dedication to the Art Corp program.

Book Fair is HERE!!!

Don't miss out on the book fair! It runs all this week in the Dingeman multipurpose room. Two special events you won't want to miss are Family Night and Lunch with a Loved One! For Lunch with a Loved One, enjoy the traditional Thursday pizza sales in the courtyard and then stop by to shop the book fair! All the dates and times you need are listed below. Be sure to stop by and check out the great selection of books.



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 Lunch with a Loved One
Fri. Apr. 3:	8:30am – 10:30am

Health Office Reminders

Attention Parents of Kindergarten Students:



1. Recently, we have sent home the orange Oral Health Assessment forms and the green 1st Grade Health Checkup forms. If you have not done so already, please complete these forms and turn them in to the health office by **May 31, 2009**.
2. Also, please remember to send a change of clothes with your kindergarten student everyday.

Many thanks from the Health Office Staff!

eScrip Update

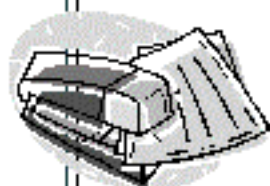
Thank you to Vons and their eScrip program. In 2008, Dingeman FFC earned an amazing \$23,144! We were once again one of the top earning schools nationwide. We also earned an additional \$1,000 bonus in the Vons Back to Schools program. And thank you to the 711 families who shop at Vons and have registered their shopper cards with our FFC. If you haven't registered your shopper card, simply send an email to: angela.garcia@earthlink.net with your name, address, email address, phone number, and Vons card number (not your telephone number). If you don't know your shopper card number, call Vons at (877)723-3929.



Thank you,
Angela Garcia
eScrip Coordinator



An Extra Special Thank You



The Family Information Packets team would like to extend a very special thank you to **Jan Kane** and **Jonni-Ann Hughes**. Both have been volunteering their time to assemble Tuesday packets throughout the school year. These ladies deserve extra special recognition for their volunteer efforts as they are actually former Dingeman parents. To Jan and Jonni-Ann, we thank you so very much for the gift of your time!

The FIP Volunteers

Pre-Registration Fall 2009...



...for incoming Kindergarten students and students new to our school in Grades 1 through 5. This second pre-registration date is being held for those families who missed the first date in March

Date: **Monday, April 27, 2009**

Time: **8:00am—12:00pm**

Where: **Dingeman Multipurpose Room**

Registration packets are currently available in Dingeman's front office. 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.

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Yearbook	Sarabeth Thompson



“Building a Million”

Family Math Night at Dingeman Elementary was a great success! Many families were able to participate in hands-on math activities with their families. Activities ranged from a math scavenger hunt to tessellation and symmetry. Parents were very proud and our students were excited about math. Everyone had a wonderful experience.



Dingeman students build a million with teacher Kimberly Trench.

More Mother-Son Fun

We wanted to bring you one more great photo from the magical Mother-Son Night. Students enjoyed all the fantastic illusions, especially the grand finale. Pictured below is our very own 4th grader Conner Rowe being levitated by The Amazing Dana!



The Annual 100th Day Parade

Students and teachers dress up to celebrate the 100th day of school. Everyone enjoyed the fashionable parade that marked this milestone in the school year. Check out these great photos!





It Takes Teamwork!

Thank You Dingeman Community!

A round of applause for **all yearbook volunteers**, getting ready to go to print. To **Sarabeth Thompson** for leading the project, and **Chris Roberts** for helping with presales. And thank you to all the **classroom volunteers** for getting those montage pages ready!

The **Spring Carnival team** is hard at work preparing for another fun-filled carnival. Thank you to **Jamie Killam, Lisa Devine, Sandy Heim, and Jane Edmondson** for their year-round work orchestrating this event. Get those class baskets ready!

Rockin' Science continues to boost our students knowledge and their enthusiasm. Thank you to **Savi Madan** and **Marian Plunkett** for their daily dedication to this important enrichment program. Thanks to **Anna Calini** for her continued support supplying the lab for each lesson.

Jamie Curtis scoured the district's budget data to compare the funding for Scripps Ranch schools to other schools in the district. Thanks to her diligent work, the school board and our community have been informed about how much disparity exists in per pupil spending.

To **Mrs. Trench**, 5th grade teacher, for the fabulous "Build a Million" family math night. We truly appreciate her enthusiasm and hard work planning this fun and enriching evening.

To all those who made Casino Night a raving success. **Becky Walton** and **Annette Radogna** for chairing the fundraiser, on top of their responsibilities on the FFC Board. Helping along the way were **Ana Amato, Diane**

Butterfield, Paty Ajo-Portal, Ann Kana, Anna Calini, Lisa Stone, Mami Tannone, Allison Hamilton, Pam McCallum, Jamie Killam, Betsy Benning and **Letty Butcher**.

Thanks to **Shellie Kalinsky**, the world is now a little bit greener! The electronic recycling contest kept lots of waste out of the landfill, and earned Mrs. Webb's classroom a pizza party.

To everyone who registered for the Legs for Literacy event. Thanks to all those runners who helped bring more books to our library! A special thank you to the **Hern family, Karen and Randall**, for taking care of publicity and submitting registrations. **Erin Booth** pitched in, motivating those new families at the school to get moving for literacy.

Diane Butterfield hosted a knock-out Sock Hop at our annual Father/Daughter dance. Our multi-purpose room was transformed into a 50's diner hangout. Girls donned scarves, bermudas, cardigans and poodle skirts, while dads pulled out those loafers and leather jackets. Thanks to **Sarah Nagel, Meg Carson, Annette Radogna, Elaine Uyesaka, Kelly Delong** and **Jennifer Graf** for their help.

Believe it or not, planning for next year's FFC events has already begun. Special thank you to **Rocco Greco**, treasurer, for leading the budget process. Due to the economy and district budget cuts, will be watching our money more closely than ever. This means more work for Rocco, **the FFC officers**, and all **the committee chairs**. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

From the Editor

If you would like to submit something for the May issue of *Tiger Pause*, the deadline is **Friday, April 17th**. The May issue will be distributed to families on Tuesday, May 5th.

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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