



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Greetings Dingeman Families!

On behalf of Kimie Lochtefeld, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you back for another wonderful year at Dingeman Elementary School. I am confident that this year will be a successful one. This success will be shown through the commitment of the teachers, parents and staff that work as a team for the good of our students.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Mr. Michael Beraud, our new Vice Principal. He will be a positive support and addition to our school. We are excited to share with him all that our Dingeman Family has to offer.

I can tell you from my years of experience throughout the district, that the parent support we have here is truly unique. Given the continued extraordinary effort, support and encouragement from you, our parents and community, we will enjoy another year of student growth in academics, leadership and social development.

In partnership for excellence,

Jan Kaneko

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sept. 18: FFC Forms Deadline
- Sept. 23: Art Corps Orientation, 9:15am
- Sept. 23: FFC Budget Meeting, 6:30pm
- Sept. 25: Picture Day
- Oct. 2: Family Movie Night
- Oct. 9: Pledge Drive Ends
- Oct. 16: Makeup Picture Day
- Oct. 23: Bingo Night
- Oct. 28: FFC Meeting, 6:30pm

## GROCERY CARD RENEWAL TIME

It's time again to renew your VONS, Albertsons, and Ralphs accounts. In order for Dingeman FFC to continue receiving contributions from these grocery stores, you need to re-enroll every year. Simply go to their websites and renew. It's quick and easy. The FFC counts on these contributions each year to fund our various enrichment programs.

### VONS:

Go to [www.escrrip.com](http://www.escrrip.com) and click on the "Renew Now" button before November 1 for uninterrupted contributions.

### RALPHS:

Go to [www.Ralphs.com](http://www.Ralphs.com) or use the scanbar letter at the register starting September 1, 2009

- Members who are currently enrolled in the Ralphs Community Contribution Program will remain active until August 31, 2009.
- Due to this registration period, new registrants will not be accepted during the month of August 2009.
- Even if you registered as recently as June or July 2009, you will be required to register again, on or after 9/1/09.

### ALBERTSONS:

Go to: [www.albertsons.com](http://www.albertsons.com)

- If you haven't done so before, enter your zip code in the Get Started section
- Click on "In the Community"
- Click on the Community Partners logo
- Click on "Shoppers login or register with your Preferred Savings Card first".



**Note:** You will need your Preferred Card Number AND phone number that you used when you signed up for the card. If you cannot enter the site with your Preferred Card number and phone number please call General Customer Service: 877/932-7948 to update your record so that you can access the site.



## A MESSAGE FROM THE FFC

Greetings Dingeman Community,

Welcome to the start of another great year at Dingeman! The FFC, your parent-teacher organization, is ready to go with wonderful programs, fabulous enrichment activities and much needed extra funding for our students. This year our campus will benefit from Art Corps, Rockin' Science, grade-level grants, family enrichment nights, and so much more--all supported by the FFC. In order to ensure that this year is another success, the FFC needs your help. We can't do it without your support!

Historically, Dingeman has been one of the top performing schools in the district and that is due in part to the active involvement and generosity of our families and community. As we begin the 2009-2010 school year, I am hopeful that you will help us meet our goals. Our annual Pledge Drive is underway and your participation is a vital part of our success. Your support allows us to make so many wonderful things possible for Dingeman.

I encourage you to **return your pledge drive card by Friday, October 9th**. Our goal each year is to reach 100% participation from all families. This is easily achieved simply by returning your pledge card. Donations of all amounts are appreciated.

I also encourage you to become one our many Dingeman volunteers. There are opportunities both in and out of the classroom and the gift of your time is truly priceless. Please return your volunteer form by this Friday, September 18th. You will be so glad you did!

My best wishes to all of our families for a fabulous school year. I look forward to serving you and I am thrilled to be part of such an outstanding community!

Lisa Stone , FFC President, 2009-2010  
ffc.president@yahoo.com

### FORMS, FORMS, & MORE FORMS...

Please remember to turn in your FFC forms by this Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. On back-to-school night you received the following forms in your FFC Welcome Packet:

- Volunteer Form
- Email Tree Form
- T-shirt Order Form
- eScrip Registration Form



**All forms can be returned to your child's classroom.**

### ENROLLMENT FORMS

Student K-12 Enrollment Forms were due Friday, Sept.11. If you have not turned in your form, please do so as soon as possible. Make sure the form is filled out completely and signed.

### PHONE CALL REMINDER



Please ensure that our children's instructional time is not disrupted by phone calls to the classroom during the school day. For example, if your child is leaving early, please send a note to the teacher in the morning instead of asking the office to connect you to the classroom. Our students and our teachers greatly appreciate it!

### ART CORPS NEWS

Calling all new and seasoned Dingeman Parents! We are looking for wonderful volunteers to lead art lessons in your child's classroom! For new families to Dingeman, Art Corps is a program that brings art into the classroom, taught by volunteer parents who are trained in specific art lessons. Art Corps is a great way to volunteer your time at Dingeman! Absolutely NO art experience or talent is necessary — you are taught everything you need to know. Working parents, this is a great way to volunteer on an occasional basis in your child's classroom. Share the duties with other parents (or grandparents!) and it's even easier! Art Corps brings smiles to all the students!

We'd like to introduce the wonderful Art Corps Team:

- Volunteer Coordinator: Liz Clark
- Supply Coordinators: Sue Jones and Michelle Hoagland
- Art Show: Anna Calini

If you have any questions, please contact one of us!

Many Thanks,  
Annette Radogna and Becky Walton  
Art Corps Co-Administrators  
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**Our annual Art Corps Orientation will be on Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:15 a.m. in the multipurpose room. All volunteers are encouraged to attend.**



## DINGEMAN PLEDGE DRIVE 2009 — MISSION...POSSIBLE!

Simply by returning your Pledge Drive card you can help Dingeman achieve its goal of 100% participation for this year's Pledge Drive! Year after year, Dingeman families have shown their generous support by participating in our annual Pledge Drive and we hope this tradition continues.

The FFC's Pledge Drive seeks voluntary donations from each family at Dingeman to supplement areas where district funding has been cut or is insufficient to meet operating needs and to provide enrichment opportunities that enhance the standard curriculum. Some examples of items we hope to fund this year are:

- Rockin' Science program
- Art Corps
- Visual and Performing Arts
- Classroom and grade level grants
- Honor Choir
- Technology – equipment and support
- Library
- ...and so much more!

Each student will receive a Pledge Drive packet to bring home by the end of the first week of school. In this packet you will find more information about this fundraiser plus a Pledge card and envelope. Our goal is to have everyone participate and **return Pledge Cards by October 9<sup>th</sup>** as a show of support for the education our children receive.

When you donate to the Pledge Drive, 100% of your donation stays at the school. Unlike other school fundraisers, there are very few costs associated with running the Pledge Drive. The FFC is a non-profit organization and contributions are fully tax deductible for most families.

Donations are voluntary and confidential. While any amount you are able to give is gratefully appreciated, we do have two suggested levels of giving listed on the Pledge Cards. The \$180 Dingeman Pledge amounts to \$1 for each day a student will be in school this year. The Premium Pledge recognizes those individuals who contribute at least \$225 per student with a limited edition Dingeman tote bag and a Dingeman yearbook.

We also strongly encourage you to check whether your employer has a donation matching program for which we qualify. Last year, we were able to raise nearly \$15,000 thanks to those families who took the time to initiate the corporate match process. We are so grateful to these companies and their employees for supporting our school last year:

- Amylin
- BAE Systems
- BD Bioscience
- Geico
- Hewlett Packard
- Intuit
- Motorola
- Nokia
- Northrup-Grumman
- Pfizer
- Prudential
- Qualcomm
- Sempra
- Wells Fargo

If you have any questions about the Pledge Drive please contact the Pledge Drive Co-Chairs Michelle Defelippi ([mdefelippi@san.rr.com](mailto:mdefelippi@san.rr.com)) or Beth Rubé ([psbejr@att.net](mailto:psbejr@att.net)).

The 2009 Pledge Drive runs from September 11<sup>th</sup> – October 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Help us achieve our *Mission: Possible* for the students of Dingeman. Return your Pledge Card today!**



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## MOVIE NIGHT IS BACK! LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION!

Back by popular demand is Movie Night! Sponsored by the FFC, the event is FREE for all Dingeman students and their families. Dress in your jammies, bring pillows and blankets, and get ready to snuggle up and watch a movie in the multipurpose room. It's great family fun!

Our first movie night will be **Friday, October 2nd**. Mark your calendars! The concession stand will be open before the movie and during intermission. The exact event time and movie showing will be posted soon, so keep your eyes open!

We are also looking for parent volunteers to help out with the event. If you didn't sign up at the volunteer fair, please contact us if you are interested in helping out.

Movie Night Chairpersons

Becky Walton and Annette Radogna

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## THANK YOU DINGEMAN COMMUNITY!

Thank you to our many volunteers who set aside personal time this summer to help us prepare for the start of the school year:

Letty Butcher	Liz Jumayao
Liz Clark	Ann Kana
Jamie Curtis	Vishal Kanodia
Michelle Defelippi	Valerie Layen
Jennifer Drees	Lana Leggett
Jane Edmondson	Evelyn Lopez
Nancy Emtage	Savi Madan
Marla Farias	Marian Plunkett
Angela Garcia	Paty Portal
Rocco Greco	Annette Radogna
Sandy Heim	Beth Rube
Karen Hern	John Tannone
Christine Izzo	Becky Walton
Teresa James	

## TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

Thanks to funds provided by Prop S, San Diego Unified is rolling out its 5-year plan to outfit all classrooms with some of the latest technology. In this first year of the i21 Interactive Classroom Initiative, all 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classrooms throughout the district will be receiving the following amazing tools:

- An interactive white board system (screens will be either 78" or 98")
  - Teacher laptop station
  - Netbooks for each student
  - Printer
- ...and so much more!



Grades K-2 and grades 4-5 are scheduled to receive their technology upgrades starting in 2010 through 2013. Middle schools and high schools are also part of this same initiative.

Our third graders will surely be talking about these great new tools. Be sure to stop by one of our third grade classrooms to have a look!

## ROCKIN' SCIENCE!

- 5th grade CST science scores increased from 88% to 98% proficient in the '08/'09 school year. Congratulations to both the students and the staff!
- FFC looks forward to another year of partnering with our teachers to deliver engaging science enrichment. Our instructors have designed lessons and experiments that will be both fun and packed with scientific investigation.
- Volunteers for each classroom are needed to help students with hands-on experiments. With **only an hour** of your time, you will help students have an enriching experience that complements the curriculum. Contact Liz Clark at [ffc.volunteer@yahoo.com](mailto:ffc.volunteer@yahoo.com).
- Second through fifth grade students will receive six lessons, starting in late September. Kindergarten and first grade will start in January, with four sessions planned.

## DROP OFF REMINDER

For the safety of our children and to help our student safety patrol, please remember that the parking lot is closed prior to drop off in the morning and pick up in the afternoon. The parking lot will be roped off at the following times:

<b>M – F: 8:45 – 9:05am</b>
<b>M-W, F: 3:20 – 3:45pm</b>
<b>Th: 12:30-1:05pm</b>

## FROM THE EDITOR

In an effort to reduce cost and be environmentally friendly, most issues of the Tiger Pause newsletter will be a 2-page bulletin format. More detailed information on Dingeman events will be sent to you via the Dingeman email tree, and posted on the Dingeman website. The deadline for the next Tiger Pause Bulletin is Friday, September 18th. It will be distributed on Tuesday, October 6th.

Please contact me via email regarding submissions.

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