



A Word from our Principal

Greetings Dingeman Families and Community,

Spring has sprung and our students have been working really hard this month! We are looking forward to the upcoming CST statewide assessment. Our students in grades 2-5 will be tested in English Language Arts, Math and all 5th graders in Science on April 23-May 2nd. Please make sure your child comes to school every day well rested and well fed.

Please join us for a special Earth Day Kickoff on April 22nd at 9:05 a.m. on the white top. We will be having school-wide celebrations and activities throughout the day. I'd like to thank our third grade teacher, Mrs. Sara Church and her Team Green for leading this event! We will have a variety of community partners like I Love a Clean San Diego, The San Diego Zoo, Urban Corps, PEAK Science, Master Gardeners, with aquaponic and composting demonstrations to name a few! We will release butterflies and ladybugs for our grand finale! If you'd like to get involved, please email sara.church@sandi.net. We could use the extra help!

I'd like to thank our FFC, SSC and staff for being so collaborative during our budget building process. It's wonderful to be so aligned with our priorities and putting our students first!

In Partnership for Excellence,
Kimie Lochtefeld, Dingeman Principal

FFC Calendar

April 17, Wed — Art Corps Matting
April 18, Thurs — FFC Budget Committee 9:15am
April 24, Wed — FFC Meeting/Elections 6:30pm
April 26, Fri — Bob Dingeman Day
April 28, Sun — SPRING CARNIVAL



Imagination Machine Comes to Dingeman

The Imagination Machine came to perform at Dingeman Elementary on Tuesday, March 12th. This wonderful assembly promotes and celebrates creative writing by acting out stories written by our very own students. Prior to the assembly all Dingeman students (grades K-5) had the opportunity to write their story and submit it to The Imagination Machine. Over 500 students submitted stories, and nine were selected to have them performed at the assembly. As the performers announced the names of the selected authors their faces lit up with pride and joy. Having the opportunity to see their stories come to life was not only entertaining but also inspiring. As the kids were leaving the assembly they could be overheard planning their stories for next year's assembly. After the assembly the selected authors were brought up on stage to be recognized and were each given a certificate of achievement. Dingeman is so proud of all of the students who submitted stories and we look forward to having the Imagination Machine come to perform again next year!





Dingeman Father Daughter Dance

This year's dance was fun filled with our 60's inspired "Peace & Love" theme. Thank you to all the dads that brought their daughters to this annual event! With record breaking attendance, we enjoyed an evening filled with music, dancing, appetizers and desserts, as well as fabulous raffle prizes that went to several lucky winners! We would like to thank our local sponsors for donating to this wonderful night:

Dr. Christopher Maulik
Bumper Doc
Ballast Point Brewing
Buca di Beppo
Callahan's
Chloe's Carousel
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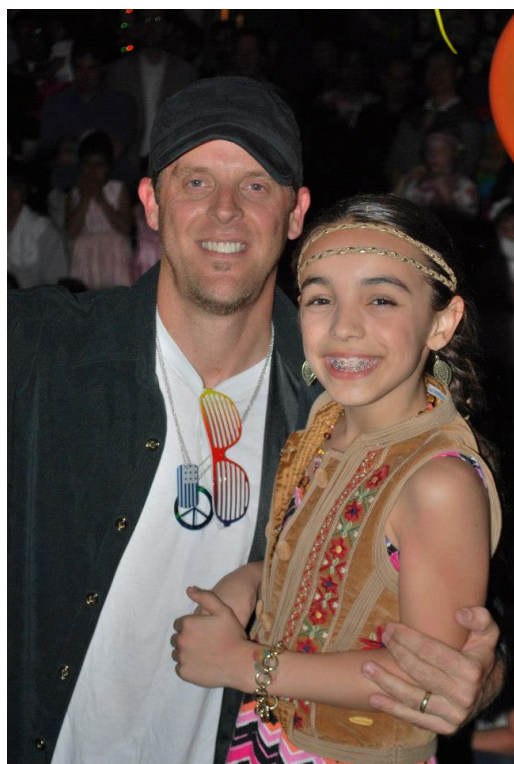
Men's Wearhouse
Nothing Bundt Cakes
On the Border
San Diego Ice Arena
Stater Bros.
UltraLux Spa
Vons
Yanni's Bistro



The Hansen girls and their dad come all dressed up.

A special THANK YOU to all of the Dingeman parent volunteers that helped make this night possible. Together we created an evening filled with lasting memories for the fathers and daughters. We could not have done this event without your help!

With Gratitude,
Lisa Divona & Gloria Isham



Darrik and Natalie Isham win the dance contest and a yummy cake donated by Nothing Bundt Cakes.





Disco Dancers for Downs

Remember the 70s? Disco dancing was the fad! This year, the fifth graders at Dingeman learned and practiced a disco routine. They were one of the head-lining performances at a Downs Syndrome Awareness fund raiser at Balboa Park. At the Organ Pavilion several performers including Aaron Kramer, Aaron Foerster, Anish Chigurupati, Silja Ortlieb, Rachel Luxton, Toby Laskowski, Priya Khandelwal, Cindy Ham, Shravya Sanigepalli, Sophia Milanov, Sam Xiong, Kyla Yu-Swanson and Stevie Leung were on stage wearing headbands, colorful sunglasses, bell bottoms and peace signs as they gyrated on stage to the beat of the disco music.

Afterwards, they walked with the Downs Syndrome kids on a parade through Balboa Park. They helped raise awareness and thousands of dollars toward this cause. Their community service supported many people across the nation affected by Downs. They were incredible! Who knew community service could be this fun!

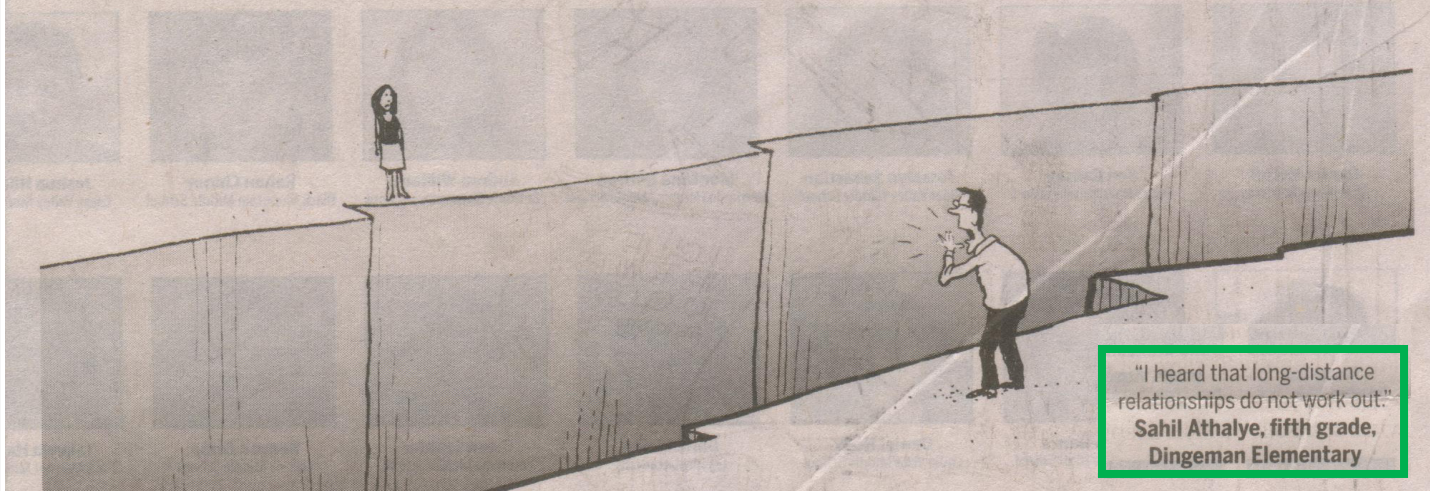


Dingeman 5th Grader wins UT The Cartoon Caption Contest

During the week of March 18th, fifth grade students met Steve Broom (thanks to Diane Gonzalez), Pulitzer Prize winning author and editorial cartoonist at the Union Tribune. While bringing characters to life right before their eyes, he advised them to read, read, and read some more. Students were then encouraged to send in their captions to him for the March 24th edition. Sahil Athalye in Mrs. Becker's class was one of the two K-12 winners. Congratulations to Sahil and all who entered!

THE CARTOON CAPTION CONTEST

Over half the entries this week were a variation on the fault theme ... "It's not my fault," "This is all your fault," etc. It's hard to fault us for choosing Paul Drago's pothole caption for the top pick. Nice work, PD. He will receive Steve Broom's signed original in the mail. Thanks to all those who participated. The cartoon for next week's contest is below. To enter, email your caption along with your name, address and phone number to cartooncontest@utsandiego.com by 2 pm Wednesday. Remember to limit your submissions to three and please keep 'em brief. Good luck!





ALOHA! GRAB YOUR LEI...

**Dingeman Elementary School's
Annual Spring Carnival**

HAWAIIAN STYLE

**SUNDAY, APRIL 28
12 - 4 PM**



Enjoy Carnival Games

Rock Climbing Wall
Survivor Obstacle Course
Inflatable Speed Pitch
20' Fun Slide
Ever-Popular Cake Walk
Velcro Climbing Wall



Fantastic Silent Auction!

Autographed art and sports memorabilia
Outpost Summer Camps
Hornblower Cruises
More than 30 fantastic gift baskets

San Diego Zoo's Dr. Zoolittle Show, 1:30 pm
Opportunity Drawings ~ Kids dance party, 3:30 - 4 pm
Cool off with Wahine Kai Shave Ice

**LUNCH FRESHLY PREPARED BY
THE HAMBURGER FACTORY**

at Dingeman Elementary School, 11840 Scripps Creek Drive



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We still have room for more sponsors, vendors, and donations! Please contact Annette at [annetteradogna@gmail.com] or Becky at [beckywalton@san.rr.com].





SPRING CARNIVAL TICKET PRESALES* APRIL 22-26 *BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL*BUY AHEAD AND SAVE FOR YOUR FAMILY!

BEST VALUE PACKAGES

Package A- 15 Game/Food Court Tickets + 10 Opportunity Drawing Tickets for \$22

Package B- 30 Game/Food Court Tickets + 15 Opportunity Drawing Tickets for \$35

Package C- 50 Game/Food Court Tickets + 20 Opportunity Drawing Tickets for \$55

GAME/FOOD COURT TICKETS

30 Game/Food Court Tickets for \$25

****Day of Event = \$1.00 per Ticket****

***These tickets are good for ALL games, food court items and inflatable attractions**

Food Court Items: popcorn, cotton candy, candy, drinks, frozen treats, +

Wahine Kai Shave Ice

OPPORTUNITY DRAWING (Raffle Style) PRIZE TICKETS

12 OPPORTUNITY DRAWING Tickets for \$10

****Day of Event = \$1.00 per Ticket****

MEAL TICKETS

Lunch provided by THE HAMBURGER FACTORY, cooked fresh at the Carnival!

Presale Price: \$5 per meal! (\$6 if purchased on Day of Event!)

Meal includes: entrée, chips and a drink

Entrée choice of: Hawaiian Chicken Sandwich, Hamburger, Hot Dog or Veggie Burger

We will have LIMITED QUANTITIES OF visors, flower hair clips, necklaces, sunglasses, and key chains, etc. for sale as well. These SELL OUT usually by midweek! \$1-3 per item

NEW THIS YEAR: DONATE CANNED SODAS FOR THE CARNIVAL RECEIVE ONE FREE OPPORTUNITY DRAWING TICKET PER 12-PACK! Coke, Diet Coke, Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, 7 up and Sprite please (name brands)

BRING TO PRESALES TABLE!



DONATE BAKED GOODS
FOR THE
SPRING CARNIVAL CAKEWALK!
HOMEMADE OR STORE BOUGHT BAKED
GOODS!

PLEASE BRING TO:

The Teachers' Lounge on Friday, April 26

Or

Directly to the Carnival Cake Walk area on
Sunday, April 28 BY 9 am





Want FREE Spring Carnival Opportunity
Drawing Tickets?

Donate Canned soda to the carnival!

1 ticket per 12-pack donated!

Coke, Diet Coke, Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, 7 UP
and Sprite accepted

(name brands please)

Bring to the presales table before/after
school April 22-26