



## A Word From our Principal

December greetings!

'Tis the season to celebrate our students! In recent months, we have seen them expand their learning. Students are engaged in critical thinking in math, science and using i21 technology across the curriculum. For example, students are using the netbooks and iPads to research their own topics and present their work via Powerpoint or Keynote. One class made Keynote presentations on each of the 18 Habits of Mind!

Thanks to our generous FFC, all students have 24/7 access to Brain Pop! One class used it last month to answer self-generated questions about the presidential election process. The students were intrigued by the electoral process and used Brain Pop to research their questions to deepen their understanding of the elections.

Speaking of elections, last month we had an amazing turnout of highly qualified candidates run for Student Council. During the speeches, the audience took careful notes of the candidates' platforms. They were all very persuasive and it was not an easy choice. At the November Tiger Rally, we congratulated the candidates for running positive campaigns and then we welcomed the new 2012-13 officers!

Our Team Green motto is "Kids Can Make a Difference"! Our team provides useful tips on saving our planet with practical things we can all do. You can see how our students are leading the way as they make their daily rounds collecting recyclables. Our Team Green is led by 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher, Sara Church. Team Green analyzes each class' contribution and then the results are tabulated. Classes are recognized and honored each month at Tiger Rally for their outstanding recycling efforts! We have joined forces with the San Diego Zoo who are adopting the Team Green program as a model for other schools! **Kids can and ARE making a difference!**

It's exciting to see students collaborate, communicate, problem solve and use higher level thinking skills in their everyday lives. We are preparing our children for tomorrow's global society and community!

Ahoy! 5<sup>th</sup> grade students travel back in time as sailors on the Star of India. Aboard this tall ship, docked in the San Diego Harbor, our students learned what it was like to work together as a team as they "traveled" through rough seas! Students spent the night taking turns on the "night watch" and logged events. They enjoyed letters from home, and ate rat stew!

The Dingeman Honor Choir will be performing at the Barnes and Noble Book Fair on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Come do a little holiday shopping and support the school! Later on, catch the Honor Choir on t.v. for the "KUSI Sounds of the Seasons" holiday program running on December 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to record it for a special holiday keepsake!

Please join us for "The Story of Hansel and Gretel" a musical for kids by kids on December 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the auditorium. Thank you to our teachers, Mr. Garner Saguil and Rochelle Schwartz for a wonderful production featuring our talented students!

Have a restful Winter Break beginning Friday, Dec. 21-January 4<sup>th</sup>. School resumes on Monday, January 7 and we will have our first Tiger Rally our first day back! Until then, see you next year!

In Partnership for Excellence,  
Kimie Lochtefeld, Dingeman Principal



## Share in the Holiday Cheer at Dingeman's Holiday Book Fair & Honor Choir Concert & Family Dinner Event at Islands Restaurant!

Please join us for a special Family Dinner Night and Barnes & Noble Holiday Bookfair on Thursday, December 6th at the Barnes & Noble Mira Mesa on Westview Parkway. There will be holiday musical performances by a few of our Dingeman classes, as well as story time with some of our favorite teachers! The entertainment will conclude with a concert by our very own Honor Choir performing beautiful songs guaranteed to put you in a holiday mood, as directed by Mr. Garner Saguil, assisted by Mrs. Antonette Harris and accompanied on piano by Ms. Dolores Thomas.

The concert schedule is as follows:

### Barnes & Noble

5:15 pm – Mrs. Sousa, Mrs. Russell & Mrs. Gegg's Classes

5:40 pm – Mrs. Lee & Mrs. Daleo's classes

6:00 pm – Storytime with Teachers

7:00 pm – Honor Choir Performance

We will be in the Toys & Games area this year. This area is to the left of the electronics/NOOK area as you walk into the store.

### Bookfair information:

#### In Store: Beginning on Thursday, December 6-Thursday, December 13

Up to 20% of the proceeds comes back to Dingeman Elementary (% depends on total spend). This includes all in store purchased, including purchases made in the B&N Café.

PLEASE NOTE: You can pre-purchase Cheesecake Factory Cheesecakes and Starbucks Cranberry Bliss Bars and a percentage will also come back to Dingeman Elementary. They will simply process each of these orders the day of the bookfair and then contact you when your cheesecake arrives. What a great teacher/family gift treat or dessert to take to one of your many holiday parties!!

[Cheesecake Order Form Link](#)

[Barnes & Noble Link](#)

#### On line: Beginning on Thursday, December 6 through Tuesday, December 18, 2012

IMPORTANT: When purchasing on line you must "click here for bookfair" button during checkout process and enter our Dingeman Code: 10961910 to ensure we get credit.

Anywhere between 12-20% of proceeds will come back to Dingeman depending on purchases.

#### **GIFT CARDS:**

Gift card purchases are not eligible, however, gift cards redeemed are!

#### Islands Fine Burgers and Spirits- 12pm – close

Please provide flyer for Dingeman to receive 20% proceeds [Click Here For Info](#)



### Another Successful FFC Assembly!

Street Beat came to Dingeman to perform their re-purposed percussion show. Students were entertained, and learned the rhythmic elements of drumming.



### Message from our FFC President

It is hard to believe that the holidays are upon us and that 2013 is right around the corner. What a wonderful time to reflect upon the many benefits the FFC brings to us, our families, our schools, and our communities. I have experienced and gained a great deal as a member of the FFC. It has helped create wonderful opportunities to be involved in my children's education, provided enriching volunteer experiences, and allowed me to meet many amazing and committed parents, administrators and teachers. I hope you have found the same while volunteering your time and talents to Dingeman.

With a little more than three weeks together before we break for the holidays, our Dingeman families can look forward to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade musical performance of Hansel and Gretel, our special family dinner night and book fair at Barnes and Nobel, and another FFC Assembly. Just as the holidays are for many of us— our Dingeman campus will be busy but exciting.

May every Dingeman family enjoy peace and joy this holiday season and throughout the New Year. Thank you for all you do to enrich the lives of our students and make Dingeman such a special place for them to learn and grow.

Jaylene Farry  
FFC President

### Trashless Tuesdays at Dingeman Elementary

In November, Mrs. Church's Team Green held an assembly to educate our students on recycling. Our students then pledged to keep Dingeman green by instituting **Trashless Tuesdays**. Please support our cause by sending snacks and lunches in reusable, washable containers every Tuesday for the remainder of the year. Jerabek Elementary started this great idea last year and has found much success with it.

Because Dingeman has been bestowed the honor of being designated the **Ecology Model School** for San Diego County by our very own **San Diego Zoo**, we want to set a good example for the other schools. By taking this one small step we can make a difference in the amount of trash that ends up in our landfills.





## HONOR CHOIR TO PERFORM ON KUSI!

Be sure to tune in to KUSI (Channel 9) on December 24th and Christmas Day, to see and hear Dingeman's very own talented Honor Choir perform several holiday-inspired selections on the program entitled, *"Songs of the Holiday Season"*!

Dingeman's Honor Choir is directed by Mr. Garner Saguil, assisted by Mrs. Antonette Harris and accompanied on piano by Ms. Dolores Thomas. The songs our Honor Choir will be singing are: "Simple Gifts" accompanied on violin by 5th grader Albert Gu, "Sleep My Child" with solos by 5th graders Autumn Harris and Andrew Erickson, and "Jolly Jingle Bells". Dingeman's Honor Choir is directed by Mr. Garner Saguil, assisted by Mrs. Antonette Harris and accompanied on piano by Ms. Dolores Thomas.

The *"Songs of the Holiday Season"* program will also be broadcast on KUSI's website. The program features performances from schools from all around San Diego County, including choirs from the elementary, middle school, and high school level.

*Submitted by: Mary Hobbib*





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## Yes This Can Be Recycled



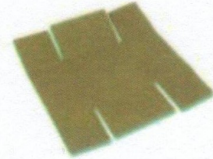
All Glass Bottles and Jars



Empty Aerosol Cans



All Plastic Bottles and Jars



Cardboard



Aluminum cans



Paper Bags



Clean Aluminum Foil, Foil Trays



Bagged Shredded Paper



Newspapers



Metal Cans



Paper or Frozen Food Boxes



Magazines and Catalogs



Mail & Envelopes



**Styrofoam**  
(Clean packaging foam only. Bag "peanuts" separately in clear bags, if possible)



**Clean Plastic Food Packaging**  
(Dispose of major food items—some residue is ok. No compostable plastic, plastic film, bags or utensils)



**Plastic Buckets, Tubs, Pots and Toys\***

\*Other non-food plastics that are accepted include large items such as plastic crates, totes, laundry baskets, pallets, and lawn furniture.