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Tiger Pause Bulletin



Sponsored by the Family Faculty Connection (FFC)

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From Our Principal

Dear Dingeman Families and Community Friends,



February is a flurry of activity! Our Tiger Rally on February 4th focused on our #6 Habit of Mind, "Striving for Accuracy" which means always doing your best, setting high standards and finding ways to improve constantly. This habit seems to be our mantra as we are always trying to improve, learn and grow! Speaking of growing stronger, all 5th graders in the district will take the Fitnessgram Physical Fitness Test during the end of the month of February through the beginning of March. We can't wait to show how healthy and fit our students are!

Our 5th graders will also be presenting our annual Colonial Williamsburg Living Museum on February 13th in the auditorium to our students and at 6:00 p.m. to families and friends.

Our students are also showing strong gains in math and reading on the district benchmarks. We are proud of our students' progress and appreciate all the hard work our teachers are doing to ensure student success for all.

The school will be closed for Presidents' Weekend on Friday, February 15-18th. School will resume on Tuesday, February 19th.

In Partnership for Excellence,
Kimie Lochtefeld



MOTHER AND SON BOWLING NIGHT

Join us in bowling
with our sons...

Saturday, February 23rd
from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

The festivities will be held
at Mira Mesa Bowl
8210 Mira Mesa Blvd

Price: \$30 per mom/son \$12 each add'l son
All inclusive: bowling, shoe rental, pizza, sweets
and souvenir photo per son

Dress like a bowling team

**** THIS IS A LIMITED SPACE EVENT. PLEASE BE SURE TO REGISTER EARLY****



The Giving Spirit...It's the Tiger Way!

"How wonderful that no one need wait a single moment to make a difference and improve the world." - Anne Frank (1929-1945); Diarist, Author

When the students in Mrs. Kimberly Trench's fourth grade classroom at Dingeman Elementary wanted to spread some holiday spirit in mid-December, they also learned important life lessons about reaching out to those in need and that the holiday season is a time for giving as well as for receiving.

Student Krista Hobbib came up with the idea for a "Holiday Book Drive" and organized the effort for her classroom. On the last day of school for 2012, the students and their families donated 24 new children's books to Hidden Valley House, a shelter for single women or men with children in domestic violence situations. Imagine how excited those children were to receive such a special gift, just in time for the holidays!

A special thanks to Rm. 3 teacher Mrs. Trench for her support and assistance, to Baby Vie clothing boutique for their assistance with the delivery of the books to Hidden Valley House, and to all the Dingeman families for their kindness and generosity.

Contributed by Mary Hobbib



Father Daughter Dance is Coming Up!

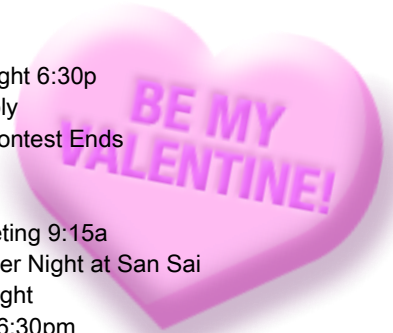
Don't forget to mark your calendars for March 15th! The Dingeman Father-Daughter Dance is coming up. This is a popular event for our Tigers so make sure to look out for ticket sales starting in late February.

This year's dance promises to be just as fun and exciting as previous years. Hope to see you there!



February Calendar of Events

- Feb 7, Thurs – T-shirt Sales
- Feb 7, Thurs – Family Art Night 6:30p
- Feb 12, Tues - FFC Assembly
- Feb 14, Thurs—Box Tops Contest Ends
- Feb 15, Fri – No school
- Feb 18, Mon – No school
- Feb 21, Thurs – Budget meeting 9:15a
- Feb 21, Thurs – Family Dinner Night at San Sai
- Feb 23, Sat—Mother Son Night
- Feb 27 Wed - FFC Meeting 6:30pm





Dear Dingeman Families,

Dingeman Elementary has a strong tradition of extraordinary enrichment for our children because of our involved parent community. Every parent makes a difference in the lives of our children by their commitment of resources, time and talent.

We are coming to you now to ask for help in the coming months so that we can continue this tradition.

Every year our Dingeman community hosts a Spring Carnival on our campus. This is a popular event that not only raises funds for our school, but is one of the highlights and most anticipated fun day of activities for our children. Without your help the Spring Carnival simply can't happen.

We have two fabulous chairs that have been working diligently with our FFC president to make this event happen this year. But, they can't do it alone. Please consider donating some of your time to help. We specifically need help with our Silent Auction and Opportunity drawing. Our goal is to form a committee of people to share the work.

If you are willing to help with this event or any other FFC committee or position, or if you can recommend someone you think would be willing to help, please contact us ASAP. We have listed our available positions below with a brief description.

Spring Carnival Silent Auction	Help gather and organize baskets and items for the silent auction, set up and run the auction during Spring Carnival	2 or more volunteers
Teacher Opportunity Drawing	Organize the teacher portion of the opportunity drawing.	2 volunteers

There are many great opportunities available for everyone. Please consider how you can help.

Thank you,

Nancy Emtage (n_emtage@hotmail.com)

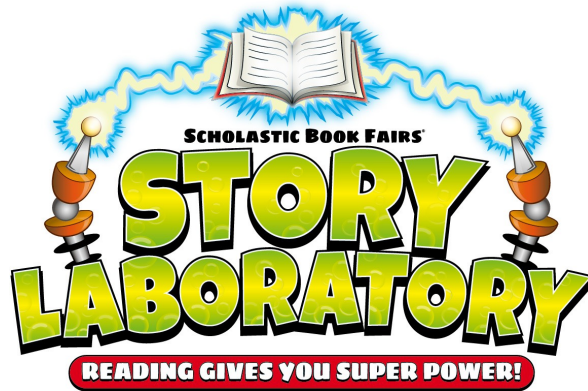
FFC Vice President

When Families are involved our students

**Achieve higher grades*

**Have Better Attendance*

**Demonstrate more Positive Attitudes.*



Book Fair:

Don't forget to mark your calendar for Dingeman's annual Scholastic Book Fair, Monday 3/4/13 – Friday 3/8/13.

Hours:

- Mon 3/4 8:30am – 4:00pm
- Tues 3/5 8:30am – 9:15am - Muffin Morning
- Tues 3/5 8:30am – 4:00pm
- Wed 3/6 8:30am – 3:00pm
- Wed 3/6 Family Night, 5:30 – 7:30pm
- Thurs 3/7 8:30am – 1:30pm
- Fri 3/8 8:30am – 10:30am

Each class will have the opportunity to visit the Book Fair with their teacher during this week. Students may purchase books at that time, before or after school, or may fill out a wish list to take home. Don't forget to include sales tax of 8.0% if writing a check, payable to "Dingeman FFC." Credit cards are also accepted (VISA, Mastercard, Discover, American Express), no debit cards or prepaid credit cards. All sales are final, no exchanges.

Join us for Muffin Morning on Tuesday 3/5 where you can enjoy coffee and a muffin as you visit the book fair.

On our family night, Wednesday, March 6, 2013, we will have guest readers and opportunity drawings held every 15 minutes with prizes such as posters, t-shirts, books, and more!

We're looking for volunteers to help out by straightening up books, assisting students in selecting books, and setting up and tearing down the book fair. Contact n_emtage@hotmail.com, harriet_hall@hotmail.com, lobinghua@gmail.com or simartas@yahoo.com if you are interested.

All Book Fair proceeds go to purchase books for Dingeman's Library and Teachers. Last year we purchased over \$12,000 in books!

Thanks and see you at the Book Fair!

Harriet Hall, Simi Sandhu, Christine Jang and Nancy Emtage
Book Fair Co-Chairs