

THE COMPASS



Get Involved in Our Foundation

We have a need for a number of parents to work with Principal Johnson in forming our Foundation. Some of the individuals who helped start our Foundation are no longer able to serve during this current year; hence, we do need to fill these positions. Due to state and district budget constraints, it is important to make our foundation a viable source of funds to support programs for students in the arts, physical education, and science. If you are interested in continuing our vision of providing our students with an optimal educational experience, please call Principal Johnson at school. Look for a meeting in January to discuss next steps in getting our Foundation up and running.

December Highlights

Literacy Night @ Barnes & Noble (CMR) with Pat & Oscar's family dinner night for DSES	Raised more than \$300. Thank you!
Girls' Night Out at 4S Commons (begins at Capri Blu)	Thurs 12/4 6 to 10 pm \$10
Friday Flag Days	Fri 12/5 and Fri 12/19
Earthquake Drill	Fri 12/5 1:15 to 2:15 pm
Winter Recess- No School	Mon 12/22 to Fri 1/4

A Message from Principal Doug Johnson

Greetings Del Sur Explorers!

It is hard to believe that we are already in the holiday season. I wish you and your family a joyous season. I want to reiterate how thankful I am to be associated with Del Sur. I am thankful for the happy, energetic, and curious children who allow me to share their world with them. I am also thankful for the warm, caring, competent teachers and support staff on our site. Finally, I am thankful for our supportive parents, volunteers, and PTA officers and members.

During the month of December, we will be focusing on the character pillar of "Caring". Our student council will be conducting a food drive during the month of December to support The San Diego Food Bank. Also, the PTA will be overseeing the district's Adopt a Family Program which supports families in need in our

district. It is wonderful to be associated with a campus that reaches out to its community. It is part of our culture, and it is "The Explorer Way!"

I would like to thank our PTA for all their work with our recently completed Gift Wrap sales. Our school was able to earn over \$5,000. This money will be used to support many PTA programs on our campus that enrich our students' educational experiences on our site. In particular, this money is helping to support music education on our campus. Please continue to support all our ongoing fundraising efforts such as Box Tops for Education, E-Scrip, Ralphs, and our restaurant nights. Through these various programs, we will be able to offset some of the budgetary constraints imposed on our school and district.

If you have not done so, please have your children work on some of the various websites on the pusdparentguide.com site. This site is an effective resource in helping your child with their academics. All of the websites listed are free to use and directly correlate to the California state standards. Also, continue having your children work on Reading Plus and Lexia at home as well.

Thank you for being a supportive partner in your child's education. We appreciate all of your efforts! Once again, best wishes during the holiday season. Make some lasting memories with your precious children.

See you on campus,
Mr. Johnson
Principal

Thurs. 12/4 Holiday Shopping Event Benefits Del Sur PTA

Join your girlfriends for the inaugural **Holiday Girls' Night Out at 4S Commons this Thursday, Dec. 4th from 6 to 10 p.m.** Eat, drink, shop and socialize!



Events:

6 pm Free appetizers and refreshment specials at Capri Blu
6:30 pm and 7:30 pm Fashion shows at Capri Blu

8 to 10 pm Desserts, spa specials and raffle prize drawing at East of Eden
To 10 pm Shopping! Treats and specials at nearly 20 participating boutiques

Please call Gaby at 858.229.2293 with any questions. See you gals at GNO Thursday!

All shopping pass sales benefit Del Sur PTA. For \$10, gain an all-access ticket to the nights' festivities. Buy your pass at the front office or from DelSurPTA@yahoo.com.



*Happy Holidays
Explorers!*

A Note from Marla Vandling, PTA President

Seasons greetings to all! As we enter the busy holiday season, we are reminded of all we are thankful for....a brand new school full of mind-blowing technology, talented and amazing teachers and staff and most importantly, the best group of young Explorers!

November brought us a fun-filled family lunch, a treatfully fun Scoop Night at Maggie Moos, a successful family movie night as well as an informative and triumphant school

dedication. We are all so proud of our school.

The PTA is busy planning our Spring Programs and Fundraisers. If you would like to help out or have any comments, suggestions or fresh ideas, please contact me directly at marlavandling1@yahoo.com.

Please buy your "pass" to FUN for \$10 and join fellow moms and community members at the 4S Commons fun-filled evening of cocktails and shopping! The first annual Girls' Night Out at 4S Commons is Thursday, December 4th.

Visit www.delsurpta.com for more details.

Please read the weekly Compass Pointe email newsletters and check out our amazing new website: www.delsurpta.com to learn what the PTA is doing!

Have a safe and merry holiday season!

Thank you,

Marla Vandling



Peer Models Needed for Preschool Program

Del Sur has two preschool programs to serve 3 to 5 year old children with special needs. The children who have special needs may experience difficulty in one or more of the following areas; speech and language, play skills, social skills or developmental delays.

The success of the program greatly depends on the inclusion of children without special needs who

act as models as all children learn together.

This is a language/play-based program with a developmental curriculum including music and rhythm, self help skills, thinking/problem solving skills, social skills, pre academic readiness skills and speech and language.

We are currently looking for peer models to join our classroom.

For more information please contact:

Debbie Knuth at 858-674-6200 ext. 6346 or Susan McNichol at 858-674-6200 ext. 6328

Thank you.

DSES Recognized as CBS 8 "Cool School"



Yep, we bragged about this last month. But we want to share all the good news about Del Sur Elementary that aired on CBS 8 for their "Cool School" segment. The full article is reprinted below. Be sure to check out their web site to watch the video:

http://www.cbs8.com/community/cool_school/

Del Sur -- Global seminars, teleconferencing, it sounds like the daily agenda for San Diego's leading bio-tech firms. Think again, it's actually the curriculum at Poway School District's newest campus Del Sur Elementary - home of the Explorers.

"You can explore the school just like you can explore the world when you get older," said Sabrina.

These explorers are on a mission to become 21st century global citizens.

"We are a brand new school with a vision of the 21st century," explained Principal Doug Johnson.

This \$30 million campus has just about everything to help equip global thinkers.

"The design of the school is to give students that notion that the world is at their feet," Johnson continued.

As students enter the educational mall, the incredible architectural design inspires imagination and intellectual wonder.

"With the look at the hydrosphere moving into the biosphere and geosphere and ultimately takes a look at the stratosphere," said Johnson. "Beyond what anybody would believe would be in an elementary school, it's definitely phenomenal."

Inside the classroom, learning promotes inquiry, discovery and college readiness.

"This school's goal is to get us all into college," said Chris.

Every classroom adopts a different university. Ms. Schofield's 3rd graders represent USC.

"Well, I want to go to USC because I bet you it would be really nice, and I can play for the football team there," Ty said.

Rigorous academics, such as Del Sur's math program combine technology and innovative curriculum to

challenge students to rise beyond their potential.

"We have all this technology here that helps us with everything. The teachers are great," said Chris.

Del Sur's mission is to be technologically progressive while instilling tolerance and respect for diversity.

"We are a sister school to a school in China and TJ and our students are busy doing video conferencing and doing email with students in those other countries," said Johnson.

"It's good cause we're really getting a good education," noted Ty.

And Del Sur's Explorers will be ready for any global challenge.

Congratulations To Del Sur Elementary - 8's Cool School Of The Week !

Sign Up for School Pulse!

SchoolPulse.com is a new website designed to help parents, as well as teachers, PTA leaders, and anyone else with active kids, save time and improve their effectiveness with a robust set of easy-to-use calendars and group management tools.

If Del Sur Elementary can get at least 100 people to sign up at SchoolPulse.com, PTA will earn \$1 per signup. You can opt-out of email notifications when you join and no address is required.



Please sign up today and help us earn this free money. We're already 17% there!

Here's the link: www.schoolpulse.com/million

Thanks!

Del Sur Elementary Dedicated as a “Green School”



With students singing and parents cheering, the new Del Sur Elementary School was formally dedicated on Nov. 14.

A showcase of forward-thinking sustainable practices, Del Sur Elementary was heralded as a “green school” by principal Doug Johnson, who said its “green nature is in alignment with the ideals of the Del Sur community.”

Planned as an old-fashioned neighborhood school that fosters community connections, Del Sur Elementary is registered with the Collaborative for High Performance Schools (CHPS), a nationwide K-12 green rating program. The goal of CHPS is to facilitate the construction of schools that not only are energy- and resource-efficient, but also healthy, comfortable, well lighted and containing the

amenities for a quality education.

“I want to thank Black Mountain Ranch [developer of Del Sur] for having the vision to make a school — and not a shopping center — the centerpiece of their community,” said Todd Gutschow of the Poway Unified School District’s Board of Education.

About 800 students from preschool through fifth grade eventually will be accommodated in the 81,000-square-foot facility. The school is centrally located within Del Sur and nearly all of its students live within easy walking or biking distance to the 10-acre campus that has a street-front location. Other neighborhood connections include the school’s large multi-purpose room with a stage, which will be available

for future use by the Del Sur community, as well as the school’s athletic field. Basketball courts and playground structures also will serve the community in the future, and Del Sur Elementary will operate a number of after-school programs.

“We set out to build a school that brought back an old fashioned sense of community with a new sense of sustainability and sensibility to the environment,” said Fred Maas, president and CEO of Black Mountain Ranch, who noted that the school’s construction emphasizes high-tech, Earth-friendly building and design practices in tandem with quality craftsmanship and historical San Diego architectural styles.



Character Counts! Celebrates Caring This Month

December celebrates a tradition of caring as we remind ourselves to express this trait all through the year.

We’ll wear RED on Mondays to show our commitment to caring. Simply think of the color of our hearts to help you remember. Caring is the heart of ethics, and ethical decision making. Ethics is essentially about good relations with others.

The highest form of caring is the honest expression of benevolence, or altruism.



Here are helpful reminders about caring for our children and each other:

- * Be kind
- * Be compassionate and show you care
- * Express gratitude
- * Forgive others
- * Help people in need

Volunteer Shout Out! Folks Making a Big Difference for Our Kids

Thank You Volunteers! The PTA Board is only a handful of dedicated folks, and we depend on the involvement of other parent and family volunteers to pull off successful programs. Please continue to share your time, energy and enthusiasm to make school a wonderful experience for our children. We appreciate you more than we can express!

Shop for Holidays and Raise Funds for School

Several holiday shopping partners will donate part of their proceeds to Del Sur Elementary. Shop for a great cause!



Innisbrook.com is a great place to shop for those remaining holiday gifts as well as birthdays, anniversaries and teacher gifts throughout the year. And DSE PTA earns nearly 50% of each purchase you make online.

In addition to wrapping paper and gourmet foods, you'll find unique gift items, children's books, magazines, toys, stationery and calendars, school supplies and grade-level learning tools.

Please enter school # 112523 when you shop at www.innisbrook.com or search for Del Sur Elem. Thank you!



Shop for all your holiday festivities at Ralph's and earn FREE MONEY for DSE PTA by joining the Ralph's Community Contribution Program!

Register at www.Ralphs.com, enter your Ralph's Club Card number, and make sure to add Del Sur Elementary PTA (90949) to your Club Card account. You will soon see "DSE PTA" on the bottom of each of your Ralphs receipts as your organization of choice for Ralphs contributions.

Need a Club Card? Stop by Ralphs.



Make the holidays easier! Shop online while raising money for Del Sur Elementary. The eScrip Online Mall allows you to shop at hundreds of popular online merchants while earning up to 16% for our school.

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3:

1. Enroll at www.eScrip.com and enter our school name or group ID #: 500018976. Register your Von's and Macy's cards, too, for additional earnings throughout the year.
2. Visit www.shopping.escrip.com
3. Shop at your favorite stores.

Scoop Night at Maggie Moo's Raises \$312!

Del Sur Elementary has a bit of a sweet tooth and some very generous tippers—you came out for Scoop Night in droves and helped us raise big money for our programs. Thank you! We're grateful to Maggie Moo's, to all the tireless teachers, and Principal Johnson for scooping up so much ice cream for our students. We all had a wonderful time! Thank you students, parents and Del Sur community.

PTA Programs Updates

PE Equipment Campaign

Thank you, thank you, thank you! The donations we received were incredible! We have most of the items on the list, and can now successfully close out the campaign this year.

Thank you so much for your donations to support the physical activity of our children at Del Sur Elementary.



Family Multicultural Night Thurs., Jan. 29th, 5-8 pm

Let's celebrate the diversity among us and abroad! This event will be full of fun, excitement and food. We will celebrate various cultures with our children to expose them to diversity within school and around the world.

Please contact Bridgett Sellars at

sellarsfam3@msn.com if you would like to share information or activity's related to your family's culture or another culture that interests you.



Math, Science & Health Night Thurs., March 19th, 6 pm

Come and explore the world of math, science and health. Kids will work with teachers on enlightening math and science activities.

Health information will be included to support a positive lifestyle for children and families at Del Sur. Look for activities that support good nutrition and promote regular exercise during this event.

This night will be filled with fun, fitness and imagination!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Wear RED on MONDAYS for Character Color Days. December's color reflects CARING.
- Wear your favorite college colors on FRIDAYS! On FLAG FRIDAYS wear school spirit colors: maroon and gold.
- RUNNING CLUB Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:30 to 10:45 am K-2 10:50 to 11:05 Gr. 3-5 (permission slips req'd).
- SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MTG Thursday, Dec. 4, 3 pm . Meeting in Conference Room.
- GIRLS NIGHT OUT - 4S COMMONS Thursday, Dec. 4 , 6 to 10 pm Fun starts at Capri Blu in 4S Commons. Buy your shopping pass at school for \$10 or call Gaby at 858.229.2293.
- EARTHQUAKE DISASTER DRILL Friday, Dec. 5 , 1:15 to 2:15 pm NO STUDENT PICKUP DURING DRILL
- FRIDAY FLAG Fridays, Dec. 5 & 19
- PTA BOARD MTG Thursday, Dec. 11, 6:30 pm, PTA Work Room.
- WINTER RECESS Monday-Friday, Dec. 22-Jan. 2 No School Happy Holidays!

SAVE THE DATE

- FAMILY MULTICULTURAL NIGHT Thursday, Jan. 29, 5-8 pm
- MATH, SCIENCE & HEALTH NIGHT Thursday, Mar. 19th, 6 pm

December 2008 ~ Month of Caring

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Mondays = Character Color Days! RED= Caring	2	3	4 RunClub, Site Council Mtg, GNO at 4S Commons	5 Friday Flag School Colors Earthquake Drill from 1:15 to 2:15	6
7	8 Wear Red	9	10	11 Run Club PTA Board Mtg	12 College Colors	13
14	15 Wear Red	16 Run Club	17	18 Run Club,	19 Friday Flag-School Colors	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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It's never too late to join PTA and make exciting programs happen for DSES students this year. Grab a signup form in the school foyer or download at www.DelSurPTA.com. Joining costs just \$8 and does a world of good! Contact Gaby at delsurpta@yahoo.com with ?s.

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