

The Compass



This Week

All Week (8/31-9/7)

- Box Tops Contest
- Fundraising Drive

Tuesday (9/1)

- Innisbrook Gift-wrap Drive Kick Off 2pm
- Running Club begins at recess
- Art Lessons begin (Gr. K,1,2,5)

Thursday (9/3)

- Running Club at recess
- Early Dismissal 1:10
- Back To School Night, 6pm MPR

Friday (9/4)

- Art Lessons (Gr K, 1, 4)

Next Week

Monday (9/7)

- Labor Day—School closed

Tuesday (9/8)

- Dad's Club Meeting, 6:30pm Library

Captain's Corner

Principal Doug Johnson

Greetings Del Sur Explorers! We are off on our 2nd year journey. We are excited to welcome 160 **new** students to our school, with over 300 students in grades K -5 and 80 students in preschool. Our school family is growing, and we are enthusiastic.

This summer we added six new competent, caring staff members: Alex Sullivan, from Monterey Ridge, is teaching our PEPP kindergarten, while Betsy Healy, from Stone Ranch and Pam Klevesahl, from our PPAP program, are both teaching kindergarten. Margaret Crumley, from Deer Canyon, is teaching 1st Grade. April Ottavian, from Valley, is teaching second grade, and Amber Richards, from Morning Creek, is teaching our 2/3 multiage. I am pleased to have these fine educators on our campus.

Every other Friday, we conduct what we call "Friday Flag". This is a short assembly that begins promptly at 8:30 in the Rotunda. We take this time, as an entire school, to salute our country, honor fellow students, support students performances, and talk about school wide issues. Parents are always welcome at these assemblies. In addition, once a month, I will sponsor Principal Coffees immediately after Friday Flag. These coffees are designed to provide an open forum for discussion about school issues. I encourage parents to attend the next Principal Coffee on September 25th at 9:00 am.

On Thursday, September 17th we will have our 1st Foundation meeting of the year, in the library @ 6:30pm. Last year, we made good headway in establishing this important organization. Our 5K Trail Run was a great success. This year we have open board positions available and need to fill them immediately. In the face of increasing budget constraints, The Foundation provides a crucial source of funds to support students especially in the areas of technology and science. To help provide an optimal educational experience, please be a part of this important entity.

I am looking forward to a great school year. See You on Campus!

2009-2010 PTA Board

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Back To School Night

September 3rd 6pm MPR, 6:30 Classrooms

Be sure to mark your calendar for a **very important night**.

Mr. Johnson will kick off the evening explaining his focus this year. Both the PTA & Foundation will share their plans, and sign up volunteers. Classrooms open at 6:30, and parents are invited to hear about the instructional practices, procedures, and curriculum plans from their teachers. **Child care will be provided for 3& up in the MPR.**

DID YOU KNOW?

Your efforts from the **Chili's Dine Out** opportunity in August helped raise \$300 to go toward programs like Art and Music, and the upcoming Family Nights! **THANK YOU** for your support. Next dine out: 9/15! Location to be announced.



Merry's Minute
PTA
President

Welcome Explorer Families! On behalf of your 2009 – 2010 PTA Executive Board, I welcome you to Del Sur. This year we look forward to supporting your child with his or

her development in so many ways; inside and outside the classroom. We have many programs planned. We encourage you to participate in the school community by **volunteering**, and **attending** the programs, Family Lunches, Family Nights and Friday Flag assemblies. More information about what is planned can be found on our PTA website: www.delsurpta.com. Please be sure to check the site for updates.

Another way to be a part of the school community is to **join the PTA** for \$10 per person (membership form is online at www.delsurpta.com) Membership dues fund PTA programs that include Art, Music and a host of others. Due to the current education budget crisis, we are being asked to come together to fill the gaps that the state once maintained, and support our children in their quest for knowledge. **Donating time** and **funds** can help ease the impact of the larger class sizes across grade levels, and smaller school/classroom budgets. Being a PTA member, you'll be able to vote where our funds go, and access parenting resources on the State's PTA website www.capta.org.

When you join the PTA, and participate in the fundraisers, a percentage of funds come right back to our school. Information on both programs and fundraising can be found in this newsletter, and on our website.

The first PTA General Association Meeting for the year will be held September 24th, in the Multi-purpose Room (MPR) at 6PM, with a Music Show to follow. We value your input, and look forward to seeing you there.

Running Club
Chair: Jillian
Tribble



The PTA, with a generous donation from Gymninny Kids, is happy to continue to support the Running Club at Del Sur.

Students are encouraged to participate in the club at recess on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Their distance is recorded every time, and they can earn ribbons for every 5 miles they run.

Trophies will be awarded at the end of the year to the students who have run a minimum of 50 miles. Trophies will also be awarded to the top boy and girl runner.

Please be sure to send your kids to school wearing appropriate running shoes. If you do not want your child to participate in the running club, you **MUST** send back the **OPT OUT** form that can be found on the PTA website.

The Programs Place

VP Programs: Marla Vandling

Back to School Picnic

Chair: Open



Welcome back to school! We are beginning to plan the 2nd annual BTS picnic, which will take place on September 18th at 5:30-7:30. It is a great way for teachers, staff, students and families to mingle, play games, eat food and chat about the upcoming school year! If you would like to be a part of the planning or would like to volunteer at the event, please contact Marla at marlavandling1@yahoo.com.

Room Parent Committee

Chair: Marla Vandling



Room Parent volunteers are the primary link between teachers, parents, The PTA & Foundation, the home and the classroom. Room Parents coordinate the parents' support of any seasonal activities, classroom projects, school-site events and any other programs to help the teachers. If you are interested in becoming a room parent, please contact Marla. The Room Parent Committee will start up after the BTS night. Watch for a meeting date soon.

Dad's Club

Chair: Open

The Dad's Club provides an opportunity for dads to get involved with the PTA and DSE. The **1st meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 9/8 at 6:30** in the library.

Technology in Action

Chair: Marla Vandling/Megan Power

This program/committee will showcase technologies and help launch our TV studio. Quarterly technology seminars will be provided to train on various technologies and show tech tie-ins for home and school. The 1st meeting will be after BTS night. Date TBD.

REFLECTIONS

Chair: Paula Graubart

This Program recognizes the Arts and encourages students to express themselves creating original works inspired by a pre-selected theme which for 2009 – 2010 is "**Beauty is...**". The program is being planned now. See our website or contact Paula for more info.

Valuable Volunteers

VP of Volunteers: Linda Stahl

We love volunteers at Del Sur Elementary because they contribute so much time and energy to the students and staff! We do need you to comply with the district rules however. The following forms can be found at www.delsurpta.com:

- TB Testing Schedule (results good for 4 years)
- Megan's Law Background Check (new form or transfer form)
- Volunteer Interest Form (lists many opportunities)

Please also comply with Del Sur Elementary rules:

1. Sign in and out (helps us identify people on our campus)
2. Wear the visitor/volunteer sticker/badge

We are hoping to recognize volunteers at Friday Flags with a special thank you. Be sure to **sign in AND out** at the front office, so we can log your hours. You may email [Linda Stahl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Linda.Stahl@sbcglobal.net) with any questions.



THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

A special Shout Out goes to the follow people for their help with PTA Events and programs in August

Kim McKittrick	Pam Howell
Maria Donovan	Darlene
Erin Miller	Carla Trupp
Shelley Federhart	Alice Wang
Marla Vandling	Jillian Tribble
Karissa McKenna	Linda Stahl

FUNDRAISING FORCES



Innisbrook Gift Wrap Fundraiser

Chair: Alice Wang

Innisbrook gift wrap sales begin Sept 1-15th. This is our **major** fall fundraiser, and we need as many people to participate as possible. 50% of our total sales will come back to Del Sur for PTA programs. Our Goal is to raise \$10,000 to support the Art, Music and Curriculum Enrichment Programs here at DSE!

Win in more ways than 1: Besides you receiving product and the PTA gaining funds, there will be a **contest between the classes**; the 2 tops selling classrooms will receive a "Party in a Box" to celebrate their accomplishments, plus \$200 in school supplies which are desperately needed!!! If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer to help, please contact alice@torreyhighlands.com.

Community Partners:

Chair: Pam Howell



Albertson's

Purchases made at Ralph's brings \$\$ back to DSE. **ALL** Ralph's card members must re-enroll beginning September 1st and signify DSE as the recipient of the Community Partners program. More info will be available at BTS night. Be sure to bring your card.

If you don't have a card, pick one up at the store, and sign up online. Last year, PTA earned over \$800 in one quarter with just 35 families signed up!

ALL Albertson's Preferred Savings Card holds need to re-link their card to DSE. You may do this at <http://www.albertsons.com/cp>, using DSE Community Partner ID # 49001017088. Or add your name and card number to the sign-up sheet located in the lobby and at our BTS events. Enter your name, Preferred Savings Card number, and telephone number. This list will be mailed to Albertson's, who will re-link for you!



Von's shoppers & Macy's credit card holders, go to www.escrip.com and enter Del Sur Elementary, or our group id# 500018976 to re-link your cards to Del Sur Elementary School.

Link your credit cards with other partners also. Enter your number into the secure Escript system and when you make a purchase at a partner, DSE receives a % back! Great way for extended family to support our school!



BOX TOPS

The Box Tops contest runs through October 23rd. Students who turn in 10 Box Tops will receive a coupon for a free otter pop (sold on Thursdays) and a chance to win a raffle prize at Friday Flag. In our 1st week at school, our Explorers have turned in **\$93** worth of Box Tops! Great Job!!

Campbell's

DSE collects Campbell's labels, and submits them for educational merchandise. Teaming up with Ralph's we can **earn 2x as many points!** Go to www.elabelsforeducation.com to register. Set up an account by entering your Ralph's card # & answer a few simple questions. Then choose DSE to receive your points. Now, every time you shop at Ralph's & purchase eligible Labels for Education product, DSE will receive the points' value. (same value as sending the label!)

September 2009 Events at Del Sur Elementary School

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Aug 31 Spirit Day —Wear Del Sur Explorer Colors Box Tops Contest Continues	1 Art Lessons start today grades K,2,3,5 Running club @ recess Innisbrook Gift-wrap Fundraiser Kick Off 2pm	2	3 Running club @ recess Early dismissal 1:10 Back to School Night , 6pm Principal/PTA/Foundation Meeting- MPR. Classroom Visits 6:30-7:30	4 Spirit Day —Wear College Colors Art Lessons grades K, 1 & 4
7 LABOR DAY —School closed	8 Running club @ recess Dad's Club Meeting , 6:30 in Library	9 Music Program Starts—classes throughout the day grades 1-4	10 Running club @ recess Early dismissal 1:10 PTA Board Meeting 6:30	11 Spirit Day —Wear College Colors Friday Flag in Rotunda 8:30 Family Lunch 12pm
14 Volunteer Orientation Week Spirit Day —Wear Del Sur Explorer Colors	15 School Picture Day! Wear your best smile! Art Lesson grades K,2,3,5 Running club @ recess Innisbrook Gift-wrap Fundraiser ENDS PTA Dine Out	16 Music Program —classes throughout the day grades 1-4	17 Running club @ recess Early dismissal 1:10 Del Sur Educational Foundation Meeting , 6:30 in Library	18 Spirit Day —Wear College Colors Art Lessons grades K, 1 & 4 PTA Back To School Picnic , 5:30-7:30 Blacktop
21 Spirit Day —Wear Del Sur Explorer Colors	22 Running club @ recess	23 Music Program —classes throughout the day grades 1-4	24 Running club @ recess Early dismissal 1:10 PTA General Assn. Meeting , 5:30 Boxed Dinner, 6pm mtg., 6:30 Music Show MPR	25 Spirit Day —Wear College Colors Friday Flag in Rotunda 8:30 Principal's Coffee , 9:00 MPR
28 Spirit Day —Wear Del Sur Explorer Colors	29 Running club @ recess Art Lesson grades K,2,3,5	30 Music Program —classes throughout the day grades 1-4	Oct 1 Running club @ recess Early dismissal 1:10	Oct 2 Spirit Day —Wear College Colors Art Lesson grades K, 1 & 4